

LAPWAI SCHOOL DISTRICT #341  
School Board Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
September 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 5:02 pm. The Board then led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call was made, present were Trustees Samuels-Allen, Johnson, Kipp, and Bell. Trustee McArthur arrived at 5:08 pm. Also attending was Superintendent Aiken and Clerk Weeks. Roberta Bisbee, Lori Ravet, D'Lisa Penney, Teri Wagner, and William Big Man were in the audience.

Trustee Kipp moved and Trustee Johnson 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.

Roberta Jose-Bisbee spoke about her concerns during Unscheduled Delegations. She presented a letter outlining her concerns and request for subsequent action.

Elementary Principal Wagner talked about staffing challenges. The elementary had 9 out today but everyone else stepped up.

Trustee McArthur handed out a packet and then left the meeting at 5:17pm.

Middle/High School Principal Penney reported to the Board on the following.

- They are experiencing similar staffing concerns
- Indian Club is now called Pihetewyu
- Homecoming and Senior Night will be combined October 1
- Critical Race Theory, a topic for which she has not found there to be much interest but is ready

Sped Director Ravet had a light report.

- Will be hiring a certified sign language person

Athletic Director Big Man gave updates on the ongoing fall seasons.

- Officials are in such short supply that games are being cancelled after teams show up
- State Volleyball is in Lewiston, attendees will have to use the app
- Football is going well

Superintendent Aiken highlighted several items in his report:

- Celebrated the selection of Emma Paddlety to State Superintendent Ybarra's Student Advisory Council.
- Extra homeless funding the District has received is to be used for supplies for Northwest Children's Home
- Is currently participating in the NAFIS Conference virtually. He has video calls set up tomorrow with all four of Idaho's Congressional delegation

The matter of raising Adult Lunch and Milk Prices was presented to the board. The reimbursement for school lunch is more than the current fee. Milk prices have increased as well. Trustee Kipp moved to hold a Fee Increase Hearing at the next Board Meeting on October 18. Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was passed.

The LEA ARP ESSER Use of Funds Plan was presented to the board. Superintendent Aiken went through the plan and pointed out various items. Trustee Kipp moved to approve the Plan. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion, which was passed.

The First Reading of Policy 702.17 – Van Use and Safety was held. It will be brought back for a second reading in October.

With the retirement of a long-time science teacher last year, it has been determined that it is necessary to provide updated curriculum. Inspire Physics has been reviewed and was presented to the board for approval. Trustee Kipp moved and Trustee Bell seconded to approve the Inspire Physics curriculum. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The 2021-2022 Leadership Premium Plan was presented to the board. No changes have been made to the plan. Trustee Bell moved and Trustee Kipp seconded to approve the Leadership Premium Plan as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The matter of using ESSER funds to provide the balance of funding to update the tennis/pickle ball courts was presented to the board. The district has around \$40,000 committed to it but at least another \$40,000 is needed to continue to pursue the update. Trustee Kipp moved and Trustee Johnson seconded to approve using ESSER funding to fully fund and move forward with the project. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Trustee Bell moved and Trustee Kipp seconded to enter Executive Session under Idaho Code Section 74-206(1) (b) (personnel). A roll call vote was held with all four members present voting aye at 6:32 pm. The tenor of executive session was personnel. Trustee Bell moved and Trustee Johnson seconded to leave executive session. A vote was taken and the board left executive session at 7:54 pm.

The following personnel items were presented to the board.

Resignation – CBRS – Eric Otto

Position Change – Food Service to Paraprofessional – Elizabeth Fernandez

– Food Service to Paraprofessional – Mandee Taylor

New Hire – Gear Up Coordinator/MHS Bookkeeper – Tena McKim

– Food Service – Juliana Stick

– Food Service – Bree Knoll

– Paraprofessional – Sheridan Shaffer

– Paraprofessional – Jaylie Hillman

– Paraprofessional – Montoya Pablo

– CBRS – Jacqueline Aldrich

Volunteer – Middle/High School - James Stuck

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


The Board Training topic was on the upcoming Idaho School Boards conference. The consensus was to see how things are going and discuss it next month.

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 7:58 pm.

  
Board Chair

  
Clerk

  
Date