

SIPAYIK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022 @ 6:00 P.M.
Community Via Zoom

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

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

Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:03PM.
 2. Moment of silence
 3. Alberta Newell was sworn in as a newly reelected School Committee member.
 4. Ms. Sapiel nominated Ms. Newell to serve as chairperson for the 2022-23 school year, and Ms. Cleaves seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
 5. Ms. Cleaves nominated Ms. Sapiel to serve as vice-chairperson for the 2022-23 school year, and Ms. Nicholas seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
 6. Vice-Chairperson Sapiel made a motion, seconded by Ms. Nicholas, to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2022 meeting as written. The vote was unanimous.
 7. Chairperson Newell will continue to serve as the United South and Eastern Tribes Education Committee representative for the Sipayik Elementary School Department for the 2022-23 school year. Vice-chairperson Sapiel made a motion for Ms. Nicholas to serve as the alternate USET representative for the 2022-23 school year, and Ms. Cleaves seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
 8. Vice-chairperson Sapiel made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Ms. McLaughlin, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) for a student matter where public discussion could damage the reputation or violate the right to privacy. The vote was unanimous.
- TIME OUT: 6:10 PM

Vice-chairperson Sapiel made a motion to resume the School Committee meeting, and Ms. McLaughlin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. TIME IN: 6:55 PM

CONSIDERATION TO ALLOW STUDENTS WHO ATTEND CALAIS ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL TO PLAY SPORTS AT SIPAYIK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

No action was taken.

9. CONSIDERATION TO UPDATE MIE EMPLOYMENT POLICIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BIE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND AUDIT.
10. CONSIDERATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PERSONNEL SECURITY CONSULTANTS INC. TO PROVIDE BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS AND ADJUDICATIONS ACCORDING TO BIE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND AUDITING.
11. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF FINGERPRINTING EQUIPMENT.

Items 9, 10, and 11 were tabled and will be placed on the agenda for December's Joint School Committee meeting.

12. REPORTS:

PRINCIPAL'S.
(Exhibit A)

SUPERINTENDENT'S.

Dr. Namin provided an update on the award of the three electric buses for Sipayik Elementary School. He noted that an additional \$60,000 has been allocated to place three charging stations at the School.

HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY/SCHOOL LIAISON.

Ms. Clement shared that things are going well. She's been following up on students' progress reports and is addressing areas of need. She's also been exploring alternative options for high school completion for students that are unable to participate in onsite programming.

13. COMMUNITY COMMENTS. TIME IN: 7:24 PM
There was a request to have a discussion to determine whether or not participants can resume attending School Committee meetings in person. This will be an item on the November agenda.

Chairperson Newell expressed appreciation for all of the support Zoey received in her recent participation in a horse show competition in Oklahoma. Zoey performed incredibly well and is rated as the 6th best in the world.

There were comments made by School Committee members about their recent interactions at the USET conference and in conversations with committee members from other MIE schools. During these conversations, School Committee members spoke about what's currently available to and for students. The reactions included surprise, being impressed, and envious of what students at Sipayik Elementary School receive.

School Committee members reflected on these interactions, saying they are very proud of what Sipayik Elementary School provides for and to its students. There is tremendous gratitude for all that the staff does and how strongly they advocate for students, and the staff shows up and is present in so many ways for the children.

There was a comment from a participant on Zoom saying, "The floor looks absolutely amazing!"

CLOSE OF COMMUNITY COMMENTS: 7:33PM

14. ADJOURNMENT.

Vice-Chairperson Sapiel made a motion to adjourn, and Ms. Cleaves seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

TIME OUT: 7:33PM

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Reza Namin, PhD". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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