

LAPWAI SCHOOL DISTRICT #341

School Board Minutes

Regular Meeting

March 21, 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 5:02 pm.

Clerk Weeks then administered the Oath of Office to Thunder Garcia who was appointed at the last meeting.

The Board then led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call was made, present were Trustees Samuels-Allen, Johnson, and Garcia. Trustee Kipp arrived at 5:05pm. Trustee Bell was absent. Also attending was Superintendent Aiken and Clerk Weeks. Chris Katus, Teri Wagner, Lori Ravet, and D'Lisa Penney were in the audience. Also attending for the first part of the meeting were Angel Sobotta, Bob Sobotta, Grace Sobotta, Brittany Yearout, Titus Yearout, and Joyce McFarland.

Trustee Kipp moved and Trustee Garcia 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.

Middle/High Principal Penney talked about the following.

- The Young Mens and Womens Conference went well
- ISATs have started

The Valedictorian nominee, Grace Sobotta, and the Salutatorian nominee, Titus Yearout, were introduced. Each nominee said a few words and answered some questions. A photo was taken that included the nominees, family in attendance, and the board.

Elementary Principal Wagner gave thanks to Tribal Police and faculty for their efforts during the hard lockdown on February 22 and the return to school on February 28. After the threat of a school shooting and the subsequent lockdown and school closures, a safe return to school was achieved.

Special Education Director Ravet is working on improving training for paraprofessionals.

Under athletics, Middle/High Principal Penney introduced Science/Math Teacher Chis Katus to talk about the wrestling proposal. She also talked about spring sports and the status of filling the coaching positions.

Superintendent Aiken presented the plaque he had made for Tribal Police for their efforts in resolving the recent threats made to the schools. They were unable to attend this evening. He also talked about pursuing the Pixelot cameras for the gym and football field. Consensus was to proceed with both places and consider the softball field later.

Several Action Items were presented to the board.

- A. Approval of Valedictorian, Grace Sobotta, and Salutatorian, Titus Yearout.
- B. Revised 2021-2022 Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan
- C. Emergency Closure due to threats of violence made to the schools and Calendar Update
– Early Release 2/22/2022, Full Days 2/23-25/2022
- D. Approve starting a Wrestling Program
- E. Several capital projects including the Elementary Roof Replacement, Ag Shop Heat & A/C, and Elementary Bleachers

Trustee Garcia moved to approve the listed action items. More discussion was held about various fine points. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed.

Trustee Kipp moved and Trustee Garcia 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 6:27pm. The general tenor of the session was personnel. Trustee Garcia moved and Trustee Kipp seconded to leave executive session at 6:48pm. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The following personnel action items were presented to the board.

- Superintendent Evaluation
- Resignation – Junior High Track Coach – Josh Leighton
– Custodian – Travis Herndon
- New Hire – Golf Coach – Keith Kipp Jr.
– Assistant Track Coach – Kendall Leighton
– Middle School Track Coach – Lori Lynn Parrish
- Position Change – Assistant Track Coach to Track Coach – Josh Leighton
- Volunteer – Middle School Track Assistant – Josh Nellesen

Trustee Garcia moved and Trustee Johnson seconded to approve the personnel items as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed with Trustee Kipp abstaining.

Under Board Training, Clerk Weeks talked about his experience at the recent ISBA Day on The Hill. The legislature is more positive this year and the trip was worthwhile.

Trustee Garcia moved and Trustee Kipp seconded to adjourn. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Board Chair Samuels-Allen declared the meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.

Josh Johnson
Board Chair

Nathan Weeks
Clerk

5-16-22
Date