

**School District of Bayfield
Impact Aid and Title VII Hearing
Monday, November 14, 2011**

1. Call to Order: The meeting of the School District of Bayfield Board of Education on Impact Aid and Title VII was called to order by Board President Craig Hoopman on Monday, November 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Legendary Waters Resort and Casino in the Buffalo Bay Grand Ballroom in Red Cliff.

2. Roll Call of school board members: School Board members present were Brian Goodwin, Craig Hoopman, Deb Knopf, Jennifer Leask, Cindy Garrity, Billie Jo Johnson, and Jackie Merila.

3. Superintendent Report: Superintendent Jay Mitchell welcomed those in attendance and stated questions are welcomed from the floor.

4. Oral Communication – Impact Aid and Title VII:

James Pete inquired what the District was doing in recognition of Native American Awareness Month. Principal Sheila Everhart listed a number of events and activities planned for the month of November. Principal Everhart extended a special invitation to all in attendance this evening to a Community Feast scheduled for November 22 at the school.

Sierra Christiansen stated her disappointment in the District's decision to discontinue the Read and Ride program. Her 6 year old son participated in this program and loved it – great program for Native children. Was informed by the After School Program Director there was not enough money in the After School Program budget to continue this program.

Anne Sullivan inquired who makes the decision on what programs are offered in the after school program.

Jennifer Bouley has organized a Parent Network to get more parents involvement in their children's education. The intent of the Parent Network is to meet on a monthly or quarterly basis and give parents the opportunity to voice their concerns in a safe atmosphere. Some concerns already indicated by parents is the violence at the bus stops and on the bus. A possibility of using parent volunteers as bus monitors at bus stops and on the bus has been discussed. Another possibility is to get the elderly in the community involved in the school. This would be a great way to have our elders teach Native culture.

The Grandparent Program was discussed and the benefits of having this program in our District.

Kim Gordon informed the Board that Katie Butterfield conducts Native American Language Camps and if anyone is interested should contact Katie.

Board Member Brian Goodwin stated that parents should not rely on the District to be the sole educator teaching Native American culture to our children. Teaching Native culture also needs to be taught at home.

Jim Pete referred to the last 11 pages of the handout indicating the high percentage of D's and F's– received by Native American students. Wants to know what tutoring is available to these students and what efforts are being done to change these numbers. Principal Everhart indicated that teachers are available to students. Tutoring is also available as part of the After School Program, both at the school and at the Red Cliff Youth Center.

Sierra Christensen stated that two educators in the entire school to teach Native American culture are not adequate. Principal Everhart responded that Native American culture is also integrated into the curriculum in all subject areas.

5. Written Communication – Impact Aid and Title VII: None

6. Adjournment:

**Motion by Brian Goodwin to adjourn meeting at 7:16 p.m., second by Jackie Merila.
Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Kelly
Recording School Board Secretary

Approved: _____
President

Approved: _____
Clerk