

SIPAYIK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.

Community Via Zoom

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

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

1. Chairperson Newell calls the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.
2. Moment of Silence
3. Motion by Vice Chairperson Sapiel, and seconded by Ms. Cleaves, to approve the revised minutes of the December 13, 2022 meeting. Voted: 4-0 in Favor with one absent.
4. Motion by Vice Chairperson Sapiel, and seconded by Ms. Cleaves, to enter executive session at 6:29 p.m. pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) to discuss personnel matters where public discussion could damage reputations or violate the right to privacy. It was voted 4-0 in Favor with one absent. The regular session reconvened at 6:34 p.m.
5. Motion by Vice Chairperson Sapiel, and seconded by Ms. Cleaves, to review the bids and award the bid for three electric bus charging stations/electrical works, pending final negotiation. Voted: 4-0 in Favor with one absent.
6. Vote to raise the per-diem stipends for in-state and out-state travel to \$75 for in-state which would include \$20 for breakfast, \$25 for lunch, \$30 for dinner, and \$125 for out-state travel.
7. Consideration of the Superintendent's Recommendations for Extra-Curricular Contracts:
  - a. Motion by Ms. McLaughlin, and seconded by Ms. Cleaves, to employ Jennell Sapiel as Girls' Basketball Coach for the 2022-2023 Season with an extracurricular contract. Voted: 3-0 in Favor with one absent and one abstained.
  - b. Motion by Vice Chairperson Sapiel, and seconded by Ms. Cleaves, to employ Natalie Bassett as Boys' Basketball Coach for the 2022-2023 Season with an extracurricular contract. Voted: 4-0 in Favor with one absent.

- c. Motion by Vice Chairperson Sapiel, and seconded by Ms. Cleaves, to employ Seana Mackeldy as Cheerleading Coach for the 2022-2023 Season with an extracurricular contract. Voted: 4-0 in Favor with one absent.
- 8. Consideration of Sipayik Elementary School Revised Fragrance-Free Policy. This item will be presented to the staff for further feedback before the second reading.
- 9. Review MSMA 2023-2024 School Calendar Worksheet. The process of calendar development will begin with the principals' conversations and meetings to align the best possible date and time to have uniform mandated 175 instruction and 10 professional development days. There will be a series of attempts to make sure that staff had an opportunity to provide feedback before submission to the school committee for the final vote.
- 10. REPORTS:

Principal: Please See Attached.

Superintendent. Dr. Namin informed the school committee that the Maine Indian Education in partnership with the National Indian Education Association presented a workshop on the topic of Developmental Relationships. Sipayik Elementary School staff were highlighted for great work toward building strong relationships with our students. The Wellness Committee met and discussed new goals to continue the conversation from last year toward the integration of culture and nutrition.

Motion by Vice Chairperson Sapiel, and seconded by Ms. McLaughlin to enforce the placement of students' backpacks in the students' lockers than carrying them in the school all day. Voted: 4-0 in Favor with one absent.

Motion by Vice Chairperson Sapiel, and seconded by Ms. McLaughlin to allow transportation to follow the school closings due to the weather. Voted: 4-0 in Favor with one absent.

High School Community/ School Liaison: Mr. Morang reported the great work by Ms. Nina Clemente and the consideration of additional support staff for the next year due to the increased number of students.

#### 11. Community Comment.

The Community Comment started at 7:25 P.M. Ms. Cleaves expressed thanks and appreciation for all the staff in particular dealing with some of our recent losses, the support and strong relationships with our students are much appreciated. We are very fortunate to have a such dedicated and outstanding group of professionals at our school.

There was a question regarding the time calls are made to close the school and Mr. Morang emphasized his attempt to make the calls to the Cafeteria and Transportation by 5:00 A.M and on the basis of safety. The Community Comment ended at 7:32 p.m.

Motion made by Vice Chairperson Sapiel, and seconded by Ms. Cleaves to enter executive session at 7:12 p.m. pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) for a personnel matter where public discussion could damage the reputation or violate the right to privacy. Voted: Unanimous  
Resumed the School Committee Meeting at 7:33 p.m.

12. Motion by Vice Chairperson Sapiel, and seconded by Ms. Cleaves to adjourn. Voted Unanimously. Time Out: 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Reza Namin, PhD". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the "P" in "PhD" being particularly large and stylized.

Dr. Reza Namin