LAPWAI SCHOOL DISTRICT #341 School Board Minutes Regular Meeting May 18, 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 4:56 pm. The Board then led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call was made, present were Trustees Samuels-Allen, McArthur, and Johnson. Trustee Bell and Kipp were 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 Johnson 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.

Special Education Director Ravet talked about how the special education staff are continuing on. IEP meetings have been held with nearly 100% parent attendance. The meetings have been more comfortable than in person meeting and will likely continue in many cases. The SLPs and teachers have kept up with their workload which has not lessened.

Elementary Principal Wagner talked about how faculty are staying connected with students and differentiating instruction as appropriate. She noted that Traci McKarcher taking over from Dena Jones as Reading Intervention Coordinator is very positive in that the good intervention work will continue.

Middle/High Principal Penney talked about the challenges in providing learning for secondary students. She also talked about the grading framework. Graduation has been challenging in that plans are made and new things come up. Among those is the situation with tribal members testing positive coronavirus forcing the Tribe to pull back the loosening of restrictions. Lockers have been packed up and contents placed in the Commons for students to pick up the week of the 26th.

Athletic Director William Big Man said sports for the fall are set to take place. IHSAA is leaving plans for opening up to districts. Summer leagues for basketball and volleyball are being proposed when restrictions are lifted. Schedules are completed for basketball.

Trustee Kipp arrived to take her seat on the board at 5:40pm.

Superintendent Aiken pointed out several items in his report.

- Meals have been successful and may continue into summer
- Senators Crapo and Risch were asked to sign on to a stimulus bill which both agreed to do
- The 1% holdback on State funding for this year and 5% next fiscal year

The Calendar for the 2020-2021 School Year was presented to the board. School will start on August 26 and end on June 3. Trustee Kipp moved and Trustee Johnson seconded to approve the calendar as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

As part of the soft closure, an application for the Impacted Average Daily Attendance waiver was submitted. Trustee Kipp moved and Trustee Johnson seconded approve submitting the waiver as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The Audit Engagement for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year with Quest CPAs of Payette was presented to the board. Steve Clack of Goffinet & Clack notified the District recently that he was unable to continue, a decision he did not take likely. He has been the auditor for the District since 1982. Trustee Kipp moved and Trustee Johnson seconded to approve the Audit Engagement as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The following personnel item was presented to the board.

New Hire – Secondary Teacher – Holly Selstad – CBRS/Behavior Intervention Professional – Brianna Fonnesbeck Position Change – Elementary Teacher to Title I Reading Intervention Coordinator – Traci McKarcher.

Trustee Kipp moved and Trustee McArthur seconded to approve the personnel items 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 6:08 pm.

Board Chair Nathon Weeks 6-15-2020
Clerk Date