

THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES
TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
TRIBAL CHAMBERS

Education Meeting
August 29, 1991

- PRESENT: Wilbur D. Wilkinson, Chairman; James Mossett, Councilmember and LaVerne Brady, Recording Secretary.
- ABSENT: Theodore Lone Fight, III., Councilmember
John J. Rabbithead, Jr., Secretary and Austin Gillette, Councilmember on travel.
- OTHERS: Marliene Gillette, Acting Education Administrator; Bernadine Young Bird, Special Education Officer; Lonnie Burr, Grants Specialist and Gene LaFromboise, Education Specialist.

Before the meeting was officially called to order, Mrs. Gillette introduced Mr. LaFromboise. He is stationed at Turtle Mountain Agency representing Fort Berthold Reservation 638 contracts and three grant schools. He's been visiting the reservation day schools and has gone through the process of identifying the schedules and all deadline dates up to November. He has shared all these information with the Education Department. He will be meeting with FBCC later in the day. The reason for this visit is because of two contracts: Adult Basic Education and Higher Education Management Grant. Meetings were arranged through the Education office

- ITEM 01: CALL TO ORDER: Roger Bird Bear in.
Meeting called to order at 1:23 PM.
- ITEM 02: ROLL CALL:
Roll called by Treasurer Bird Bear in the absence of Secretary Rabbithead. Quorum established.
Vice Chairman Hall in at 1:24
- ITEM 03: ND WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON INDIAN EDUCATION:
A letter is attached from Cheryl Kulas. At the last Special Council Meeting, The Tribal Business Council selected Chairman Wilkinson as a delegate to represent the Three Affiliated Tribes at the White House Conference on Indian Education in Washington DC to be held January 22, 23 and 24, 1992. The State Steering Committee on the White House Conference has required that a nomination form be completed and a resolution to accompany the form. The resolution has already been completed with an assignment number and Chairman

NDIEA (CON'T):

Wilkinson was questioned if he would complete the nomination form today. It would have to be sent down to the Department of Public Instruction today because there is a conference scheduled for Sept. 3 and 4. Chairman Wilkinson is asked to be a speaker on September 3. A draft agenda is enclosed.

Resolution read by Marliene.

A point made by Bernadine was that there should be two resolutions. The other being 6 delegates at large. Would the Council be able to call a Special meeting and support the steering committee decision for 6 delegates? Marliene stated she will have a resolution ready. The ND White House Conference on Indian Education Agenda is enclosed in the packets handed out. Holly Fox in at 1:32.

It was stated that Bernadine and Marc Bluestone will be the facilitators from Fort Berthold at the Bismarck meeting. Topics to be discussed are identified in the minutes sent by Cheryl Kulas.

ITEM 04: ELEMENT 10 CONTRACT MEETING:

Marliene stated that Joel Kristy and Ed Parisien's office was going to set up a final meeting at the end of August with the tribe but they've been on travel. There is a Regional Line Officers meeting scheduled in Bismarck on Sept. 11 and 12, 1991. Joel Kristy says he will be able to come down for the final meeting to establish the funding of Tribal Education Element 10 contract for FY'92. This meeting will be held at the Sheraton Inn. After that meeting, there will be a Regional Line Officers Meeting. An agenda was faxed to our office by the Turtle Mountain Agency. It is included in this packet. We're asking the school administrators to attend this.

ITEM 05: TRIBAL EDUCATION CODE DEVELOPMENT:

Marliene stated we have scheduled an In-Service Training September 24 and 25 with Richard Canner, the Education Director for the Minneapolis Chippewa Tribe. They have a Tribal Education Code which is quite functional.

Mr. Lafromboise has been updated on issues with the Bureau on Element 10.

TRIBAL EDUCATION CODE (CON'T):

After this initial meeting in September, we should have identified the line of authority, Protocol and etc., between the Tribe, BIA, Schools and 638 Education Contract.

