

LAPWAI SCHOOL DISTRICT #341

School Board Minutes

Regular Meeting

January 20, 2021

The Board of Trustees of School District #341 met in regular session in the Board Room of the District Office. Board Chair Samuels-Allen called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm. The Board then led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call was made, present were Trustees Samuels-Allen, Bell, and McArthur. Trustees Kipp and Johnson 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.

The Board organization required at the January meeting was reviewed. Trustee Bell moved, in lieu of making nominations for Board Chair, to maintain the same officers as follows.

Board Chair – Sonya Samuels-Allen

Board Vice Chair – Lori Johnson

Clerk/Treasurer - Nathan Weeks

Trustee McArthur seconded the motion which was passed.

The schedule of board meetings for the year was discussed.

– Third Monday of each month for March through December

– Third Wednesday of each month for January and February

Trustee McArthur moved to set the schedule as discussed. Trustee Bell seconded the motion which was passed.

The designation of places for public postings was discussed.

Places for public postings: District Website, District Office, the Elementary School and Middle/High School, and the Lapwai Post Office. A courtesy posting will be attempted at the Lenore Post Office.

Trustee Bell moved to designate the places for public postings as discussed. Trustee McArthur seconded the motion which was passed.

Trustee McArthur moved and Trustee Bell 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.

Superintendent Aiken presented the ISBA Board Chair of the Year award to Sonya Samuels-Allen. The award was revealed at the ISBA virtual convention in November.

Elementary Principal Wagner talked about digging into the data this week on student achievement, only six students are in remote learning and the positive impact of reduced class sizes.

Middle/High Principal Penney talked about the following.

- Doing benchmarks and reviewing reading data.
- The 4-week courses
- When all students return, the daily schedule will likely remain on a 4-period day
- Parent Teacher Conferences are underway
- STEM activities which include virtual reality goggles, 3D printer, plasma cutter, and drones

Special Education Director Ravet talked about the positive impact of smaller class sizes on her students which include improved performances, progress, and reduced behavior issues.

Athletic William Big Man talked about the progress of basketball and evolving fan participation in the gym and how the District and State Tournaments are planned to be held.

Superintendent Aiken talked about his activities with the Bureau of Indian Affairs staff regarding the well by the Elementary School that is on District property that is also Trust property. The well is need of an upgrade and there is currently no metering.

Superintendent Aiken led a discussion about the Health and Safety Protocols the District has been following. The number of new COVID cases has declined and the positivity of the cases has declined. The numbers would allow for reopening full-time in the near future.

The Superintendent Evaluation Process was discussed. The evaluation is planned to be finalized at the February Meeting.

The following personnel items were presented to the board.

- Retirement – June 30, 2021 – Custodian – Bill Bentham
- New Hire – ACE Grant Home School Liaison – Lori Lynn Parrish

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

The Board Training topic was the NAFIS Spring Conference.

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

Board Chair Samuels-Allen declared the meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.


Board Chair


Clerk

2-17-2021
Date