

Regular Board Meeting
Independent School District 564 – Board of Education
March 28, 2022
6:00 p.m.
DSC Board Room

A Regular Meeting of Independent School District #564 Board of Education was held on Monday, March 28, 2022 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the DSC Board Room. The following board members were present: Chris Melbye, Mike Spears, Michelle Westerman, Ryan Walseth, Misty Hempel, and Craig Mattson. Absent: Wayne Nomeland.

Staff members present were: Tanya Monson-Ek, Sara Olson, Scott Brekke, Josh Watne, Danielle Schantz, Meg Kolden, Sandy Fladeland, and Patrick Marolt.

Also present were: Marlene Anderson, Dave Hill, Kaden Mostrom, Daniella Niebuhr, and Jillian Niebaur.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

A motion was made by Misty Hempel and seconded by Craig Mattson to approve the March 28, 2022 agenda as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Misty Hempel and seconded by Mike Spears to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2022 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Michelle Westerman and seconded by Mike Spears to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2022 School Board Work Session 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.

Superintendent's Report:

The City of Thief River Falls is considering a proposal to modify a development and adopt a TIF plan. This TIF plan will be an economic development "tax increment financing" district for workforce housing with a maximum term of 9 years. This plan will help the City develop workforce housing and daycare options for families.

Superintendent Stepan said she has left a voicemail with the City for further information.

Superintendent Stepan shared she will be spending some time with our Legislators on March 30 for "Day at the Capitol".

Superintendent Stepan has now met with all CES, FMS, and LHS staff to review budget reductions and provide clarity. Some appreciated hearing the clarification and others were still not satisfied.

We are working on setting up a school board work session with Baird Financial to review the budget and talk about the referendum.

Committee Reports:

Chris Melbye gave a report on the Finance Committee meeting that was held on March 23.

Student Report:

LHS Seniors, Daniella Niebuhr and Kaden Mostrom talked about current events happening at LHS.

Principal Report:

Patrick Marolt - CES, Josh Watne - FMS, and Scott Brekke - LHS, provided updates from their buildings.

Recognitions:

- A. Recognize the donation from TRF Sports Boosters to Special Olympics totaling \$1,000.
- B. Recognize the donation from American Legion Post 117 to Band totaling \$1,000.
- C. Recognize the donation from American Legion Post 117 to Orchestra totaling \$1,000.

Presentations:

Real World Authentic Opportunities:

Voice and Choice:

Equitable Experiences:

Safety (Strategic Direction D):

- A. A motion was made by Michelle Westerman and seconded by Craig Mattson to approve the change from Level 2 to Level 1 on the COVID Matrix. Motion carried.

Staff Growth:

- A. A motion was made by Misty Hempel and seconded by Mike Spears to approve the Consent Agenda and as appropriate, per negotiated contract, salary and benefits and an acceptable background check. Motion carried.

Personnel:

1. Accept the resignation of **Jodi Nehring**, Special Education Paraprofessional, effective April 1, 2022.
2. Accept the resignation of **Amanda Grzadzielewski**, Student and Family Support Coordinator, effective April 8, 2022.
3. Accept the resignation of **Megan Vigen**, Elementary Teacher, effective June 6, 2022.
4. Accept the resignation of **Amber Murry**, Science Teacher, FMS, effective June 6, 2022.
5. Accept the resignation of **Mary Wayne**, Kitchen Helper, effective April 8, 2022.
6. Accept the resignation of **Donita Stepan**, Superintendent, effective June 30, 2022.
7. Approve the assignment of **Anthony Greene**, Middle School Principal, effective July 1, 2022.
8. Approve the assignment of **Laura Juve**, School Counselor, LHS, effective March 14, 2022.
9. Approve the employment of **Rachel Moore**, Special Education Paraprofessional, effective April 4, 2022.

- B. A motion was made by Mike Spears and seconded by Michelle Westerman to approve the following Spring 2022 Extra-Curricular Assignments: Motion carried.
1. Kimmy Burstad-MS Tennis-Head
 2. Lori Lindholm-B/G Track-HS-Asst
- C. A motion was made by Michelle Westerman and seconded by Mike Spears to accept the retirement of Rachel Tveiten, Paraprofessional, CES, effective June 3, 2022. Motion carried.
- D. A motion was made by Michelle Westerman and seconded by Chris Melbye to approve the Resolution to eliminate the Director of Athletics position and establish and post for a Director of Athletics and Activities/Dean of Students position, effective for the 2022-2023 school year. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted in favor of: Walseth, Melbye, and Westerman. Voting in opposition to: Spears, Hempel, and Mattson. Absent: Nomeland. Motion failed.

Strong Fiscal Management:

- A. A motion was made by Misty Hempel and seconded by Chris Melbye to approve the new Summer Latchkey rates, effective June 7, 2022. Motion carried.
- B. A motion was made by Mike Spears and seconded by Craig Mattson to approve the Resolution to accept the donations received for the benefit of the district as designated. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted in favor of: Walseth, Spears, Hempel, Mattson, Melbye and Westerman. Absent: Nomeland. Motion carried.

Policies:

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

**/s/
Ryan Walseth, Chair**

**/s/
Michelle Westerman, Clerk**