

Regular Board Meeting
Independent School District 564 – Board of Education
September 26, 2022
6:00 p.m.
DSC Boardroom

A Regular Meeting of Independent School District #564 Board of Education was held on Monday, September 26, 2022, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the DSC Boardroom. The following board members were present: Ryan Walseth, Misty Hempel, Mike Spears, Wayne Nomeland, and Craig Mattson. Absent: Michelle Westerman and Chris Melbye.

Staff members present were: Dr. Paula Henry, Melissa Bushy, Sara Olson, Tanya Monson-Ek, Holly Ward, Dr. Tony Greene, Mike Weinen, Derek Druse, Sarah Vogel, Amber Seaverson, and Amber Neadeau.

Also present were: Coby Skjerven, Dre'Ann Neadeau, Arianna Almendarez, Hailee Eidelbes, Hailey Beaulieu-Neadeau, Marlene Anderson, Dave Hill, and Jillian Neibaur.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chair Walseth called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Vice-Chair Hempel confirmed that a quorum was present.

A motion was made by Wayne Nomeland and seconded by Misty Hempel to approve the September 26, 2022 agenda, as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Craig Mattson and seconded by Mike Spears to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2022 Regular Board Meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

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

Public Comment: None.

Presentations:

- A. Holly Ward introduced her guests that were in attendance. They presented on "Bring Them Home."
- B. Derek Druse and Sarah Vogel presented their proposed LHS Band & Orchestra trip to Florida in late May/early June 2023.

Reports:

- A. Student Report: Coby Skjerven gave a recap of Homecoming Week at LHS held September 19-23.
- B. Principal's Report:
 - 1. Dr. Tony Greene, FMS Principal, gave an update on FMS.
 - 2. Scott Brekke, LHS Principal, gave an update on LHS.
- C. Committee Report:
 - 1. Ryan Walseth gave a report from the Finance Committee held on September 22, 2022.
- D. Superintendent's Report -
 - 1. Interim Superintendent Dr. Paula Henry started out her report by complimenting our students and staff on a great Homecoming week. So many traditions and so much pride!

2. She talked about the great work being done in the District with PBIS - Positive Behavior Intervention Supports. This is courageous work which involves leadership and collaboration. We have great staff in place to do this work.
3. Dr. Henry went on to talk about the upcoming Long-Term Planning Advisory Committee meeting that will be held on September 29 at the LHS Training Center. Dr. Henry shared that every little thing we can do to communicate and work to pass a referendum we must do. In addition, all of the work of building trust and clear communication must be handed off carefully to the new superintendent next July. The community needs to be assured we are all together on the referendum plan for our students. She encouraged everyone to reach out to her for more information as needed stating that communication and collaboration are important.

Recognitions:

- A. Congratulations to the 2022 LHS Homecoming Court:
Freshman Attendants - Jett Cornelius, Keigan Hermanson, Raya Dahlin, & Piper Greene
Sophomore Attendants - Owen Bushy, Tallon Vorderbruggen, Miranda Novak, & Vanessa Thibert
Junior Attendants - Griffin Lundeen, Evan Paschke, Kendra Mehrkens, & Kora Sorter
Senior King Attendants - Geran Gonsowrowski, Coby Skjerven, & Charles Barry
Senior Queen Attendants - Alaina Lunsetter, Johanna Mattson, & Paige Weets
Jr. Attendants - Audrey Shaw & Cooper Geiser
- B. Congratulations to LHS Seniors, Alaina Lunsetter and Geran Gonsowrowski, who were crowned Homecoming King & Queen at LHS Coronation on Monday, September 19, 2022.

Business Action Items:

- A. A motion was made by Misty Hempel and seconded by Mike Spears to approve the proposed 2023 LHS Band & Orchestra trip. Board Chair Walseth abstained. Motion carried.
- B. A motion was made by Craig Mattson and seconded by Wayne Nomeland to approve the contract with Amy Rinowski to provide DHH tele-therapy services for the 2022-23 school year. Motion carried.
- C. A motion was made by Misty Hempel 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 assignment of **Tawnya Stroot**, Peer Learning Assistant, effective September 14, 2022.
2. Approve the assignment of **Jaclyn Kuznia**, School Counselor, effective September 15, 2022.
3. Approve the employment of **Toni Belgarde**, Special Education Paraprofessional, FMS, effective October 3, 2022.
4. Accept the resignation of **Barry Oakgrove**, Bus Driver, effective September 14, 2022.
5. Accept the resignation of **Jacob Laird**, Bus Driver, effective September 13, 2022.
6. Accept the resignation of **Kiana Peralta**, Kitchen Helper, CES, effective September 15, 2022.
7. Accept the resignation of **Carmine Trulson**, Cleaner, FMS, effective September 30, 2022.
8. Approve the termination of **Katie Seeger**, Special Education Paraprofessional, effective September 20, 2022.
9. Approve the leave of absence for **Michelle Lorenson**, School Readiness Teacher, from approximately December 6, 2022 until approximately March 1, 2023.
10. Approve the leave of absence for **Carolyn Larson**, Communications Teacher, FMS, from approximately November 28, 2022 until approximately February 1, 2023.

11. Approve the increase of hours for **Andrea Volk**, Speech Language Pathologist, from .8 to 1.0 FTE, effective September 26, 2022.
- D. A motion was made by Mike Spears and seconded by Wayne Nomeland to approve the request for lane changes effective September 1, 2022. Motion carried.
1. Mackenzie Nelson - MA/Step 5
- E. A motion was made to approve the Employment Agreement for Holly Ward, Director of Learner Support Services, effective August 19, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Motion carried.
- F. A motion was made by Misty Hempel and seconded by Mike Spears to approve the MOA with Thief River Falls Education Association regarding teletherapy work for the 2022-23 school year. Motion carried.
- G. A motion was made by Mike Spears and seconded by Wayne Nomeland to approve to certify the preliminary 2022 pay 2023 proposed levy to the MAXIMUM amount. Motion carried.
- Please note:* The Truth in Taxation meeting will be held with the regular board meeting on December 12, 2022 at the District Service Center Board Room. The Truth in Taxation portion of the meeting will be discussed at 6:15 pm or later.
- H. A motion was made by Mike Spears and seconded by Craig Mattson to approve the renewal if insurance coverage with Employers Mutual Insurance Company (EMC) through North Risk Partners, Thune Division, at a premium of \$178, 622 for the period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. The insurance coverages include the following areas: Commercial Property, General Liability, Business Auto, Commercial Inland Marine, Commercial Umbrella, Crime, Linebacker and Cyber Solutions. Motion carried.
- I. A motion was made by Wayne Nomeland and seconded by Craig Mattson to approve the following policies w/ changes: Motion carried.
1. MSBA 209 Code of Ethics
2. MSBA 515 Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records
3. MSBA 603 Curriculum Development
4. MSBA 616 School District System Accountability
5. MSBA 806 Crisis Management
- J. Other:
1. ISD 564 will be hosting a Chamber Mixer on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 from 5-7 pm in the LHS Training Center. A donation of a nonperishable item for our Prowler Pantry is welcomed.
2. Just a reminder there will be a Long-Term Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday, September 29, 2022 at 7 am in the LHS Training Center.
3. The next regular school board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 6 pm. Please note the change in day.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

/s/
Ryan Walseth, Chair

/s/
Michelle Westerman, Clerk