

SIPAYIK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MAY 18, 2022

Community Via Zoom
Re-Scheduled

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alberta Newell, Chairperson,
Theresa Sapiel, Vice-Chairperson,
Holly Cleaves, Rachael Nicholas,
Stormi McLaughlin.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Reza Namin, Superintendent,
Dan Morang, Principal,

1. Chairperson Newell calls the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.
2. Moment of Silence.
3. Motion by Vice Chairperson Sapiel, and seconded by Ms. Cleaves, to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2022 meeting. Voted: Unanimous.
4. Motion by Ms. Cleaves, and seconded by Ms. Nicholas, to approve the Sipayik Elementary School FY 2023 budget as revised totaling \$7,697,060. Voted: Unanimous. (Exhibit A)
5. Motion by Ms. Cleaves, and seconded by Ms. McLaughlin, to employ Amy Francis as PBIS Counselor for the 2022-2023 school year (200 days) with an annual employment contract. Voted: Unanimous.
6. Consideration of the Superintendent's Recommendation to employ a cook:
 - a. Motion by Ms. Cleaves, and seconded by Vice Chairperson Sapiel, to employ Tammy Allen as a Cook for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year and for the 2022-2023 school year with a written reasonable assurance. Voted: Unanimous.
 - b. Motion by Ms. Cleaves, and seconded by Vice Chairperson Sapiel, to employ Janet DeNardi as a Cook for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year and for the 2022-2023 school year with a written reasonable assurance. Voted: Unanimous.

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7. Discussion of Optional Universal masking Policy. The results of the parents' survey showed mixed opinions regarding universal masking. To have a safe approach to the Universal Masking, starting the Summer School on June 20, 2022, there will be an optional masking policy to examine the effectiveness and further consideration for the next year.

8. REPORTS:

PRINCIPAL'S: (Exhibit B).

SUPERINTENDENT'S/PCDC FISCAL DIRECTOR. Dr. Namin informed the school committee that Maine Indian Education is the recipient of the \$250,000 Maine Department of Education PREV (Re-Thinking Responsive Education Initiative) to provide a transformational learning experience that is built on Wabanaki Culture. He also thanked the school committee, principal Morang, and the staff at the Sipayik Elementary School for another successful year of great teaching and learning and serving our communities.

There will be a School Committee Meeting scheduled for June 6, 2022, at 6:00 PM to discuss the Passamaquoddy Child Development Center.

HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY/SCHOOL LIAISON: There are no concerns and everything is going well. We have about 11 students graduating from the local high schools.

9. COMMUNITY COMMENTS. There will be some further investigation of the "Dress Code Policy" and have an opportunity to engage more parents, staff, and students.

Ms. Cleaves expressed her appreciation on behalf of the school committee for all the great work of all the Sipayik Elementary School Staff, and successful fundraising through Book Fair.

10. Motion by Ms. Cleaves, and seconded by Ms. Nicholas to adjourn. Voted Unanimously. Time Out: 8:01 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dr. Reza Namin