

**Special Joint Meeting Between the
Red Cliff Tribal Council
and the
School District of Bayfield Board of Education
November 12, 2010**

1. Call to Order: The special joint meeting between the Red Cliff Tribal Council and the School District of Bayfield was called to order by School Board Vice-President Deb Knopf on Friday, November 12, 2010 at 4:34 p.m. at the Red Cliff Bingo Hall.

2. Roll call of school board members: School Board members present were David Curran, Bob Nelson, Deb Knopf, Brian Goodwin, and Cindy Garrity.

Absent and Excused: Jackie Merila and Rocky Tribovich.

Rocky Tribovich arrived at 4:35 p.m.

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening Ceremony

Red Cliff Tribal Council approved their agenda.

4. Discussion Regarding Need/Responsibility of Providing Tutors:

The question was raised, "What support do Native students have academically?" District Administrator Linda Kunelius stated certified teaching staff, special education aides, After School Program tutoring, First American Prevention Center tutoring, and tutorial support. District Administrator Linda Kunelius also stated that there is a very low student/teacher ratio.

Richard Bear stated that he has a real problem with the difference in test scores between Native and non-Native students. District Administrator Linda Kunelius stated that the District is continuing to work on closing the achievement gap of our students. Our staff is currently reviewing test data from last year to determine where our students' deficiencies are.

Motion by Bob Nelson to suspend Roberts Rule of Order to allow communication and dialog with the teachers, second by Cindy Garrity. Motion carried.

Deb Boulley shared with the group how children with reading difficulties are identified.

Jim Pete inquired what was meant by supplemental instruction. District Administrator Linda Kunelius stated that supplemental instruction is teacher assistants, special education teachers, reading teachers, and tutors.

Marvin DeFoe asked the question, "Is there any Red Cliff students that are falling through the cracks?" Mr. DeFoe also wanted to know what kind of mechanism is in place to be sure this does not happen. District Administrator Linda Kunelius stated that weekly Pupil Services meetings are held to identify students that may be experiencing learning difficulties.

Board Member David Curran stated that the District has to be sure that personnel are aligned with student needs. Board Member Bob Nelson stated he feels the District is doing a good job of staffing when needs arise.

James Pete stated that in the future, it would be very helpful to have a composite of student test scores available without producing something that is six inches thick and difficult to decipher.

Anne Sullivan stated she is concerned with the reduction in programs i.e. English. District Administrator Linda Kunelius informed the group that the District currently has 100 fewer students than they did 10 years ago, yet today the District has more staff than they did 10 years ago.

Deb Bouley believes that someone should come in to do student assessments. She feels staff does not have the time to do student assessments.

Patsy Ruth DePerry stated she is a mentor working with students in all grades. She is currently working with nine students and meets with them one to three times a week. She is very concerned with students being able to participate in extra curricular activities when their grades are so low. She stated the District needs to set higher expectations for our students.

5. Discussion Relative to Putting School Land into Tribal Trust Status:

The subject of putting District land and property into tribal trust status was discussed, along with some advantages and disadvantages. Further discussion needed.

6. Impact Aid: Amount Received and How Funding is Used: Discussion.

Ron DePerry inquired what Impact Aide dollars are being spent on. District Administrator Linda Kunelius stated the District is required to place Impact Aid funds in the District's general fund as does other tax payer funds.

7. Community Input on School District Priorities

8. Reduction of Programs for Students: How Decisions are Arrived at and Justified

9. Policy on Responding to People who Appear at School Board Meetings

10. Status of Guided Reading Program

11. Truancy

12. Gangs / Bullying: A bullying incident was discussed. District Administrator Linda Kunelius stated she was uncomfortable with the discussion taking place regarding the students involved, as was Tribal Chair Rose Gurnoe-Soulier. District Administrator Linda Kunelius assured the mother that the District has taken steps to address this issue and any other future incidents that may arise.

13. Tribe's Commitment to Education

14. Discussion on Effective Schools

15. School Board Priorities Determined at Last Board Retreat

16. Set Next Meeting Date and Time: Tribal Chair Rose Gurnoe-Soulier and Board President Rocky Tribovich will set date and time for next meeting.

17. Adjournment.

Motion by Cindy Garrity to adjourn meeting, second by David Curran. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Kelly
Recording School Board Secretary

Approved: _____
Rocky Tribovich, President

Approved: _____
Cindy Garrity, Clerk