

LAPWAI SCHOOL DISTRICT #341

School Board Minutes

Regular Meeting

September 21, 2026

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 5:00pm. The board then led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call was made, present were Trustees Garcia, Kipp, Parrish, Spaulding, and Jefferson. Also attending was Superintendent Aiken and Clerk Weeks. Teri Wagner, Georgia Sobotta, Lori Ravet, Josh Nellesen and two students.

Trustee Spaulding moved and Trustee Jefferson 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.

Josh Nellesen introduced two students, Karissa McFarland and Ella Payne, who are enrolled in the CNA Program at the DeAtley Center in Lewiston. They are looking forward to completing the program and growing from there.

Principal Sobotta reviewed items in her report. Discussion was had about her activities.

Principal Wagner celebrated reading growth. She talked about the challenges of a tighter budget.

Special Education Director Ravet said we now have 108 students receiving services. The positive part is that students needing services are receiving them. The challenge is that funding is tighter. She highlighted Ryan Bovard who has worked to improve Medicaid funding. Bonnita Smith is continuing through the steps to be a Speech Language Pathologist.

Superintendent Aiken highlighted several items.

- The upcoming Parent/Guardian Appreciation event.
- The start of the 21st Century Grant for the Middle/High School.
- Newly developed Occupation Pathways
- Revenue Reduction Challenges with included the impact of the deficiency with the Idaho School Benefit Trust and the extra premium of \$55,000 that had to be paid.

The fee increase hearing for increasing certain fees as follows was held at 6:33pm. No comments were received.

	<u>Was</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Athletic Gate Price – Student with card	\$ 5.00	\$ 6.00
Daily Rate:		
Elementary and Middle-High School Gym	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00
Concession area use in addition to Gym	\$ 125.00	\$ 150.00
Elementary Cafeteria & Middle High School Commons		
Without Use of Kitchen	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00
With Use of Kitchen, 4 hours or less	\$ 150.00	\$ 200.00
With Use of Kitchen, over 4 hours	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00
Football Field / Track, Use of Concession Area	\$ 75.00	\$ 150.00
Auditorium, Classroom, or Libraries	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00
Driver's Education – Effective October 1, 2026		
In District Student	125.00	375.00
Out of District Student	150.00	450.00

Trustee Spaulding moved and Trustee Jefferson seconded to approve the fee increases as listed. Motion carried.

The Master Agreement for the 2026-2027 School Year was presented to the board. Trustee Spaulding moved and Trustee Jefferson seconded to approve the agreement as presented. Motion carried.

The Second Reading of the following policies was held.

- Policy - 401.4 - Hiring Process and Criteria
- 503.7 – Possession of Weapons
- 505.7 - Life Threatening Allergies
- 505.12 – Student Health Screenings and Examinations
- 506.13 - Hazing, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, and Inappropriate Online Behavior
- 601.5 – Minute of Silence

Trustee Spaulding moved and Trustee Kipp seconded to approve the listed policies as presented. Motion carried.

The matter of updating the signatures on the Lapwai Middle/High School Associated Student Body Checking Account with Zions Bank was discussed. Former Principal D’Lisa Penney-Pinkham will be removed and new Principal Georgia Sobotta will be added.

The 2026-2027 Transportation Plan was presented to the board.

Trustee Kipp moved and Trustee Spaulding seconded to approve the listed policies and the 2026-2027 Transportation Plan as presented. Motion carried.

The following personnel action items were presented to the board.

- Resignation – Food Service – Juliana Stick
- New Hire – Food Service – Heather Beckman
- Volunteer – Elementary School – Juliana Stick
– Cheerleading – Juliana Big Man

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

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

Board Chair Garcia declared the meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.



Board Chair



Clerk

10-19-26

Date