

LAPWAI SCHOOL DISTRICT #341  
School Board Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
March 17, 2025

The Board of Trustees of School District #341 met in regular session in the Board Room of the District Office. Trustee Garcia presided over the meeting, calling the meeting to order at 5:40 pm. Roll Call was made, present were Trustees Johnson, Kipp, Spaulding, and Garcia. Trustees Samuels-Allen was absent. Also attending was Superintendent Aiken, Clerk Weeks, Teri Wagner, Lori Ravet, D'Lisa Penney, Marika Renshaw, Rebecca Cardenas-Cooley, Kristin Bateman, Nancy Dahl, Ashlee Grunenfelder and for a time, Loretta Spaulding and four others in the audience.

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.

Under Unscheduled Delegations, Loretta Spaulding spoke to the board about her letter that she had written and provided to the board.

Principal Wagner celebrated a third grade student who went to her former second grade teacher and reported she could now read. A challenge is two resignations on the agenda with a possible retirement.

Principal Penney celebrated that ISAT testing is going well, Nez Perce Tribe professional development session, and the Student Resource Officer. Challenges are being noted about codes and policies that need to be used.

Special Education Director Ravet introduced several staff members, Marika Renshaw, Kristin Bateman, Rebecca Cardenas-Cooley, and Nancy Dahl. She also introduced Dr Julie Wittman, Board Certified Behavior Specialist. Dr. Wittman talked about her work at Lapwai.

Principal Penney talked about spring sports including the need for certainty on two assistant coaches. Superintendent Aiken talked about the Positive Coaching Alliance and possible grants available that grant writer Debbie Evans is pursuing. Winter sports surveys are underway.

Superintendent Aiken said his update has a lot of legislative updates which will be covered under the Board Training Agenda item.

The following action items were presented to the board.

Appoint Curriculum Materials Adoption Committee – This would include Sheila Hewett, Verna Taylor, Cara Montelago, Cassie Hays, Kelly Hillman and Teri Wagner. Trustee Garcia moved and Trustee Kipp seconded to approve the members of the committee. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

A Second Reading was held for the following policies.

- Policy 407.7 – Classified Dismissal
- Policy 409.5 – Classified Grievance Procedure

Trustee Kipp moved and Trustee Spaulding seconded to approve the two policies as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

A proposal to change banking from Wells Fargo to Zions Bank was presented to the board. Trustee Garcia moved and Trustee Spaulding seconded to approve opening checking accounts and obtaining credit cards for district use at Zions Bank. Accounts at Wells Fargo will be closed when practical.

Signers for District Accounts will be Sonya Samuels-Allen, Lori Johnson, Connie Desjarlais, and Nathan Weeks. Signers for the Middle High School Associated Student Body Account will be D’Lisa Penney-Pinkham, Tena McKim, Connie Desjarlais, and Nathan Weeks. Signers for the Elementary School Associated Student Body Account will be Teresa Wagner, Tessie McCulley, Connie Desjarlais, and Nathan Weeks. Connie Desjarlais and Nathan Weeks will be in charge of the credit cards. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Trustee Garcia moved and Trustee Kipp seconded to enter into executive session as provided under Idaho Code Section 74-206 (1) (b). A roll call vote was taken with all four board members present voting aye at 6:30 pm. The general tenor of the executive session was discussion of a personnel issue.

Trustee Kipp moved and Trustee Spaulding seconded that the board leave executive session and reconvene in regular session. A vote was taken and the motion passed at 6:54 pm.

The Superintendent Evaluation was presented to the board. Trustee Kipp moved to approve the Superintendent Evaluation. Trustee Spaulding seconded the motion which was passed.

The following personnel action items were presented to the board.

- Resignation – Paraprofessional - Kimberly Stick
- Elementary Teacher – Sasha Rabaiotti
- New Hire – Baseball Coach – Tui Moliga II

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

Under Board Training, a discussion was held about Legislative Updates and the Idaho Indian Education Committee meeting that Superintendent Aiken recently attended.

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

Board Vice Chair Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

  
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 Board Chair

  
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