

PENOBSCOT INDIAN SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2023 @ 5:00 P.M.  
Rescheduled  
Community Via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carole Binette, Naomi Neptune,  
Jo-Ann Lolar, Elisha Sockbeson, David Sapiel, Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT: Lee Francis, Principal,  
Dr. Reza Namin, Superintendent.

AGENDA

1. Chairperson Binette called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.
2. Welcome to Newly-Elected School Committee Member, Mr. David Sapiel, Jr. with the term of office as January 30, 2023, to September 30, 2025.
3. Consideration of the Minutes of December 5, 2022, and December 12, 2022 Meetings:
  - a. Ms. Lolar made a motion to approve the minutes from December 5, 2022 meeting and seconded by Vice-Chairperson Neptune. The vote was unanimous.
  - b. Ms. Lolar made a motion to approve the minutes from December 12, 2022 Emergency Meeting and seconded by Vice-Chairperson Neptune. The vote was unanimous.
4. Dr. Namin informed the School Committee that the Indian Island School is the recipient of the Maine Department of Education Mobile Technology Lab for \$5000.
5. Principal Francis informed the School Committee that currently there are 3 cases of positive COVID and some students are out due to cold, flu, and RSV. The testing is done regularly and the school is doing fine.
6. Ms. Lolar made a motion, seconded by Chairperson Binette to approve updating travel per diem rates for the Indian Island School to \$125 for out-of-state travel and \$75 for in-state travel. The vote was unanimous.
7. Discussion regarding the "Tribal Communities in Schools" Grant Partnership with the National Indian Education Association. Please see attached.

8. REPORTS:

PRINCIPAL'S (See Exhibit A)

SUPERINTENDENT'S

Dr. Namin informed the school committee of the opportunity to take part in the partnership with MCD Global, the Maine Department of Education, and the US Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) through a five-year grant to improve Student Well-Being, Academic Achievement, and Health. The grant will also provide resources and professional development opportunities

9. COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

There was a question regarding the CDC grant and making sure it is working with the tribal government, Wabanaki Health, and other tribal organizations.

Chairperson Binette made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sapiel, Jr., to enter executive session at 5:37 P.M. pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) to discuss student and personnel matters where public discussion could damage reputations or violate the right to privacy. It was voted unanimously. The regular session reconvened at 6:33 P.M.

10. Ms. Lolar made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Chairperson Binette seconded the motion at 6:34 P.M., The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Reza Namin, PhD".

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