

PENOBSCOT INDIAN SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
TUESDAY JUNE 27, 2023 @ 12:00 Noon.
Via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carole Binette, Chairperson,
Naomi Neptune, Vice-Chairperson,
Jo-Ann Lolar, Elisha Sockbeson (Absent), David Sapiel, Jr. (Absent)

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

- 1) Chairperson Binette Called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon
- 2) Ms. Lolar made a motion, seconded by Chairperson Binette, to approve the minutes from April 24, 2023 meeting. The motion passed 3-0.
- 3) Presentation of the new Children's Book by the author Minqunasis Sapiel was tabled.
- 4) Vice-Chairperson Neptune made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lolar, to employ Beth Zdrojowy as a full-time Music Teacher and no longer share her with Greenbush. The motion passed 3-0.
- 5) Ms. Lolar made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Neptune, to accept the Superintendent's nomination to employ Ebonie Baker as Guidance Counselor (195 days) with an annual contract for the 2023-2024 school year. The motion passed 3-0.
- 6) Ms. Lolar made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Neptune, to accept the Superintendent's nomination to employ Leslie Beers-Huskins as Elementary Teacher with a probationary contract for the 2023-2024 school year. The motion passed 3-0.
- 7) Consideration of the Superintendent's Extracurricular Contract Recommendations:
 - a) Ms. Lolar made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Neptune, to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to employ Kaitlin Paul as After School Project Coordinator with an extracurricular contract for the 2023-2024 school year. The motion passed 3-0.

- b) Ms. Lolar made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Neptune, to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to employ Ali O'Keefe as Soccer Coach with an extracurricular contract for the 2023-2024 school year. The motion passed 3-0.
- c) Suggested Motion: _____ made a motion, seconded by _____, to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to employ _____ as Cross-Country Coach with an extracurricular contract for the 2023-2024 school year. The motion was tabled.
- 8) Discussion of School Supply Drive. To begin the School Supply Drive at the end of July and throughout the month of August. To accept the monetary donations to be used to purchase more school supplies. To name the 2023 School Supply Drive as the David Sapiel, Sr. School Supply Drive.
- 9) Reports:
- Principal's: (See Exhibit A)
- Superintendent's:
Dr. Namin informed the school committee that the Outdoor Classroom Project has started and spent about \$10,000 using the intended CARE Funds. The recent BIE Visit is to address some Facilities' needs that may result in further significant finds from the BIE. The current \$700,000 funded BIE project is about the HVAC rebuild and upgrades. The Maine Department of Labor has approved the Maine Indian Education access to immediate application and approval for student work permits.
- 10) COMMUNITY COMMENTS:
There were some comments regarding improving communications for the members of the school committee to be more aware and participate in the school activities.
- 11) Ms. Lolar made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Vice-Chairperson Neptune seconded the motion at 12:23 P.M., The motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Reza Namin, Superintendent of Schools
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