

LAPWAI SCHOOL DISTRICT #341
School Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
February 20, 2024

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 5:00 pm. The board led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call was made, present were Trustees Samuels-Allen, Johnson, Garcia, and Spaulding. Trustee Kipp was absent. Also attending was Superintendent Aiken. There were several people in the audience.

A moment of silence was held for Jack Bell, former Zone 4 Trustee for 8 years. He passed away on February 10.

Trustee Johnson moved and Trustee Spaulding 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 shared the challenges related to the flooding in the elementary school offices in January.

She reported on the accelerated reading growth in response to the Heggerty and Enhanced Core Reading Instruction (ECRI) interventions. 65% of students are demonstrating above average or accelerated growth.

Middle/High School Principal Penney was not available, yet two seniors provided a report in her absence. Qubilah Mitchell and Keasha Henry presented on their experiences at Lapwai Middle-High School with advanced opportunities and dual credit. They are both enrolled in a work experience dual credit opportunity at Nimiipuu Health this semester.

Special Education Director Ravet reviewed caseload data. She praised her team and encouraged the board to read the celebrations in her report. She shared the collective commitment the Special Forces team has made to professional learning and growth. Challenges included incoming medically fragile children in the 3 to 5 category.

Indian Education Coordinator Chimburas presented on the activities funded by Indian Education grants including the upcoming 9th Annual Honors Leadership Conference on March 12 and 13. This event is hosted by Lapwai, yet for the first time other area schools have been invited including Clarkston, Kamiah, Kooskia, Orofino, Culatesac, Lewiston, and Plummer. She shared planned college campus visits and data related to Native American student enrollment in preschool through 12th grade.

Jacob Whittaker, College and Career Readiness Teacher, presented on the implementation of the You Science curriculum in grades 6-12. The program includes aptitude testing to support students in identifying college and career pathways.

Superintendent Aiken reported on the challenges related to the insurance claim process for the flooding at the elementary in January. He shared the report he submitted to Moreton and Company and the pending invoice for Mike's Mechanical for replacement of the coil in the fresh air intake system.

His presentation included the Idaho Career Ready Students Program grant award of \$1,278,843 to Lapwai Middle-High School for expansion of career and technical education instructional space.

Dr. Aiken also shared the Weekly Wildcat Athletic Check-In Form approach to improving communication with our coaching staff. The creation of the Weekly Wildcat Athletic Check-In Form is intended to provide timely guidelines regarding policies and procedures and reminders regarding handbook and IHSAA guidelines. The form will also allow us to gather feedback and questions to inform the Athletic Direction Team and Lapwai School District Board of Trustees.

The First Reading of Delete Policy 503.10 – Zero Tolerance Violence Policy was held. It was a near duplicate of Policy 506.11. Trustee Garcia moved to delete the referenced policy and Trustee Spaulding seconded the motion which was passed.

A Review Policy 506.11 of Zero Tolerance Violence Policy was held. No action taken.

An Emergency Closure due to Snow was declared on January 12, 2024 as well as a Late Start on January 17, 2024 due to weather. Trustee Garcia moved and Trustee Spaulding seconded to approve the identified late start. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan was reviewed. Trustee Garcia moved and Trustee Spaulding seconded to approve the plan as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Trustee Garcia moved and Trustee Spaulding 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 general tenor of the session was personnel. Trustee Spaulding moved and Trustee Garcia seconded to leave executive session at 7:37 pm. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The following personnel action items were presented to the board.

- Superintendent Evaluation
- Resignation – CBRS – Brianna Schnuerle
 - Maintenance/Transportation Supervisor – Emerson White
- New Hire – Middle School Wrestling Coach – Noah Lattuada
 - Interventional Aide – Jon Paisano


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

The Board Training topic was Open Enrollment.

Trustee Spaulding moved and Trustee Garcia seconded to adjourn. A vote was taken and the

motion passed.

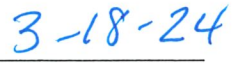
Board Chair Samuels-Allen declared the meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.



Board Chair



Clerk



Date