

LAPWAI SCHOOL DISTRICT #341

School Board Minutes

Regular Meeting

December 18, 2023

The Board of Trustees of School District #341 met in regular session in the Board Room of the District Office. Trustee Samuels-Allen called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. The board led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call was made, present were Trustees Samuels-Allen, Kipp, and Spaulding. Trustees Johnson and Garcia were absent. Also attending was Superintendent Aiken and Clerk Weeks. There were three pep band members and their advisor in the audience for their presentation.

Trustee Spaulding 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.

Emma Shaffer, Music Teacher, was on hand with three members of the pep band, Emma Paddlety, Darryl Whiteplume, and Weetulu Nish. They played a couple songs and there was a discussion about the reintroduction of pep band.

Superintendent Aiken highlighted several items in his report.

- Idaho Indian Education Committee activities which included several Nez Perce Tribal members. There is a proposal to consider moving administration Johnson O'Malley funding from the State Department of Education to the tribes. More input will be sought from stakeholders.
- The tribe's plan for construction in Lapwai.

Superintendent Aiken talked about athletics which prompted further conversation. This included the importance of administrative support at games. Also, the new platform, Dragonfly, includes incident reporting. There are 26 middle school students participating in wrestling. This will require another coach.

Superintendent Aiken talked about plans to use the remaining ESSER Learning Loss funding

No one has applied to be appointed as a Trustee from Zone 5. At the January meeting, it will over 90 days since the vacancy was declared and a willing patron from any zone could be appointed.

The First Reading of Policy 803.4 - Grant Writing and Awards was held. The policy will be on the January agenda for a second reading.

The annual review the following policies was held.

- 204.5 - Indian Policies and Procedures Impact Aid
- 204.5.1 - Federal Impact Funds Policy
- 204.5.2 - Federal Impact Funds Procedures

Recently a new Grant from the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) was awarded to the District for safety equipment. This will require more work from the grant writer, Debbie Evans. As part of this, an updated Memorandum of Understanding with Kamiah Grants was presented to the board.

The district is looking to Apply for the Securing Our Schools Phase 2 grant. This funding could help with the match requirement with the COPS grant.

Trustee Kipp moved and Trustee Spaulding seconded to approve the updated MOU with Kamiah Grants and to apply for the Securing Our School Phase 2 grant. This would include allowing Superintendent Aiken to sign the grant application. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The following Personnel Action Items were presented to the board.

- New Hire – NYCP Media Specialist – Cecelia Borgeau
 - NYCP Cultural Competency Coordinator – .49FTE – David Penney – Position
- Volunteer – Wrestling – Thyais Whitman
 - Wrestling – Noah Lattuada

Trustee Kipp moved to approve the listed personnel action items. Trustee Spaulding seconded the motion which was passed.

Under Board Training, a discussion was held about Impact Aid Updates. Superintendent Aiken has been in contact with the NAFIS executive director. There is talk about a 9% reduction to education funding in Congress.

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

Board Chair Samuels-Allen declared the meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm.



 Board Chair



 Clerk

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 Date