

# Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas

## SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

March 18, 2013

6:00 p.m. at Bayfield School Library

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Rose Soulier at 6:00 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Rose Soulier, Present

Nathan Gordon, Present

Laura J. Gordon, Absent (Out on medical)

Dennis Soulier, Present

Mike Gurnoe, Present

Joanne Peterson, Present

Bryan Bainbridge, Present

Jeanne Gordon, Present

Marvin Defoe, Present

Quorum

In attendance: Bayfield School Board members, students and community members.

### OPENING CEREMONY

Opening ceremony performed by Frank Montano.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved "Other" up on the agenda to accommodate community members present requesting to speak.

Mike Gurnoe motioned to approve the agenda with changes. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

Dennis Soulier motioned to appoint Jeanne Gordon as the acting Secretary. Seconded by Nathan Gordon. Motion carried.

Bayfield School Board motioned to suspend Robert's Rules of Order.

### OTHER-COMMUNITY CONCERNS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeannie Balber, Sandy Gokee and students spoke of a smudging issue at school. They described an incident where a student was not allowed to smudge. The Tribal Council and Bayfield School Board were unaware of this issue. Dr. Aslyn will send the Council and school board information on the incident, it is a personnel issue.

Jeannie Balber invited the School Board and Tribal Council to the "Lighting of the 7th Fire" fundraising event on March 22, at Legendary Waters. Proceeds of the event will go towards the Bad River Defense Fund.

Jeannie Balber also spoke of the Impact Aid hearing; she would've liked to see Council members there.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BAYFIELD COUNTY/RED CLIFF TRIBE/BAYFIELD SCHOOL**

Scott Stralka and Jeff Gordon spoke of truancy efforts. Truancy rate is less than 1% this year. They are being more proactive with potential truancy cases by utilizing agencies and resources prior to the ticket being issued. By fall, they hope to have new policies in place.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING RED CLIFF TRIBE/BAYFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Tribal Education meetings are being held in conjunction with the JOM committee monthly. Title VII is held quarterly. Carmen Vanderverter will send the approved minutes to Sheila Kelly.

Ojibwe culture staff training was held in the fall and facilitated by Jason Schlender. Each teacher has received a resource guide provided by Dee Gokee.

Discussion was had on Act 31, a WI law that mandates public schools to incorporate Native American culture and relevant history into the curriculum. A suggestion was made by Marvin Defoe that the Tribal Council and School Board be more proactive and identifies areas to include Ojibwe history and culture into curriculum.

Short discussion was had on the idea of a Red Cliff K-3 Ojibwe immersion school. The Bayfield School District would need to grant a charter and possibly provide some financial assistance. Board members had budgeting concerns.

Recruitment of Native American teachers is an ongoing effort.

Carmen Vanderverter announced that Diane Defoe will be receiving the "Outstanding Elder of the Year" and "Outstanding Indian Educator of the Year" awards this year at the Wisconsin Indian Education Association conference. The Red Cliff Tribe and Bayfield School District's MOU will also be highlighted at the conference.

Jennifer Leask made a suggestion of including non-native students at the Red Cliff Tribal honor banquet.

Next Joint meeting is scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Legendary Waters.

Dennis Soulier motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Marvin Defoe. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Alana M. Babineau". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A".

Alana Babineau  
Recording Secretary