

LAPWAI SCHOOL DISTRICT #341

School Board Minutes

Regular Meeting

February 15, 2022

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 5:09 pm. Present were Trustees Samuels-Allen, Kipp, and Johnson. Trustee Bell arrived at 5:11pm. Also attending was Superintendent Aiken and Clerk Weeks. Agnes Weaskus, Thunder Garcia, Loraine Harris, Teri Wagner, Lori Ravet, and D'Lisa Penney 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.

Elementary Principal Wagner talked about the positive impact of the trustee visit last week. The resilience of the community has provided hope in these challenging times. The challenge is to maintain high standards.

Middle/High Principal Penney talked about the following.

- listed dual credit/advanced opportunities
- pandemic challenges including contact tracing and upcoming testing

Special Education Director Ravet talked about her celebration which was how hard the special education teachers work and collaborate. She highlighted teacher's specific efforts. Her challenge is the keeping up with the requirements. One finding was about a child that wasn't served by their third birthday, missing it by 13 days due to COVID. The state was unmoved.

Under athletics, Middle/High Principal Penney talked the wrestling proposal presented by the math teachers. She thought it was a nice opportunity for student participation. She also talked about going to State and various items related to that. She noted that golf and track positions have been filled but the items were too late for the agenda.

Superintendent Aiken let his report stand. He touched on the board visits to schools. A gift was received from John Alley, a baseball that had belonged to Lapwai graduate and professional baseball player Levi McCormack.

Under health and safety updates, protocols are recommended to be continued as is for the time being.

Four patrons of the district had applied to be appointed to the vacant Zone 5 position. Robert Kipp had also applied, but withdrew before the meeting. It had been over 90 days since a vacancy was declared by board action so the applicants could be from a different zone. Loraine Harris, Agnes Weaskus, and Thunder Garcia each had applied and were present in person to be considered. A multi-part question was given to each with a time to respond. After this, Trustee Johnson moved and Trustee Bell seconded to appoint Thunder Garcia to fill the vacant position. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

