

LAPWAI SCHOOL DISTRICT #341
School Board Minutes
Special Meeting
January 4, 2024

The Board of Trustees of School District #341 met in special session in the Conference Room of the District Office. Trustee Johnson presided and called the meeting to order at 4:40pm.

Clerk Weeks administered the Oath of Office to Betsy Spaulding, newly re-elected Trustee for Zone 4.

Roll Call was made, present were Trustees Johnson, Kipp, and Spaulding. Trustee Samuels-Allen was absent. Also attending were Superintendent Aiken, D'Lisa Penney, and Clerk Weeks.

No one filed for the Zone 5 Trustee position in 2023. A vacancy was declared at the September meeting. After 90 days, which was December 20, an appointment of a qualified elector outside the zone can be made. Only one person expressed interest, Thunder Garcia. Trustee Kipp moved and Trustee Spaulding seconded to appoint Thunder Garcia to fill the Zone 5 Trustee vacancy. A vote was taken and the motion passed. Under Idaho Code, he will be sworn in at the next regular meeting.

Student A and their guardian were present.

Trustee Spaulding moved and Trustee Kipp seconded to enter into executive session as provided under Idaho Code Section 74-206 (1) (b) by a simple majority of current board members present as per Idaho Code Section 74-206(4). A roll call vote was taken with all three board members present voting aye at 4:41 pm. The general tenor of the executive session was discussion of student issues.

After hearing all parties, Trustee Johnson then read the following statement. It is the decision of the Board of Trustees that Student A be allowed to return to school beginning Friday, January 5, 2024, under explicit conditions. Failure to comply with any of the prescribed conditions will result in an immediate additional expulsion hearing. Trustee Kipp moved and Trustee Spaulding seconded to approve the decision. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Trustee Spaulding moved and Trustee Kipp seconded that the board leave executive session and reconvene in regular session. A vote was taken and the motion passed at 5:41 pm.

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

Trustee Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 5:41 pm.

Clerk

Board Chair

LAPWAI SCHOOL DISTRICT #341
School Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
January 17, 2024

The Board of Trustees of School District #341 met in regular session in the Board Room of the District Office. Clerk Weeks called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Clerk Weeks administered the Oath of Office to Thunder Garcia, newly reappointed Trustee for Zone 5.

The board then led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call was made, present were Trustees Samuels-Allen, Johnson, Spaulding, and Garcia. Also attending was Superintendent Aiken, Clerk Weeks and D’Lisa Penney. Trustee Kipp arrived soon after.

Clerk Weeks made a call for nominations for Board Chair. Trustee Garcia moved and Trustee Spaulding seconded to keep the slate of officers the same for the coming year as follows.

Board Chair - Sonya Samuels-Allen
Board Vice Chair - Lori Johnson
Clerk/Treasurer – Nathan Weeks

A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Board Chair Samuels-Allen then began to preside over the meeting.

The schedule of board meetings for the coming year was discussed.

- The Third Monday of each month at 5:00pm in the District Office for March through May and July through December
- The Tuesday following the Holiday on the Third Monday of each month at 5:00 pm in the District Office for February and January
- The Third Tuesday at 5:00pm in the District Office for June

Trustee Garcia moved and Trustee Spaulding seconded to approve the regular meeting for the coming year. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The places for public postings of board meetings was discussed. It has been the District Website and the District Office. Trustee Garcia moved and Trustee Spaulding seconded to keep the places for public postings the same for the coming year. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The Trustees reviewed and signed the Code of Ethics.

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 School Principal Penney reviewed her report.

- The upcoming Indian Education Summit on January 25.
- Attendance
- ISAT prep
- Pride Survey
- Winter Parent – Teacher conferences

Superintendent Aiken presented on the Nez Perce State Tribal Education Consortium Grant including the details of the Written Final Agreement and Contracting Services Agreement. He reviewed recent collaboration with STEP and the Idaho Indian Education Committee regarding improving and defining Tribal Consultation. The most recent JOM allocation and letters from Johanna Jones of the State Board Office of Indian Education were also shared. Discussion included guidance to gather additional information from NPTEC and STEP prior to proceeding with the agreement. Superintendent Aiken shared additional collaboration is scheduled. He agreed to keep the board informed.

