

Minutes of Impact Aid Public Hearing  
November 13, 2023 @ 5:00 pm

The hearing was held in the Bennett County Library Community Room and was called to order by Superintendent, Patrick Frederick @ 5:00 pm. Others in attendance were Jolene Robinson, Business Manager, Amie Kuxhaus, Federal Programs Director and Mikaela O'Bryan, Middle School Principal.

Agenda:

Review of Impact Aid  
Classifications/Categories of Impact Aid  
Criteria needed for children to be counted for Impact Aid  
Application Deadline  
How BCSD uses Impact Aid  
Review of Federal Programs  
Ideas/Recommendations for potential use of Impact Aid  
Local opt out and effect for Impact Aid  
Other items of interest

Discussion was held on the above agenda items. Mr. Frederick reviewed the uses of Impact Aid in the school district. Which include the purchase of technology, educational curriculums, district buildings, transportation/busses, staff salaries/insurance/bonuses, athletics/extracurricular activities, and other district supplies. Mr. Frederick shared that the deadline to apply is on Jan 30<sup>th</sup> and that the Bennett County School District meets the requirements for section 7003. Section 7003 is the largest component of the Impact Aid Program and is based on the number of federally connected children. Mr. Frederick also shared that the district has purchased a Lakota curriculum, is in the process of hiring a Lakota language/culture teacher, and is looking to budget money in order for the district to take part in the LNI next year. Mr. Frederick also shared that this is the last year of the district's opt out, which is \$250,000.00. This opt out is what allows the district to stay in the category of "Heavy Impact" which the district receives around an annual average of \$3.2 million per year. If the district falls out of "Heavy Impact" it would roughly cut the funds received through impact aid in half.

Mrs. Robinson reviewed the federal lands eligibility in the district and how the student information is collected.

Mrs. Kuxhas reviewed the Title I programs sharing that 1% of our received funds are used for family engagement. She also shared that other Federal Programs include: ELL-English Language Learners, McKenny Vento-Homeless, Migratory, Indian Education Grant, and Title I.

She shared that Title I expenditures include: staff salaries, professional development, family engagement, Mckenny Vento, and school supplies. Mrs. Kuxhaus shared that the parent engagement activities held this year have been a success. She also reported that the Indian Education public meeting was held on October 24, 2022, where some good conversation was held and we are still in need of parents for the Indian Education parent committee.

The meeting was adjourned by Superintendent Frederick at 5:20 pm.