

LAPWAI SCHOOL DISTRICT #341

School Board Minutes

Regular Meeting

November 17, 2025

The Board of Trustees of School District #341 met in regular session in the Board Room of the District Office. Trustee Samuels-Allen presided over the meeting, calling the meeting to order at 5:00pm. The board then led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call was made, present were Trustees Samuels-Allen, Spaulding, Johnson, and Garcia. Trustee Kipp arrived at 5:04pm. Also attending was Superintendent Aiken and Clerk Weeks. There were several people in the audience.

There was no Public Comment.

Trustee Spaulding 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.

Two qualified patrons from Zone 3 turned in letters of interest for the vacant seat, Rachel “Chedda” Wilson and Gail Jefferson. After asking 5 questions of each candidate, the board held a discussion about what they had heard. A vote was taken with Gail Jefferson receiving 4 votes and Rachel “Chedda” Wilson receiving 1 vote from Trustee Samuels-Allen. Trustee Garcia moved and Trustee Spaulding seconded to appoint Gail Jefferson based on the 4-1 vote. Motion carried. She will be sworn in at the January meeting.

Amaris Kager is a junior and is planning to graduate a year early. She talked about her experiences and plans for college. Trustee Kipp moved and Trustee Garcia seconded to approve her request for early graduation. Motion carried.

Principal Wagner talked about a challenge with the new ELA curriculum. It’s good but hard work has been put in to make it work effectively. Reading data showed an increase from 37% to 69% proficient for Kindergarten, the highest she has seen. There was 91% attendance at Parent Teacher conferences.

Principal Penney highlighted the challenge of updating the SWIP plan with resources that had been available for school improvement. She talked about her report including attendance challenges and credit loss. She is also working on possible C-Squads with schedules and staffing.

Superintendent Aiken highlighted his efforts to get a Nimiipuu name for the new CTE building, piwapayatanwaas, “place of mutual assistance / helping each other”. He gave an update on the progress of the building. He also handed out his annual portfolio in advance of the Superintendent Evaluation next month.

The following personnel action items were presented to the board.

- Resignation – Paraprofessional – Jennifer Arthur  
– Paraprofessional – Jon Paisano
- New Hire – Middle School Girls Basketball Coach – Tawiya Andrews  
– Custodian – Magnus Dahl

Trustee Spaulding moved to approve the listed personnel action items. Trustee Kipp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Under Board Training, a discussion was held about 504 plans.

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

Board Vice Chair Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:43pm.

  
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Board Chair

  
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