

Regular Board Meeting
Independent School District 564 – Board of Education
October 10, 2023
6:00 p.m.
DSC Board Room

A Regular Meeting of Independent School District #564 Board of Education was held on Monday, September 25, 2023, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the DSC board room. The following board members were present: Michelle Westerman, Wayne Nomeland, Misty Hempel, Chris Melbye, John Syvertson, and Mike Spears. Absent were: Ryan Walseth

Staff members present were: Dr. Chris Mills, Angie Dahlen, and Tony Greene.

Also present were: Gretta Grzadzielewski, Kailee Larson, and Dave Hill.

Board Vice-Chair Hempel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Clerk Melbye confirmed that a quorum was present.

A motion was made by Michelle Westerman and seconded by Mike Spears to approve the October 10, 2023 agenda, as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by John Syvertson and seconded by Wayne Nomeland to approve the amended minutes of the September 25, 2023 regular school board meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mike Spears and seconded by Chris Melbye to approve the bills as submitted and on file in the School District Business Office. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Presentations: None.

Reports:

- A. Committee Report: None
- B. Student Report:
 - 1. Gretta Grzadzielewski & Kailee Larson presented some photos from the Homecoming Week festivities. About 400 students attended the Homecoming Dance. \$4,000 was raised throughout the week, it will be used towards buying sound and light equipment for the school.
- C. Superintendent's Report:
 - 1. Dr. Chris Mills discussed his notes from 9/25-10/10.

Business Action Items:

- A. A motion was made by Wayne Nomeland and seconded by Mike Spears to approve the consent agenda as presented, and as appropriate, per negotiated contract, salary and benefits, and an acceptable background check. Motion carried.

Personnel:

- 1. Approve the employment of **Kayla Lian**, Interim High School Principal, LHS, effective November 6, 2023 - June 30, 2024.
- 2. Approve the employment of **Elisha Molitor**, Cleaner, FMS, effective October 16, 2023.

3. Approve the employment of **Nicole Voytilla**, Special Education Paraprofessional, FMS, effective October 16, 2023.
 4. Approve the employment of **Shae Olson**, Special Education Paraprofessional, FMS, effective October 23, 2023.
 5. Accept the resignation of **Stacie Mooney**, Administrative Support – Learner Support Services/ALC, effective October 6, 2023.
 6. Approve the leave of absence for **Rachael Moore**, Paraprofessional, FMS, from approximately November 25, 2023 through January 1, 2024.
- B. A motion was made by John Syvertson and seconded by Chris Melbye to approve the following 2023-24 Extra-Curricular Assignments. Motion carried.

1. Alyssa Hanson-Student Store-MS

- C. A motion was made by Michelle Westerman and seconded by Mike Spears to approve the Lincoln High School Spanish class trip to Costa Rica. Motion carried.
- D. A motion was made by Chris Melbye and seconded by John Syvertson to approve the Lincoln High School International Science trip. Motion carried.
- E. A motion was made by Mike Spears and seconded by Chris Melbye to approve opening a Premier Investment Savings account at Border Bank with the same authorized signers as the District's Border checking account. Motion carried.
- F. A motion was made by Michelle Westerman and seconded by John Syvertson to approve the Lease agreement with the Ralph Engelstad Arena for the November 7, 2023 School District Special Election. Motion carried.
- G. A motion was made by Wayne Nomeland and seconded by Mike Spears to approve the RESOLUTION relating to appointing election judges and absentee ballot board members for the November 7, 2023 School District Special Election. It is hereby found, determined and declared as follows:

1. The following individuals, each of whom is qualified to serve as an election judge, are hereby appointed as judges of election for the School District's special election on November 7, 2023 to act as such at the polling place listed below:

Ralph Engelstad Arena
525 Brooks Avenue North
Thief River Falls, Minnesota

Head Election Judges: Katherine Fogarty, Elna Lendobeja, Linda Ramsey, Cathy Miramontes and Millie Reiersen.
Judges: Sandra Knutson, Ruth Ostby, Lana Sandahl, Edith Brandli, Barb Holthusen, Tracy Hjelle, Esther Johnson, Glen Kajeweski, Cindy Vennes, Randi Hodny, William Fogarty, Deborah Ernst, Deborah Fulton, Katie German, Beth Sheehan.

2. The election judges shall act as clerks of election, count the ballots cast and submit the results to the Board for canvass in the manner provided for other school district elections.
3. The following individuals, each of whom is qualified to serve as an election judge, are hereby designated to deliver absentee ballots to hospital patients and residents of health care facilities in accordance with

Minnesota Statutes, Section 203B.11, Subdivision 1 for the School District's special election on November 7, 2023:

Millie Reiersen, Randi Hodny

Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Michelle Westerman, Wayne Nomeland, Misty Hempel, Chris Melbye, John Syvertson, and Mike Spears.

and the following voted against the same: none

whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

- H. A motion was made by Michelle Westerman and seconded by John Syvertson to approve the RESOLUTION of Governing Board of Thief River Falls ISD #564, supporting the application to Minnesota State High School League Foundation for a FORM A grant to offset student activity fees. Motion carried.
- I. A motion was made by John Syvertson and seconded by Mike Spears to approve the RESOLUTION of Governing Board of Thief River Falls ISD #564, supporting the application to Minnesota State High School League Foundation for a FORM B grant.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Ryan Walseth, Chair

Chris Melbye, Clerk