

TO: Bayfield School Board
FROM: Jay Mitchell
DATE: October 18, 2011
RE: October 24, 2011 Board Report

1. LaPointe School:

Here are projected numbers for LaPointe School next year: K = 1, 2nd grade = 2, 3rd grade = 1, 5th grade = 3. There may be one 6th grader that the family wants to retain at LaPointe before sending as a 7th grader.

On November 8 two teachers, Sheila Everhart and I are attending a half day presentation on Charter Schools in Wausau. If there are Board Members who wish to attend, please contact me so I can reserve a place. Conference time is 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

2. Budget and Setting the Levy:

Attached are revenue cap projections certification of 2011 property values, DPI revenue limit work sheet, revenue budget worksheet and expenditure budget worksheet.

As you will notice your property tax went down by \$116,697. The percent of dollar increase in the levy is -1.97 although the levy rate went to 9.62 or \$9.62 per thousand. On a \$250,000 home the tax at that rate would be approximately \$2,405.

Other points of interest:

- open enrollment tuition up \$13,937 based on last year
- equalization aid up 21,179 from last year
- special aid adjustment down \$65,299, this special aid is based on your annexing the island to the Bayfield district. It will continue to decline in future years.
- Refund of prior year expenses down \$9,000. This includes part of Microsoft settlement, E-Rate refund and dividend paid by Workman's Compensation. Total amount will vary from year to year but will decline over the next few years.

On the expenditure side, the majority of reductions are in salary and benefits to bring it into balance with revenues.

3. October 21 Teacher Inservice:

The Bayfield School District will have an inservice day on October 21. The Food Service staff will be preparing a special lunch for those participating. If you can work it into your schedule, it would be great if you could join us for lunch. We will also celebrate the Bayfield Middle School acknowledgement as being an "Exemplary Middle School" in closing the achievement gap in math by the Association of Wisconsin School Administrator.

4. November 1st Board Meeting

On November 1st, the School Board will be meeting again with Andrea Voelker to prepare the new "Public Employee Policy Handbook." Prior to that meeting the Board will have a conference call with Dennis Richards to discuss posting of Superintendent position. There was some discussion of alternatives to doing that. Washburn has hired a person who is serving as their high school principal this year and next year will assume the superintendent responsibilities as well as continue as high school principal. They are not interested in a Superintendent share. I would review the search activities to make recommendations to Dr. Richards on November 1st. I personally don't feel you need to do focus groups again. I would suggest you involve staff some where in the interview process.