

**School District of Bayfield  
Special Joint Meeting  
with the  
Town of LaPointe**

**November 12, 2009**

1. Call to Order: The special school board meeting of the School District of Bayfield Board of Education and the Town of LaPointe was called to order by School Board President Bob Nelson on Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 5:20 p.m. in the library.

2. Roll call of school board members: School Board members present were Don Jeffords, Bob Nelson, Deb Knopf, Cindy Garrity, Brian Goodwin, and Rocky Tribovich.

Absent & Excused: Jackie Merila

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Discussion of the Town of LaPointe and the School District of Bayfield Contract

Board President Bob Nelson welcomed everyone. President Nelson stated that two areas of concern need to be resolved. One being safety of the windsled and the other was the proposed language in item 2.d of the contract between the Town of LaPointe and the School District of Bayfield.

Concerns of the Board were identified that if any of the windsleds were to fall through the ice, would the windsleds float. It was stated by Arnie Nelson that if any of the windsleds were to break through the ice, there would be no immediate danger to the children. There would be plenty of time to evacuate the children to safety.

Board President Bob Nelson stated that he personally does not want to take on the liability of approving the use of the windsleds when they are not inspected by the U.S. Coast Guard. He stated that the waiver does not eliminate the District's liability if something were to happen.

After discussion, it was determined that the windsleds are not covered under U.S. Coast Guard regulations nor Department of Transportation regulations. Therefore, no regulations apply to the windsled.

Board Member Don Jeffords indicated that he was looking for an expert to tell him that the windsled operation is safe. It was stated that Arnie Nelson has 43 years of windsled operation experience and Ron Nelson has 38 years experience. Jeffords stated that he was satisfied with the answer from Arnie Nelson as an expert on windsled operation that it is safe. The windsleds are also insured and no safety concerns have been noted by the insurance company.

Due to the fact that Windsled Inc. has experienced manager/operators (Arnie Nelson with 43 years of experience and Ron Nelson with 38 years of experience, Coast Guard does not have any regulations pertaining to the windsled, and the operation is insurable, the Boards safety concerns have now been resolved.

Discussion on the proposed language for item 2.d of the Town of LaPointe and the School District of Bayfield.

Consensus of Board to agree with the following language for item 2.d of the contract between the Town of LaPointe and the School District of Bayfield.

**If during the windsled season, catastrophic equipment failure occurs, the School District of Bayfield, Madeline Island Ferry Lines, and the Town of LaPointe will each be responsible for 1/3 each of such expenses up to \$3,000 each annually. If the cost exceeds \$3,000, all parties shall come together to discuss and/or approve any additional expenditures with each having the right of refusal.**

**Motion by Rocky Tribovich to adjourn meeting, second by Brian Goodwin. Motion carried.**

5. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Kelly  
Recording School Board Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert J. Nelson, President

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cindy Garrity, Clerk