He also talked about the flood in the Elementary School last Friday as a result of the fresh air intake not operating correctly when the low was -15 degrees. There was also a flood in the Ag Shop as the water to the old boiler was not shut off when it was mothballed.

He presented his annual portfolio in advance of the evaluation to be completed at the next meeting.

The ISBA's Day on The Hill is coming up next month and a reminder was made for trustees to consider going.

The Second Reading of the following policy was held.

- Policy 803.4 – Grant Writing and Awards

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

A First Reading to Delete Policy 506.10 – Zero Tolerance Violence Policy was listed on the agenda. The intention was to have a first reading to delete Policy 503.10. The correct policy will be listed on the February Agenda.

A Review of Policy 503.10 – Zero Tolerance Violence Policy was listed on the agenda. The intention was to review Policy 506.11 – Zero Violence Policy. The correct policy will be listed on the February Agenda.

The COPS Grant recently awarded to the District requires a specialized system. Only one vendor, Compunet, has been found to provide and install the Audio Enhancement system that the grant was written around. Trustee Garcia moved to approve the Sole Source Vendor Declaration for the Communication System for Compunet. Trustee Spaulding seconded the motion which was passed. The Declaration will be placed in the Tribune as a legal notice and after 14 days of being published with no response from other vendors, the project will proceed with Compunet.

A Late Start on January 10, 2024 was called due to weather. Trustee Kipp moved and Trustee Garcia seconded to approve the identified late start. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The following personnel action item were presented to the board.

Resignation – Middle/High School Secretary – Mari Kerley

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

The Board Training topic was the Impact Aid Questionnaire results.

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

Board Chair Samuels-Allen declared the meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.

Board Chair

Clerk

Date

LAPWAI SCHOOL DISTRICT #341
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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, Culdesac, 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

LAPWAI SCHOOL DISTRICT #341
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March 18, 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, Garcia, and Kipp. Trustees Spaulding and Johnson were absent. Also attending was Superintendent Aiken and Clerk Weeks. There were several people in the audience.

Trustee Garcia 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.

Middle/High School Principal Penney introduced the Valedictorian, Abigail Wittman, Salutatorian, Joseph Payne, and Senior Class President Jayden Leighton. She then reviewed items in her written report.

- Parent Teacher Conferences on March 20 just before Spring Break
- SWIS (School Wide Information System) data
- Vape Monitor Activity and follow through
- Student Surveys

Elementary Principal Wagner said her celebration this month was the professional development opportunity with the Nez Perce STEP (State Tribal Education Partnership) program. The highlight for her was putting up a teepee. Challenges remain with attendance recently due to the State tournaments and illness. She also talked about the SWIS reports.

Indian Education Coordinator Chimburas highlighted several items in her Indian Education Department report.

- Employee Spotlight on Lori Lynn Picard
- ACE (Accessing Choices in Education) Grant objectives and measurements under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA)

Superintendent Aiken reported on several items in his report.

- The Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant timeline
- Nez Perce STEP activities related to a new grant.
- The National Guard Clinic timeline for its second year including the permission form

The following Action Items were presented to the board.

- The Audit Engagement Letter from Quest CPAs for Fiscal Year 2024 and 2025
- The 2024-2025 School Calendar
- The approval of Valedictorian, Abigail Wittman, and Salutatorian, Joseph Payne

Trustee Garcia moved and Trustee Kipp seconded to approve the Action Items as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The following personnel action items were presented to the board.

Resignation – Behavioral Interventionist – Amy Alvarado

New Hire – Assistant Softball Coach – Taylor Gibson
– Interventional Aide – Shelley Littlejohn
– Maintenance Supervisor – Greg Hansen
– Transportation Supervisor – Daniel Dunham

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

The Board Training topic was a Legislative Update.

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 6:28 pm.

Board Chair

Clerk

Date