

LAPWAI SCHOOL DISTRICT #341

School Board Minutes

Regular Meeting

August 17, 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 5:02 pm. Roll call was made, present were Trustees Samuels-Allen, McArthur, Bell, and Kipp. Trustee Johnson was absent. Also attending was Superintendent Aiken and Clerk Weeks. Grant Martinson, Stacey Kinnick, Matthew Morgan, Brad Peterson, and Josh Nellesen were in the audience.

Trustee Bell moved and Trustee Kipp 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.

Principal Wagner talked about planning for Blended Learning using research-based best practices.

Principal Penney talked about several items.

- Accreditation is happening this year
- 5 new teachers
- planning for opening

Special Education Director Ravet touched lightly on her report.

Athletic Director Big Man reviewed several items

- IHSA Guidelines are being used for protocols
- League plans for wearing masks
- seating plans at games

Superintendent Aiken pointed out several items in his report.

- praise for Administrators and their hard work
- Impact Aid – no updates or CARES act money related to that
- CARES Act funding awarded
- The Blended Learning Grant submitted last week

The First Reading for the following policies was held.

- Policy 204.5 – Indian Policies and Procedures for Impact Aid
- Policy 505.8 – Immunization
- Policy 803.11 – Retention of Federal Records

Discussion was held about the reasons for the policy updates. Trustee Kipp moved and Trustee Bell seconded to dispense with a second reading and approve the policies as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The Transportation Plan for the 2020-2021 School Year was presented to the board. Trustee Kipp moved and Trustee McArthur seconded to approve the plan as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The matter of the surplus of the Kifco T-180 Irrigation Equipment was presented to the board. Trustee Bell moved and Trustee McArthur seconded to surplus the identified equipment. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The Health & Safety Protocols for the operations of the schools were presented to the board. The Lapwai community is currently in Category 2 with moderate community transmission. Three levels were identified and requirements associated with each level were addressed. Trustee Bell moved and Trustee Kipp seconded to approve the protocols as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The Athletic Health & Safety Protocols for the Whitepine League were presented to the board. Trustee Bell moved and Trustee Kipp seconded to approve the protocols as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The Elementary, Secondary, and Athletic Handbooks for the 2020-2021 School Year were presented to the board. Changes to the school handbooks were highlighted and were minimal and did not necessarily include pandemic operations protocols as those are addressed separately. The Athletic Handbook had more extensive updates related to pandemic operations as needed and athletes being transported to and from games by parents. Specific coach requirements were also added. Trustee McArthur moved and Trustee Kipp seconded to approve the handbooks as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Trustee McArthur left the meeting at 8:10pm.

It was proposed to change the 2020-2021 Calendar by changing the first day of school from August 26 to September 8 and to add a day for Seniors on May 27, 2021 to keep their hours within State requirements. This would allow for additional planning time for staff to prepare for potential blended learning scenarios. Staff would report as originally scheduled. The Tribe has moved the pandemic level to Stage 2 due to moderate community transmission. This limits gatherings to no more than 10 people. Trustee Kipp moved and Trustee Bell seconded to approve the calendar changes as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The following personnel items were presented to the board.

Position Change – Paraprofessional to Behavior Intervention Specialist – Ashlee Grunenfelder

New Hire – Intervention Aide – Samantha Chandler

Alternative Authorization & New Hire – Science Teacher – Whitney Palmer
– NYCP Language Arts Teacher – Jennifer Watkins

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

Board Training was a discussion about meeting protocols for the September meeting. Options would include meeting in-person in the Gym Lobby or a continued blend of in-person and Zoom. It will depend on moving out of Stage 2.

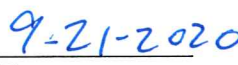
Board Chair Samuels-Allen declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.



Board Chair



Clerk



Date