

RESOLUTION OF THE  
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE  
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is advised that eight (8) employees have been furloughed from the Bureau of Indian Affairs J.F.K. School on the reservation including two (2) certified teachers, two cooks, one secretary, two teacher aides and the principal herself; and
- WHEREAS, records indicate that \$140,000.00 of the school year budget should have been available through the end of March 1991; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is also advised that the Bureau's local Education Agency directed by Bobby Thompson did the accounting for the J.F.K. School contrary to the prior practice where the school kept track of its own accounting expenditures so that it could plan properly through the year; and
- WHEREAS, the school was never told that there would be a lack of funding to keep the doors open through the end of the fiscal year and the furlough notice went out to the employees May 6 from Bobby Thompson with an effective date of May 8, 1991; and
- WHEREAS, many complaints have surfaced about the lack of concern and professional and personal interest on the part of Bobby Thompson with the J.F.K. School, from parents, staff, teachers, and board members; and
- WHEREAS, their complaints are that Mr. Thompson never attends meetings and that his lack of professional and personal interest has resulted in a lack of funding for improvements, facility expansion and adequate staffing culminating in the layoff of staff before the end of the school year; and
- WHEREAS, the present apparent lack of interest on Mr. Thompson's part in the well being of the J.F.K. School as evidenced by the recent furlough of eight (8) employees and lack of funding and planning for the school is unacceptable to the Tribal Council as education of tribal youth is of paramount important to the Tribal Council and to the future of the Tribe itself.

Resolution No. 05-91-127

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby implores Mr. Bobby Thompson to reverse his apparent lack of professional and personal interest in the J.F.K. School and that he meet and confer immediately with school personnel and BIA Superintendent Ben Nuvamsa in order to insure the financial integrity of the J.F.K. School, to plan for expansion of facilities at the school and to meet with the principal and the administrator of the school on at least a monthly basis to insure that the school will not lack funding to complete its fiscal year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it expects Mr. Thompson to attend Board meetings and to meet with concerned parents and school administrators regarding the proper management and financial stability of the school for the benefit of students, faculty and staff.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that in the event that Mr. Thompson does not carry out his duties as technical advisor and lend his support for the J.F.K. School, he will be asked to reassign himself to another post so that a person who is interested in the welfare of the J.F.K. School can be appointed in his stead.

The foregoing resolution was on May 08, 1991, duly adopted by a vote of SIX for and ZERO against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (i) of the Amended Constitution and Bylaws of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe June 27, 1958, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 29, 1958, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

  
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Chairman of the Tribal Council

(Acting)

  
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Secretary of the Tribal Council

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