

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas

RED CLIFF TRIBAL COUNCIL & BAYFIELD SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL JOINT MEETING

August 17, 2016

5:00 p.m. at Bayfield School Library

ROLL CALL

Bryan Bainbridge, Present

Nathan Gordon, Present

Mercie Gordon, Present @5:10 p.m.

Krystle Topping, Present @ 5:10 p.m.

Daniel Duffy, Absent (Excused)

Jeanne Gordon, Present

Antone Basina, Present

Chris Boyd, Absent (Excused)

Steven Boyd, Present

Quorum

Chairman Bryan Bainbridge called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Others present: David Aslyn, Bayfield School District Superintendent; Jeff Gordon, Dean of Students and community members.

School Board members present: Craig Hoopman, Lawrence Deragon, Nicole Boyd, Cindy Garrity and Stephanie Bresette.

Nathan Gordon moved to appoint Jeanne Gordon as Secretary in the absence of Mercie Gordon. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried.

AGENDA

Nathan Gordon moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

OPENING CEREMONY/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of allegiance was said. Opening ceremony was performed by Jim Pete.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

REGIONAL SPECIAL EDUCATION LEADERSHIP REPORT (RSEL)

The school board provided the report comprised from data received from CESA 12. Questions were raised by the Tribal Council as to why the Director percentage was not shown for Bayfield School District. This omitted information makes it difficult to give a true comparison to other districts. Dr. Aslyn was uncertain but will speak with Sandy Raspotnik. It was also stated the tribe can request this report directly from CESA 12 if necessary. Antone Basina asked of the 24.6% of the students receiving special education services are native students. Dr. Aslyn estimated 90% are Native American.

SCHOOL DISTRICT FUND BALANCE REPORT

The school board provided a breakdown of the district's General and Other funds. Dr. Aslyn noted the report was generated prior to the annual audit, which begins next week. He also explained the District holds certain funds to reduce the need for short term borrowing, which has been successful.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER JOINT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING GOALS

Nathan Gordon and Bryan Bainbridge met with Dr. Aslyn recently and both the School Board and Council have been looking at the current MOU and have identified a number of sections needing additional language or revisions.

The Tribal Council and School Board agreed that the MOU will be a standing agenda item at both monthly meetings and a joint meeting date will be set in November to discuss suggested changes.

Jeanne Gordon added the MOU with Bayfield County is not being followed and she didn't believe any of the items were completed or worked on.

Jeff Gordon gave a brief history of the MOU and how the idea was conceived. Truancy has been a major concern for both the School and Tribe. He spoke of the core group, comprised of school and Red Cliff Tribal Court staff, who continue work on truancy issues. This group has already helped to make revisions to the Red Cliff Truancy Code and will be meeting soon to look at additional revisions.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING RENEWAL PROCESS

Craig Hoopman suggested that both the School Board and Council keep the MOU on each monthly agenda in order to continue discussions. It was agreed two meetings per year was not enough time to get through the entire MOU. He also would like to see the original agencies at the table whom were involved when the MOU was first introduced (i.e. Red Cliff Law Enforcement, Tribal Court, Bayfield County and Department of Justice). Craig further suggested having the attorneys at the table when the changes are decided upon and when the revised MOU is signed.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER 2015-2016 JOHNSON O'MALLEY PAYMENTS

Krystle Topping provided a number of JOM contracts to the district and explained the Tribe's contract process. She also gave an explanation of the JOM funding, which is administered by the Red Cliff Tribe and is separate from Title VII funding. Dr. Aslyn stated the Title VII funding ranges from \$65-\$80,000 annually and funds the Academic Resources Coordinator (Tracy Basina) and quarter time of tutor.

Currently, the JOM committee serves as the Title VII committee. Bryan Bainbridge had concerns on whether this is allowed in the Title VII Committee bylaws. He is not comfortable with the JOM committee making decision for separate funding, since the JOM committee is appointed by the Tribal Council. Krystle Topping added having the same individuals sitting on both committees does not allow other parents the opportunity to serve. Nicole Boyd explained the difficulty of obtaining membership of both boards. Further outreach may need to be done. Dr. Aslyn will send the Title VII Bylaws to the Tribal Council to review.

Nicole spoke of her years of experience on Red Cliff Tribal Board of Education and on JOM/Title VII Committees. She has been uncertain to what specific needs aren't being met or what real issues are. Krystle Topping spoke of the IEP process and the importance in allowing parents to have input or be heard. Jeanne Gordon stated that parents need to be educated or know what power they have over their child's education.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ITEMS

No further discussion. The Tribal Council and School Board reiterated the decision to have both boards discuss the MOU, make recommendations and meet in November. Bryan Bainbridge and Nathan Gordon will work with Dr. Aslyn to set a meeting date in November.

OTHER

Krystle Topping asked Dr. Aslyn if Bayfield School is disproportionate. He stated the district is disproportionate in two areas: Special Education and Suspension of SE students.

ADJOURN

Jeanne Gordon moved to adjourn at 6:48 p.m. Seconded by Antone Basina. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:



Alana Babineau
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:



Mercie Gordon, Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council