

LAPWAI SCHOOL DISTRICT #341
School Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
January 20, 2026

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 5:00 p.m.

Clerk Weeks administered the Oath of Office to the following trustees.

DelRae Kipp, newly reelected Trustee for Zone 1.
Lori Lynn Parrish, newly elected Trustee for Zone 2.
Gail Jefferson, newly appointed Trustee for Zone 3.

The board then led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call was made, present were Trustees Kipp, Parrish, Jefferson, Spaulding, and Garcia. Also attending was Superintendent Aiken and Clerk Weeks. Teri Wagner and Lori Ravet were in the audience.

Clerk Weeks made a call for nominations for Board Chair. Trustee Spaulding nominated Thunder Garcia for Board Chair. After no more nominations were made, Trustee Kipp moved and Trustee Spaulding seconded to close nominations and elect Trustee Garcia as Board Chair. Motion carried.

Board Chair Garcia then began to preside over the meeting.

A call for nominations was made for Vice-Chair. Trustee Jefferson nominated DelRae Kipp for Vice Chair. After no more nominations were made, Trustee Jefferson moved Trustee Spaulding seconded close nominations and to elect Trustee Kipp as Vice Chair. Motion carried.

Trustee Spaulding moved to appoint Nathan Weeks as Clerk/Treasurer. Trustee Kipp seconded the motion which was passed.

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 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

Trustee Spaulding moved and Trustee Parrish seconded to approve the regular meeting schedule 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 posted on the District Website and at the District Office. Trustee Spaulding moved and Trustee Parrish seconded to keep the places for public postings the same for the coming year. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

With the change in officers, it is necessary to update the signatories on the Zions Bank District checking account. Trustee Spaulding moved to update the signatories on the Zions Bank District checking account as follows.

Remove: Sonya Sonya-Allen
Lori Johnson

Add: Orlando Thunder Garcia, Board Chair
DelRae Kipp, Vice Chair
David Aiken, Superintendent

Keep: Nathan Weeks, Business Manager
Connie Desjarlais, District Office Manager

Trustee Parrish seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Trustees reviewed and signed the Code of Ethics.

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.

Elementary School Principal Wagner reviewed her report. She celebrated the Kindergarten reading score improvement. Implementing the CKLA reading curriculum continues to be challenging but it is working.

Special Education Director Ravet introduced herself to the new board members. There are 102 students receiving services. She covered an infographic about the basics of Special Education. She said that most of her staff had received training in Native Pedagogy. The challenge she identified is the possible changes coming in the Medicaid program with managed care.

Superintendent Aiken talked about the Positive Coaching Alliance, how busy the gyms are for winter sports, and community awards. He also covered the work the Apollo firm is doing to assess building conditions and identifying grants to address improvements.

The following Action Items were presented to the Board.

- Emergency Closure – December 17, 2025 – Power Outages
- First Reading – Policy 702.17 – Van Use and Safety
 - Policy 802.1 – Public Procurement of Goods and Services
 - Policy 503.3.1 – Student Activities Drug Testing
- Review Policy – 204.5 - Indian Policies and Procedures Impact Aid
 - 204.5.1 - Federal Impact Funds Policy
 - 204.5.2 - Federal Impact Funds Procedures

Trustee Spaulding moved and Trustee Jefferson seconded to approve the Emergency Closure and the Review of Policies 205.5, 204.5.1, and 204.5.2. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The policies that had a First Reading will be on the February Agenda for a Second Reading.

The following personnel action item were presented to the board.

Resignation – Food Service – Faviola Baez Acosta

Volunteer – Middle School Wrestling – Skyler Lomanto

Trustee Spaulding moved and Trustee Parrish 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 Garcia declared the meeting adjourned at 6:18pm.



Board Chair



Clerk



Date