

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

Monday, May 23, 2022, @ 5:00 P.M.

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 5:02 P.M.
2. Motion by Vice-Chairperson Neptune, and seconded by Ms. Sockbeson, to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2022 meeting. Voted: Unanimous.
3. Motion by Ms. Lolar and seconded by Mr. Sapiel, Sr., to enter into an executive session at 5:03 P.M. pursuant to Maine General Laws 1 MRSA & 405 (6) (A) for a personnel matter where public discussion could damage the reputation or violate the right to privacy. Voted: Unanimous. The regular session reconvened at 5:28 P.M.
4. Consideration of the Superintendent's Recommendations to Employ Custodial/Maintenance Mechanic Support Staff":
 - a. Motion by Ms. Lolar and seconded by Mr. Sapiel, Sr., to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to employ Jeremy Fields as Maintenance Mechanic/Custodian (40 hours per week) with a written reasonable assurance for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Voted: Unanimous.
 - b. Motion by Ms. Lolar and seconded by Mr. Sapiel, Sr., to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to employ Richard Love as Maintenance Mechanic/Custodian (40 hours per week) with a written reasonable assurance for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Voted: Unanimous.

5. Consideration of Additional Administrative and Other Support Staff Needs:
 - a. Motion by Chairperson Binette, and seconded by Vice-Chairperson Neptune to employ an “Assistant Principal” Position as presented attached. Voted 4 in Favor and 1 opposing. Motion Passed.
 - b. Motion by Ms. Lolar and seconded by Mr. Sapiel, Sr., to accept the Superintendent’s nomination to employ Aimee McCarthy as a Prekindergarten Teacher for the 2022-2023 school year with a probationary contract. Voted: Unanimous.

6. Reports:

- Report of Principal's: (EXHIBIT A).
- Report of Superintendent:

Dr. Namin informed the committee that Maine Indian Education is pleased to announce a one-time funding award of \$250,000 from Maine’s Department of Education for our RREV Project. We’re designing new programming for middle school students for the 2022-23 school year that includes: immersive project-based experiences, daily language, and culture sessions, and real-world learning. Each of these hands-on modules will be structured into eight-week periods with one full school day every two weeks dedicated to programming.

Rethinking Responsive Education Ventures, RREV, an initiative of the Maine Department of Education, funded by the Education Stabilization Funds through the US Department of Education’s Rethink K-12 Education Models, will bolster Maine educators’ innovative efforts to support their students with agile, effective, and resilient learning experiences that improve learning outcomes for all students. The funding will provide educators and school leaders with access to courses and professional development in such topics as innovation engineering, design thinking, and similar processes, protocols, and habits of mind that will flood our state with educational Research and Development. RREV is designed to provide both professional learning and funding for schools that design and/or pilot prototypes for alternatives to what we traditionally think of as “remote” learning. Please join us in maintaining Maine’s tradition of visionary educational practices.

7. Community Comments:

There were some comments regarding the potential teaching responsibility of the newly approved Assistant Principal position.

8. Motion by Ms. Lolar and seconded by Ms. Sockbeson to adjourn. Voted:
Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Reza Namin, PhD". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'R'.

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