

**School District of Bayfield
Impact Aid Hearing
Monday, November 9, 2009**

1. Call to Order: The meeting of the School District of Bayfield Board of Education on Impact Aid was called to order by Board President Robert Nelson on Monday, November 9, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bingo Hall of the Isle Vista Casino in Red Cliff.

2. Roll Call of school board members: School Board members present were Don Jeffords, Robert Nelson, Deb Knopf, Brian Goodwin, Cindy Garrity, and Jackie Merila.

Absent & Excused: Rocky Tribovich

3. Superintendent Report: Superintendent Kunelius reviewed documentation of Impact Aid activity and data for the past year.

Rocky Tribovich arrived at 6:10 p.m.

4. Oral Communication – Impact Aid

Mr. Bear requested an explanation on a recent article published in the County Journal dated November 5, 2009 regarding our students not making Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) due to a drop in the District's graduation rate. Disproportionality has been identified and is a result of the District's high number of special education students (20%). The District has submitted a comprehensive plan to the Department of Public Instruction addressing disproportionality issues.

Jim Pete requested a breakdown of Native Americans working for the District. Superintendent Kunelius reported that when she first came to the District three years ago, there were seven Native Americans employed at the District and now there are 14. Mr. Pete also inquired why the School District of Bayfield has the highest number of cost per pupil compared to other area districts. Superintendent Kunelius indicated that grant money is included in that figure and another reason is the high number of special education students the district has which raises cost per pupil.

Mary Peterson requested that the administrative reports included in the board packets be provided on the District's website.

Ron DePerry inquired what tools the District uses to evaluate the impact aid program. Mr. DePerry also requested a breakdown of what Impact Aid funds were used for. Superintendent Kunelius informed Mr. DePerry that the money is put into the general fund. The material dispersed includes the evaluation data and documentation required by the U.S. Department of Education.

Jim Pete inquired what kind of cultural development has been provided to staff. Superintendent Kunelius informed Mr. Pete that in October 2008, 17 Native Americans from our community participated in a training session for all staff. There has also been other cultural training throughout the year.

Anne Sullivan noted that as reported in the County Journal, written and spoken Ojibwa is being used in the lower grades. She wanted noted that written and spoken Ojibwa has always been available.

Jennifer Boulley inquired as to how the District decided on how to fill the position of Restorative Justice Consultant. She stated that she felt that there were qualified individuals in the Red Cliff community that could have filled that position. Superintendent Kunelius informed Ms. Boulley that there was a very short time frame available to fill the position, and it was a joint decision with Project Launch.

Ruby Basina expressed her displeasure as to the District not using the First American Prevention Center curriculum.

Crystal Topping requested the District include instruction to Native students on federal policy and local government.

5. Written Communication – Impact Aid: Written comments submitted by Jennifer Boulley.

6. Adjournment:

**Motion by Jackie Merila to adjourn meeting at 7:21 p.m., second by Cindy Garrity.
Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Kelly
Recording School Board Secretary

Approved: _____
Robert J. Nelson, President

Approved: _____
Cindy Garrity, Clerk