

February 9, 2021

The USD 337 Impact Aid Advisory Committee met for the second time this school year on **Tuesday, February 9, 2021**, at 9:00 AM in the Royal Valley District Office.

Attending were: Camilla Chouteau, Aaric Davis, Nathan Hale, Joel Hesed, Nikki Jackson, Justin Moore, and Tammy Ruddy. Stephanie Jim joined the meeting at a later time.

Absent were: Lisa Balaun, Laura Douglas, Anita Evans, Heather Hundley, Carrie O'Toole, Josie Pahmahmie, David Schooler, Noah Slay, and Ashley Wick.

Aaric Davis reviewed the budget. We received the final payment for FY2020 at 100% (\$130,565.92) With carryover (\$149,125.81) of funds already in the account, the ending cash balance was \$279,691.73. The carryover is so the district can still operate these programs when fund payments are sent sporadically.

The Impact Aid Application was submitted on January 12, 2021. Due to the slight decrease in counts (272), USD #337 utilized the Government's flexibility to use the 2019-2020 counts on the application. The final count was 288 eligible students.

A working budget of \$110,130.00 was suggested. The following are the working budget line items presented to the committee:

Elementary Reading Teacher Support	\$19,500.00
Assistance Teacher Support	\$33,500.00
After-School Transportation	\$29,500.00
Impact Aid Association Dues	\$ 1,630.00
District Social Worker	\$ 8,000.00
Middle School Enrichment Supplies	\$ 5,000.00
Native American Singers and Dancers	\$ 5,000.00
Native American Language Supplies	\$ 3,000.00
Internet Hotspots	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
Total Budget	\$110,130.00

Mr. Davis opened the discussion about the possible purchase of internet hotspots. A letter was sent out to tribal members and parents for their feedback after the last meeting regarding this purchase. One parent called the district office and requested to be put on the list to receive one if the purchase was made. Another parent emailed Mr. Davis stating they did not feel this was good use of Impact Aid funds. Mr. Davis was questioning how to do this fairly and equitably throughout the district. It was also noted that the State of Kansas will probably not offer family choice remote learning next school year and all learning will be in person. Nikki Jackson stated that she personally knows of families that are struggling within the district with internet access for remote learning. Three or more students trying to use the internet at once is not productive. Families having to make choices between paying for internet or other utility services. Nathan Hale noted that the Boys and Girls Club do have resources available.

Mr. Davis proposed the committee purchase 5 hotspots that the district can checkout to families for a week or two while in quarantine. Nikki Jackson made a motion, seconded by Nathan Hale to purchase the hotspots. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Nikki Jackson and seconded by Nathan Hale to approve the working budget as presented. Motion passed by the committee of a working budget for the Impact Aid Fund of \$110,130.00 for the 2020-21 school year.

The committee reviewed reports from 2019-20 and 2020-21 regarding Native American Student Participation in academics and co-curricular activities.

A motion was made by Nathan Hale and seconded by Nikki Jackson to set the Impact Aid public hearing date. By consensus of the committee, the required public hearing date was set for Monday, April 12th, at 7:45 PM during the regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting at the Royal Valley District Office in Mayetta. Public notice of that meeting will be published in advance of the date, as required by board of education policy.