LAPWAI SCHOOL DISTRICT #341

School Board Minutes Special Meeting April 29, 2020

The Board of Trustees of Joint School District #305 met in special session virtually 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, Bell, and Kipp. Trustees McArthur and Johnson was absent. Also attending was Superintendent Aiken and Clerk Weeks. D'Lisa Penney and Lori Ravet were in the audience.

Superintendent Aiken talked about the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic that has brought further guidance from the Governor's office. A 4-stage rebound plan has been released. The plan still places limits on gathering through the end of June. It is more and more apparent each day that resuming school would have to clear difficult requirements. Additional guidance was received today from the Idaho School Boards Association that reopening would expose the District to liability and they recommend against it. Trustee Bell moved and Trustee Kipp seconded to continue to accept and acknowledge the soft closure through the end of the school year. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

As part of continuing school during the soft closure, daily hours of instruction have been reduced. A waiver has been applied to allow for this reduction in instructional hours for the remainder of the school year. Trustee Kipp moved and Trustee Bell seconded to approve the waiver. A vote was taken and the motion passed. If other waivers are required to have Board action, it is the intent of the Board to pursue those waivers.

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

Board Chair Samuels-Allen declared the meeting adjourned at 5:22 pm.

Board Chair Nathan Weeks 5-18-2020
Clerk Date