

Special School Board Meeting Minutes

(Monday, February 24, 2020)

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Approved

1. Opening Items

1.1 Call to Order

A special school board meeting of the School District of Bayfield Board of Education was called to order by Board President Nicole Boyd on Monday, February 24, 2020, at 5:01 pm in the LRC.

1.2 Roll Call

Members present

Nicole Boyd, Deb Knopf, Cindy Garrity, Glenn Carlson, Larry Deragon, Craig Hoopman

Absent: Rocky Tribovich

Presenters: Randi Johnson, Finance Manager; Keven Mullen, Robert W. Baird & Co.

Audience present: Red Cliff Tribal Council - Laura Gordon, Marvin Defoe, Steven Boyd, Bryan Bainbridge, Chris Boyd, Rick Peterson. Lori Heckman, Sean Heckman, Dave Weber, Mark O'Neill, Melissa Giesregen, Beth Kasinski, Edwina Buffalo, Isaac Buffalo. Rick Erickson

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1.4 Confirmation of Meeting Posting

Meeting postings were confirmed.

1.5 Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda as presented.

Motion by Deb Knopf, second by Craig Hoopman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Nicole Boyd, Deb Knopf, Cindy Garrity, Glenn Carlson, Larry Deragon, Craig Hoopman

1.6 Public Comments

Mark O'Neill, high school teacher, commented on the use of the 40-acre school forest and reasons not to build there. Marvin Defoe, Red Cliff Tribal Council member, stated he was at this meeting to emphasize the historical importance of education to Red Cliff tribal members and the importance of including Red Cliff Tribal leadership on discussions of future school facility needs.

2. Unfinished Business

2.1 School Future Building Projects

Discussion: School District of Bayfield Finance Manager, Randi Johnson, presented a Facilities Acquisition & Remodeling graph of past district projects. The chart contained activities concerned with acquiring sites and buildings, constructing buildings and additions to building, structural alternations to buildings, initial installation or extension of service systems and, other buildings and components. Johnson confirmed that the Facilities

Acquisition & Remodeling graph is all capital improvements. Kevin Mullen, Director, Robert W. Baird & Company, stated he was here to educate and presented on the extensive process and discussion needed leading up to a referendum. Mr. Mullen stated there is so much that goes into a conversation of this type and, it needs direction and initial context to begin the process. Mullen said there would be no conversation tonight about the sites, scope, size, direction, or facility needs as types of learning objectives that go into the plan, those are board decisions. Lots of moving parts and the Bayfield School District is unique districts in the state in terms of its diversity in economics and location. Mullen talked about how school finance works on a broad sense and how it impacts taxes. The detail on [Johnson's and Baird's presentations can be found attached to this meeting's agenda in Boarddocs via the school website.](#) Rick Peterson, Red Cliff Tribal Chair, inquired about the school as an asset. Mr. Mullen confirmed the school is an asset but would not necessarily be considered in the equation in the funding process - some districts can sell the old school and some can't. Impact Aid monies may be available for construction - districts are getting smarter about utilizing Impact Aid. Larry Deragon, a school board member, gave support of including the Tribal Council on any new facility planning committees that are formed. Per Mullen, committees usually have a broad spectrum of community members to work through questions, and we'd want to have an architect and construction manager on board right away for costs. Typically, there is a lot of engagement from community members and several open houses held. Craig Hoopman stated the LaPointe school is renovated to the max and the building is falling apart.

For the November election, a quick turnaround is needed. How committed are we to the current school building - decide that first. If a new site is an emotional issue then going to a referendum we'd want the location identified which is a little tricky but possible. Per Kevin Mullen, the first action item to think about is the **August 25, 2020** date when the governing board is required to file adopted referendum ballot resolutions with their municipal clerk at least 70 days prior to the election indicating the dollar amount and purpose. Need to find out if all communities are vested in this process. Next steps per Kevin Mullen: 1. Form committee; 2. Reaching out to architect and construction manager for scope, needs, costs; 3. If survey important, start in the next few weeks.

Communicate issues to educate the public on what we want to do. Glenn Carlson referred to the financials in the last 5 years. A group from the Island are planning a presentation for the March 9 board meeting. Other districts going to November election are putting together surveys now. Jeff Gordon stated that we already have people on board and that the November election is what we need to look at. Brian Bainbridge spoke up on the fact we need a clear story on need - not the want. Bainbridge reiterated that decisions need to be based on facts and put out there (communicated) right away - have all the questions answered. If not, voters will vote against it. Board should ask for interest and then form a committee to make sure we have balance and cross-section of community. The goal of admin and board is to educate the community and be neutral. A referendum committee is not affiliated with the school board at all but the board and admin can be a part of exploratory committee.

Boyd feels like the board needs to have more working sessions / discussions where there is no action but to document needs. Craig Hoopman requested that the open enrollment numbers be presented to any committee that is formed. We spend money but can't lower the open enrollment numbers as well as our own truancy issues. Leave topic on finance and school board meeting agendas.

3. Executive Session

3.1 Adjourn to Executive Session in Accordance with Wisconsin Statute 19.85

19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility: 1. Staff Hiring Recommendations.

Motion by Cindy Garrity to adjourn to executive session at 6:35 pm in accordance with Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility: 1. Staff Hiring Recommendations, second by Craig Hoopman. Aye: Nicole Boyd, Deb Knopf, Cindy Garrity, Glenn Carlson, Larry Deragon, Craig Hoopman. Motion carried.

3.2 c) Hiring - HS Head Girls Softball Coach

3.3 c) Hiring - HS Assistant Girls Softball Coach

3.4 c) Hiring - Summer School Coordinator

3.5 Reconvene in Open Session

4. Closing Items

4.1 Announcement of / Action on Items from Closed Session

School Board member Cindy Garrity read the following motions that were made in executive session:

Motion by Craig Hoopman, second by Larry Deragon to approve Kaela Huber as High School Girls Head Softball Coach

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Nicole Boyd, Deb Knopf, Cindy Garrity, Glenn Carlson, Larry Deragon, Craig Hoopman

Motion by Craig Hoopman, second by Larry Deragon to approve Tara Albert as High School Girls Assistant Softball Coach.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Nicole Boyd, Deb Knopf, Cindy Garrity, Glenn Carlson, Larry Deragon, Craig Hoopman

Motion by Larry Deragon, second by Glenn Carlson to approve Anne Kriskobich Summer School Coordinator.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Nicole Boyd, Deb Knopf, Cindy Garrity, Glenn Carlson, Larry Deragon, Craig Hoopman

Motion by Glenn Carlson, second by Larry Deragon to reconvene to Open Session at 6:43 pm.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Nicole Boyd, Deb Knopf, Cindy Garrity, Glenn Carlson, Larry Deragon, Craig Hoopman

4.2 Adjournment

Motion by Glenn Carlson, 2nd by Larry Deragon to adjourn meeting at 6:44 pm. Motion carried.