ITEM 06: EDUCATION LEAVE REQUEST:

Marliene requested 4 days per month from October, 1991 to August, 1992 for Education leave from the Committee to complete her Master's in Public Administration.

Councilman Mossett made a motion to approve leave for Marliene, seconded by Vice Chairman Hall.

Vote: 3 for, 1 opposed. Motion Carried.

ITEM 07: COMMUNICATIONS:

Marliene explained there is a difficulty with certain programs and school in getting pertinent letters from the Office of Indian Education Programs out of Washington DC. Letters requiring specific action and upcoming meetings: JOM and Higher Education activities that were sent to agency offices are not being channeled our to the Education Dept.

We've developed a letter to Ed Parisiens office to follow through with his agreement to submit all those documents to the Education Department. I'm unsure if we would need a resolution to support our request. There is a whole pile of material that comes in every month, telefaxed or sent out to the agency offices. We never received a copy of them. JOM has meetings down in Rapid Ciy and this Tribe didn't know as well as other Tribes. A letter needs to be sent to Mr. Parisien again requesting for any and all materials to be sent to the Tribal level and Mr. LaFromboise has been made aware of the situation today.

ITEM 08: FACILITIES MANAGEMENT:

Marliene stated that Lonnie has been working closely with the schools facilities management. Lonnie gave a brief update. He stated that Marliene and he were given directive by Chairman Wilkinson to set up a central office meeting in Albuquerque NM with facilities management. The meeting was set up for July 23 to 25 and we invited the school administrators, school boards and anyone wishing to attend. Mandaree, Twin Buttes and White Shield

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT (CON'T):

were represented. The results were good and the schools kicked loose a lot of money for projects.

Mandaree and Twin Buttes will be contracting and granting their facilities management. The school board passed a motion to take over their school facilities under the grant. They did not take any non-education buildings. An update on the repairs on the schools. Willard Gillette, who assisted at Albuquerque came down to Twin Buttes and White Shield doing consultant work.

Chairman Wilkinson also requested information on the Mandaree Water System back in 1974. They've requested through HUD and EDA to construct a Water System. Chairman Wilkinson questioned if that is the school board/districts responsibility to maintain? This would probably need a legal opinion. Details were given on transfers and who's responsibilities. Response was it belongs to the Three Affiliated Tribes but on the questioning on maintaining, Mandaree Incorporated wanted to take over the Maintenance in 1986. In the meantime, they've had a break down there on their lines. Indian Health Service will pay \$1,500.00 and M, R, & I will pick up the balance. Mr. Walters wishes to have a meeting. He's proposing the Tribe take over all the facilities. Please follow up on that and get a report ready. Concerns on the Twin Buttes facilities. Gail Baker sitting in at 1:52.

ITEM 09: RECONTRACTING APPLICATION:

Marliene stated In September, the Tribal Education Department submitted the Recontracting Application for the Tribal Education Contract. Exceptional Education runs on a different year-from July 1 to June 30. Marliene stated I recommended to Bernadine that she modify that out of the Contract. In that way, we would have the following contracts: Exceptional Education, Tribal Education, Johnson O' Malley and Higher Education-all separate contracts right in the department. The separate accounting and accounting data. It would be easier to maintain cuff accounts and operate the program. I asked Mr. LaFromboise if he would check into this possibility of modifying the Exceptional Education out of Tribal Education leaving the Tribal Education Element 10 contract, a contract in itself in the event that the Bureau for whatever reason, non-

RECONTRACTING APPLICATION (CON'T):
availability of funds or whatever decides not to renew that contract. It may safeguard the exceptional Education Program until the issue of Element 10 is resolved. The Contract needs to remain in place.

Chairman Wilkinson explained to Mr. LaFromboise regarding the contract between us and the Bureau that 100% of the money was contracted to us. I don't want any action to diminish until meetings resolve the issues or if we have to take care of the issue on appeal

Marliene explained there are two programs within the element 10 contract. Do you want Special Education left alone in the contract?

