

PENOBSCOT INDIAN SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 @ 5:00 P.M.

Community Via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carole Binette, Chairperson,  
Naomi Neptune, Vice-Chairperson,  
Jo-Ann Lolar, Elisha Sockbeson, (Absent),  
David Sapiel, Jr., Nick Bear, School Committee Member-Elect

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

- 1) Chairperson Binette Called the meeting to order at 5:02 P.M.
- 2) Ms. Lolar made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Neptune, to approve the minutes from August 28, 2023, meeting. Motion passed. Voted 4-0 with one absence.
- 3) Reports:  
Principal's: (See Exhibit A)

Superintendent's:

Dr. Namin informed the school committee that Ms. Jasmine Lamb expressed her thanks for the school committee's support, and she has been accepted into a PhD Program in Environmental Science and will not be conducting her research. He also has presented a proposal called "WabanakiCore", to the Maine Culture and Education Subcommittee chair to Amend the Program of Studies. This will allow the Wabanaki High School Students to take courses in history and language arts that reflect the Wabanaki Culture and Language. There is a \$763,800 funding allocated to address air quality and HVAC. He also informed the school committee that the school community grant opportunity will be a five-year grant-funded opportunity to provide more culturally responsive programs to support the student's academic and emotional needs.

- 4) Community Comments: The School Supply Drive has been a big success, thanks to all the hard work of the staff and the school committee members.
- 5) Ms. Lolar made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Sapiel, Jr. seconded the motion at 5:34 P.M., Motion passed. Voted 4-0 with one absence.

Respectfully submitted,



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