

LAPWAI SCHOOL DISTRICT #341  
School Board Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
April 20, 2020

The Board of Trustees of School District #341 met in regular session via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Board Chair Samuels-Allen called the meeting to order at 4:58 pm. The Board then led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call was made, present were Trustees Samuels-Allen, McArthur, Johnson, and Kipp. Trustee Bell was absent. Also attending was Superintendent Aiken and Clerk Weeks. D'Lisa Penney, William Big Man, Teri Wagner, and Lori Ravet were in the audience.

Trustee Kipp moved and Trustee McArthur seconded that the consent agenda be approved as presented. The consent agenda included meeting minutes, payment of bills as presented, budget report, balance sheet, and ASB accounts. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Elementary Principal Wagner talked about faculty contact with students and the start of packet delivery by bus drivers. Staff have been working with various professional development opportunities.

Middle/High Principal Penney talked about the challenges in providing learning for secondary students. Not all students have been in contact and not all have working technology and internet connectivity. Contact has been made and packets are being provided. An appropriate alternative approach for graduation is under consideration including a banner that has been made by the Lapwai Boosters to place on the outside of the gym.

Special Education Director Ravet talked about the special education timelines have not been waived. IEPs still need to be updated, assessments need to be made, and maintain social distancing. Maintaining staff well-being is important as well and action is being taken for that.

Athletic Director William Big Man talked about IHSAA finally cancelling spring seasons. Uncertainty about fall sports remains but preparations to be ready such as coach training and physical paperwork can be started after May 1. Basketball scheduling has been challenging as well.

Superintendent Aiken pointed out several items in his report.

- IEA and ISBA joint letter about delaying negotiations
- District protocols during closure
- LCSC Professional Development Opportunity
- Financial impact including a 1% State funding holdback for this year and at least 5% for next year, and the CARES act funding that should be almost \$150,000
- 10,474 meals have been delivered since closing
- Safe Schools and Tyler training
- State Board of Education requirements for reopening if stay-at-home orders are lifted

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, an Emergency Closure was called for March 16 through 20, 2020. This was the week before Spring Break.

Recently the Idaho State Board of Education took action to extend the soft closure of all K-12 schools through the end of the school year. Yet to be determined criteria such as positive local conditions could allow resumption of school but that is currently unknown. If conditions allowed reopening, another meeting would likely be held to take action on that.

In March, The Families First Coronavirus Response Act was passed by Congress and signed by the President and is set to expire December 31, 2020. There could be policies that conflict with the act during the time this law is in effect.

The First Reading of new Policy 803.11 was presented to the board. This policy is to allow continued payment of employees with federal funds during the soft closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Trustee Kipp moved and Trustee Johnson seconded to take action on the following.

- A. Approve Emergency Closure – March 16-20, 2020
- B. Acknowledge/Accept Mandated State Board of Education Closure and Reopening Options
- C. Suspend Policies if Conflicting with Families First Coronavirus Response Act until FFCRA expiration
- D. Dispense with a second reading and approve Policy 803.11 – Employees Paid with Federal Funds and Unexpected or Extraordinary Closures as presented

A vote was taken and the motion passed.

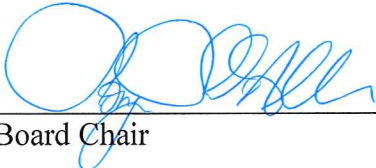
The following personnel item was presented to the board.

Resignation – Elementary Teacher – Dena Jones

Trustee McArthur moved and Trustee Kipp seconded to approve the personnel item as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Trustee Johnson moved and Trustee Kipp seconded to adjourn. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Board Chair Samuels-Allen declared the meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm.

  
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Board Chair

  
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Clerk

6-15-2020  
Date