Chairman Wilkinson stated everthing should remain as it is until the issue is resolved.

Marliene stated my concern was is if the issue is not in the tribes' favor, it would jeopardize the Special Education Contract. That's part of the Tribal Education contract.

Chairman Wilkinson stated I don't think any decision made is going to be relevant to the element 10 portion of the contract.

Marliene stated another question is the Tribal Education contract is in its' third year and that one does not qualify for mature contract status. When we discussed mature contract status at one point, the tribe discussed the option of having one tribal resolution developed requesting mature contract status for all 638 contracts. Also discussed was the option of developing a departmental resolution.

It was question if the tribe made a decision in regard to mature contract status for 638 contracts.

Chairman Wilkinson stated we passed a resolution but none of the Education department was on there.

Marliene stated in November, we will be recontracting all of these programs then with the applications, we will submit one departmental resolution to request mature contract status. (Marliene to check the resolution out).

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CONTRACTING APPLICATION (CON'T):
Further discussion on exceptional education on contracting requirements. Marliene to work on the details with Bernadine.

ITEM 10: SPECIAL EDUCATION:

Bernadine passed out budgets and detailed the Exceptional Education funding. She mentioned that Carol Walker and Holly Fox were hired as Tracking Assistants for six months.

She requested for approval on the budget and they were open for admendments. An outline of HR3053 Law passed in 1990. The Bureau is getting an admendment in there and it has to do with Early Childhood. She stated I wanted to get an authorization to send something and have it drafted on Tribal letterhead and submit it from the tribe. Chairman Wilkinson stated just get a letter written.

Regarding the Institutional Program, I asked for your approval to put it in my application, the funding year started July 1 but we received this on August 14.

Regarding the FY'92 funds, all the other agencies have received, at least, 30% of their funding. Our tribes has not. I asked Mr. LaFromboise to look into this as to why does our Tribe does not get the funds with the same time as everyone else. Mr. LaFromboise stated it will be investigated when I get back to my office. She stated she got her funds in April and her project ended in June.

Bernadine gave the floor to Holly who explained the Early Childhood Tracking System. This program identifies Handicapped and At-Risk Infants. Parents who have concerns about their Growth & Development can come to us and we coordinate the services.

Mr. LaFromboise was questioned if his salary/cost of his monitoring and cost of this trip down here was absorbed by the Turtle Mountain. Chairman Wilkinson stated just so there's no misunderstanding between yourself, Mr. Davis and the Tribal Business Council, it's our position that Belcourt is entitled to nothing as far as the money appropriated to the operation to the operation of the Tribal Education Department, we've contracted for.

SPECIAL EDUCATION (CON'T):

That issue is still going to be debated and resolved on the 11th. The law is very clear. It states that no money can be withheld from our contract for monitoring oversight.

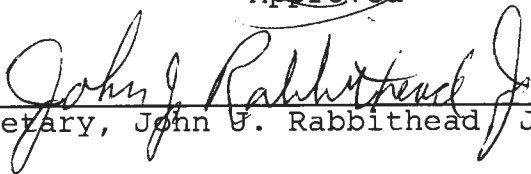
Bernadine stated she is on the agenda for NDIEA. Marc Bluestone was to be present also. She stated we were going to ask for a monetary contribution to NDIEA in the amount of \$500.00. Turtle Mountain is challenging all the other Tribes for this amount. Last year, we gave that much.

Chairman Wilkinson stated we need this in writing. Tribal Treasurer will look at it and make a recommendation.

On the State Conference, you were asked to be on the agenda. I am for the opening remarks and asking you to be present. also encouraging all Council members to be present.

ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT:
Meeting adjourned at 2:29 PM.


Approved


Secretary, John V. Rabbithead Jr.

Disapproved

9/18/91
Date

ATTEST:


Chairman, Wilbur D. Wilkinson

9/18/91
Date