

**School District of Bayfield
Special Board of Education Meeting
April 7, 2011**

1. Call to Order: The special school board meeting of the School District of Bayfield Board of Education was called to order by School Board President Rocky Tribovich on Thursday, April 7, 2011 at 6:02 p.m. in the administrative conference room.

2. Roll call of school board members: School Board members present were Jackie Merila, Cindy Garrity, Brian Goodwin, Deb Knopf, Rocky Tribovich, and David Curran.

Others in attendance: Ron Deperry, Rose Soulier, Lou Ann Gordon, Jennifer Leask, Billie Jo Johnson, Craig Hoopman, Attorney John Carlson, Sheila Everhart, and Sheila Kelly.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approve board meeting minutes: December 30, 2010; January 4, 2011; January 27, 2011; January 30, 2011; February 1, 2011; and February 14, 2011.

Motion by Deb Knopf to approve minutes from December 30, 2010, second by David Curran. Motion carried.

Motion by Deb Knopf to approve minutes from January 4, 2011, second by Brian Goodwin. Motion carried.

Motion by Deb Knopf to approve minutes from January 27, 2011, second by Brian Goodwin. Motion carried.

Motion by Jackie Merila to approve minutes from January 30, 2011 with corrections, second by David Curran. Motion carried.

Motion by Jackie Merila to approve minutes from February 1, 2011, second by David Curran. Motion carried.

Motion by David Curran to approve minutes from February 14, 2011 with corrections, second by Brian Goodwin. Motion carried.

5. Discuss impact of ESEA Act:

Discussion on the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), Title VII – Impact Aid (Formerly Public Law 81-874 document which was last approved by the board in 2003 for the purpose of submitting the District’s Impact Aid Application and the impact it has on school board candidates. In the document, it identifies the apportionment of board member representatives as (1) City of Bayfield, (1) Town of Bayfield, (1) Town of LaPointe, (2) Red Cliff Community, (1) Town of Russell, and (1) Member-at-large. It further states that “the Red Cliff Community is defined as the boundaries of the Red Cliff Reservation”. The Town of Russell is defined, as the balance of the Town of Russell not included in the reservation area. The question has been raised as to Jennifer Leask’s legal area of residence. Ms. Leask is a member of the Red Cliff Community, however, she is also a resident of the Town of Russell. When the Petition for Reapportionment was adopted by the citizens of the school district at an Annual Meeting on July 26, 1982, there was mention as to the restriction of a Red Cliff Community member running for the position in the Town of Russell. Some in attendance stated that past practice should prevail. Others felt it was not the responsibility of the board to determine. The board does not have the authority to set those boundaries. Only a meeting of the citizens of the school district at an Annual Meeting can act on apportionment. All documentation has been sent to the school attorney for a legal opinion.

6. The board may adjourn to Executive Session in accordance with Wisconsin Statute 19.85

- a. (1)(g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. §19.85 (f) Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations – Discussion and possible action regarding open records request regarding employee records.
- b. 1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility - Discussion and possible action in considering the resumes/applications for Interim Superintendent.

Discussion on open records request from Julie Buckles. Attorney John Carlson reviewed protocol that needs to be followed. Mr. Carlson will work with Sheila Kelly to ensure proper procedures are followed. Another open records request dated 4-7-11 from Ed Batton was also shared with the board.

Motion by Cindy Garrity to adjourn to executive session 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 - Discussion and possible action in considering the resumes/applications for Interim Superintendent, second by Brian Goodwin. Roll Call Vote: Cindy Garrity-Yes; Rocky Tribovich-Yes; Brian Goodwin-Yes; Jackie Merila-Yes; Deb Knopf-Yes; and David Curran-Yes. Motion carried.

5. Reconvene into open session to take action, if any and if appropriate, regarding items discussed in closed session.

Motion by Brian Goodwin to reconvene into open session at 8:00 p.m., second by Cindy Garrity. Roll Call Vote: Cindy Garrity-Yes; Rocky Tribovich-Yes; Brian Goodwin-Yes; Jackie Merila-Yes; Deb Knopf-Yes; and David Curran-Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Deb Knopf to offer contract to Jay Mitchell as Interim Superintendent, second by Brian Goodwin. Roll Call Vote: Cindy Garrity-Yes; Rocky Tribovich-Yes; Brian Goodwin-Yes; Jackie Merila-Yes; Deb Knopf-Yes; and David Curran-Yes. Motion carried.

A special meeting will be scheduled to discuss and approve Interim Superintendent compensation.

6. Adjournment

Motion by Brian Goodwin to adjourn meeting, second by Cindy Garrity. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Kelly
Recording School Board Secretary

Approved: _____
President

Approved: _____
Clerk