

THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES
TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
TRIBAL CHAMBERS

Education Committee Meeting
May 23, 1991

PRESENT: Wilbur D. Wilkinson, Chairman; Titus Hall, Vice-Chairman; John J. Rabbithead, Jr., Secretary and LaVerne Brady, Recording Secretary.

ABSENT: Roger Bird Bear, Treasurer; Austin Gillette and Theodore Lone Fight, III., Councilmembers. Jim Mossett in at 1:26 PM.

OTHERS: Marliene Gillette, Acting Education Administrator/Scholarship Officer.

ITEM 01: CALL TO ORDER:
Meeting called to order at 1:22 PM.

ITEM 02: ROLL CALL:
Roll called by Secretary Rabbithead. Quorum established.

ITEM 03: PERSONNEL:

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ITEM 04: DISCUSSION:

ITEM 05: SPRING SCHEDULE:

Marliene stated "On the Spring schedule, we have an Education Narrative and Program Summary that we are in the process of developing. Purpose is to identify and describe the types of educational services under each of the following: Department Administrator, Program Grants Specialist and Special Education Coordinator. She gave an detailed report on what is going to be taking place after all the phases are completed. In addition to this, the plans are to start working on the Tribal Education Code with research and compiling base information. They will be working with the Legal Department on this. The ICEP funding and Indian Curriculum was discussed and it was stressed if the committee could schedule a meeting with Dr. Jim Davis, it would be a very good idea. Marliene is to set up a meeting on financial management and element 10 Administration Contract. Marie Wells in at 2:21 PM.

ITEM 06: SPECIAL EDUCATION:

Bernadine Young Bird passed out papers to be discussed. Funding applications and overview applications the three schools are submitting. She would like their review and approval today to submit to Dr. Davis and he will compile them with his paperwork and send them all in to DC by the 30th.

Councilman Hall made a motion to approve applications, seconded by Councilman Rabbithead.

Discussion: Bernadine stated the central office oversees the three schools as a tribal entity and we want to expand our responsibilities/roles and to oversee New Town and Parshall. Authority wise, my priorities is to oversee the three Bureau school Changes need to be made. Other items discussed were institutional programs, personnel increase, salaries and benefits.

Bernadine is to set up a meeting with Richard Bordeaux on the institutional program.

ITEM 07: HIGHER EDUCATION:

Councilman Mossett brought up the issue of Higher Education request of unqualified personnel again.

HIGHER EDUCATION (CON'T):

Councilman Mossett made a motion to direct the Director to issue a letter to the employee stating job performance doesn't meet the qualifications of the job description, however, rather than lay her off, the Tribal Education Committee would be willing to place her on a different position as a Clerk, if she is agreeable to accepting that, I move that we write her the letter."

Motion failed due to lack of a second.

ITEM 08: EDUCATIONAL LEAVE:

Bernadine requested for educational leave in the form of a letter. This was already negotiated and agreed upon with the Tribe in her contract. She would like to concur with Dr. Davis today.

Councilman Rabbithead made a motion to approve educational leave for Bernadine, seconded by Councilman Hall.

Vote: 4 for, 0 opposed. Motion Carried.

ITEM 09: NDIA/DPI CONFERENCE:

The information on this conference was given to Chief Executive Officer to be given to councilmen. There should be a steering committee could be set up for Indian Education issues and a representative should be on the board. Our department should be involved in this and when we meet, we should have a plan of action. "I'll get the information to you regarding the request."

ITEM 10: TRIBAL MEMBER CONCERNS:

Marie Wells had concerns over the Education system of Parshall schools. She stated in late April, she attended a school board meeting for the impact fund She stated "the students are failing. There is no one interested in the Indian kids. There has to be something wrong, as the school gets a large amount of these funds and there should be summer school for the Indian children to catch up."

Mrs. Gillette was directed to follow up on this and meet with the school superintendent and bring findings to the Board. If necessary, the Board will take action.

Marliene stated she did meet with some of the

CONCERNS (CON'T):

parents in regard to the problems in the Parshall school systems-the next step is to meet with the Superintendent one on one and then having a meeting with the parents and Superintendent whose children are failing to identify the problems and come up with some remedies. Councilman Rabbithead stated he plans on running for the school board.

There was a new program implemented in the system and they didn't compensate for the transistional stages. The parents felt that a tutor should be available while the students were getting adjusted to this new type of program. The students get too far behind and then the parents are notified. All the Indian kids couldn't be slow learners. There was no pre or post testing done and Indian Curriculum should be included in the system. This should be checked out and the children should be given a chance to go to summer school.

Bernadine stated that supplemental funding should be utilized more effectively.

Marliene stated the National School Board Association went on record to build the school program to fit the needs of the students rather than expect the students to meet the needs of the school.

If enough data could be gathered to show that there is lack of appropriate services for the children and we can prove that the impact funds are benefiting the non-Indian children more, then we would have a legal case.

Our children have the same abilitly as the non-Indian. A huge number of them are failing for a number of reasons which the school does not want to address for any solutions.

Councilman Hall stated "nothing will change unless the school boards change. We need role models in those schools such as Superintendents, Principals and Teachers.

Councilman Rabbithead suggested the Parshall community needs to get a group together to get ready for the school board election."

Marliene stated she has a summer program geared

