

**PENOBSCOT INDIAN SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**October 4, 2021  
Community via Zoom**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

- Carole Binette, Chairperson
- Naomi Neptune, Vice-Chairperson
- David Sapiel, Sr.
- Jo-Ann Lolar
- Elisha Sockbeson

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

- Annemarie Swanson, Principal
- Dr. Reza Namin, Superintendent

1. Chairperson Binette called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M.
2. Consideration of the Minutes of the August 23, 2021, and September 10, 2021 Meetings.
  - a. Motion by Ms. Lolar, and seconded by Mr. Sapiel, Sr. to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2021 meeting. Voted: Unanimous.
  - b. Motion by Ms. Lolar, and seconded by Mr. Sapiel, Sr. to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2021 meeting. Voted: Unanimous.
3. We Care Programming Presentation by Dr. Tonemah. Dr. Namin shared the summary of the presentation by Dr. Tonemah in his video. The goal of the We Care Program is to address the emotional needs and the impact of the Pandemic on our students and parents. More information will be provided to the parents and students and the community regarding the We Care Program.
4. Vision 2025 Strategic Planning Presentation By Dr. Namin. (EXHIBIT A).
5. Consideration of First Reading of Revised Policy and Procedures For Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion.
  - a. Motion by Vice-Chairperson Neptune, and seconded by Ms. Sockbeson, to approve of the first reading of Indian Island School Policy JKAA Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion as Revised. Voted: Unanimous.
  - b. Motion by Vice-Chairperson Neptune, and seconded by Ms. Sockbeson, to approve of the first reading of Indian Island School Policy JKAA-R Procedures on Physical Restraint and Seclusion as Revised. Voted: Unanimous.

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6. Reports:

- Report of Principal's: Principal Swanson reported on the Penobscot Indian Island School participation in the Maine Department of Education COVID Pool Testing and the plan to communicate with parents and guardians regarding the benefits of participation in Pool Testing. She plans to present the facts about the Pool Testing to all the staff and encourage the participation of all staff. Parents and students are not required and can Opt-Out of the Pool Testing. She also expressed her thanks and the excitement of having a school nurse to help the administration of the Maine Pool Testing Program.

Principal Swanson also reported the interview process for the position of After School Program and is very excited about Ms. Sarah Woog's nomination as a candidate.

Motion by Chairperson Binette, and seconded by Vice-Chairperson Neptune to employ Sarah Woog as an After School Coordinator( Part-Time) with an Extracurricular Contract for the remainder of 2021-2022 school year. Voted: Unanimous.

- Report of Superintendent: Dr. Namin reported the application for the Maine McKinney-Vento Sub Grant for \$126,000 was submitted to the State of Maine Department of Education. He also informed the board that the United States Department of Education has called him and informed him that the Penobscot Indian Island School Application for a Waiver of Assessments has been approved for the next two years and an official letter will be forwarded to his office. Maine Indian Education has a system-wide goal of implementing Wabanaki Studies into the curriculum and is excited to partner with the Wabanaki REACH Program.

7. Community Comments: No Community Comment.

8. A motion was made by Mr. Sapiel, Sr., and seconded by Vice-Chairperson Neptune to adjourn. Voted: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Reza Namin, Superintendent of Schools  
Maine Indian Education  
Penobscot Indian School Department