

SIPAYIK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 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 6:00 PM.
2. Moment of silence
3. Vice-Chairperson Sapiel made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cleaves, to approve the revised minutes of the October 17, 2022 meeting as written. The vote was unanimous.
4. Presentation by Lion Electric Regarding the EPA Electric Bus Grant. Carrissa Hanson National Sales Manager and Virginie Côté, Ecosystem sales manager both from Lion Electric presented the difference between the Electric Bus and its features and the Diesel Bus. They also answered questions from the members of the school committee and the community. The grant also includes three battery stations and proposed one Level 2 charger: 80AMP, 19,2kW connector J1772= electrical requirement 100amps breaker on a panel of 240V, and two Level 3 chargers: 40amp 24kW connector CCS-1 = electrical requirement 50amp breaker on a panel of 480V. (480Y/277V +-10% 60Hz). There will be a new bid invitation due by January 2023 for the needed electrical work. For more information, please see the Walk Around of Lion C Bus at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AYh9S2hvgA8> or recent Mount Desert News Link at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=82vdszFFqfA>.
5. Vice-chairperson Sapiel made a motion, seconded by Ms. McLaughlin to accept the EPA Grant to replace three older buses, install three charging stations and donate or sell the older replaced buses. The vote was unanimous.
6. Consideration of Bids for the three Charging Stations/Electrical Works. No action was taken.

7. Vice-chairperson Sapiel made a motion, seconded by Ms. Nicholas to re-approve the Pleasant Point Passamaquoddy School Committee 2022-2023 Impact Aid Native American Policies and Procedures. The vote was unanimous.
8. Discussion regarding Annual Survey Comments and suggestions for Impact Aid. Tammy Ginn, Maine Indian Education Business Manager explained the surveys being mailed in earlier in the year by the school. In order to promote more participants, there will be an opportunity to present to the parents and the community during the school's Open House event on November 17, 2022.
9. Discussion to determine whether or not meeting participants can resume attending school committee meetings in person. Effective January 1, 2023, the school committee meetings will be held in the school cafeteria, with an option to take part via Zoom by the members of the community.
10. Discussion and review of Sipayik Elementary School Draft Fragrance-Free School Policy. There was a recommendation to continue the revision of the draft policy and focus on more use of general language than very specific details. There need to be some language regarding the possession and use and the potential school sanctions for any violation of the policy.
11. Discussion and review of Sipayik Elementary School Draft Athletic/Activities/Sportsmanship Policy. The School Committee would like to receive an updated policy language from Maine School Management that we could then revise to meet SES needs and include a sign-off form and parent night to go over policy, liabilities, and expectations. They would also like the policy to include "Participating in sports is a privilege at SES. Only students enrolled in and attending the Sipayik Elementary School that are following the academic and behavioral expectations of Sipayik Elementary School will be allowed to participate in extracurricular athletics.

12. REPORTS:

PRINCIPAL'S. (Exhibit A)

SUPERINTENDENT'S.

Dr. Namin provided an update regarding the BIE approval of the waiver for the assessment for this year. He also provided more information 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. There would be more investigation to provide an online tutoring opportunity for the grades PK-12.

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 was informed of the opportunity for online tutoring. There are 30 students at Shead High School, 17 at Calais High School, and 11 attending Washington Academy. There are fewer than 4 students who are at risk of failing and enrolled in credit recovery programs.

13. COMMUNITY COMMENTS. TIME IN: 7:41 PM  
There was a parent who expressed her thanks to Ms. Clement for her dedication and quick response to any issues. There are some Christmas Holiday events currently being worked on by the staff. CLOSE OF COMMUNITY COMMENTS: 7:46 PM
14. ADJOURNMENT.  
Vice-Chairperson Sapiel made a motion to adjourn, and Ms. McLaughlin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. TIME OUT: 7:48 PM

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Reza Namin, PhD". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

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