

Regular Board Meeting
Independent School District 564 – Board of Education
March 14, 2022
6:00 p.m.
DSC Board Room

A Regular Meeting of Independent School District #564 Board of Education was held on Monday, March 14, 2022 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the DSC Board Room. The following board members were present: Chris Melbye, Mike Spears, Craig Mattson, Ryan Walseth, Wayne Nomeland, and Misty Hempel. Absent: Michelle Westerman.

Staff members present were: Tanya Monson-Ek, Amber Lindgren, Tony Greene, Patrick Marolt, Scott Brekke, Kelly Weets, Sara Olson, Josh Watne, Danny Christensen, Lauren Johnson, Brett Johnson, Kylie Lehrer, Karlyn Norlin, Pam Vettleson, Paula Praska, Denice Nelson, Tanya Syvertson, Ally Lovejoy, Mike Gullingsrud, Jill Solberg, Shawna Spears, Beth Heikkila, Katie Hahn, Alyssa Walter, Jason Schuster, Lisa Berg, Sherry Miller, Mary Fran Twistol, Marcy Helling, Amber Murry, and Sandy Fladeland.

Also present were: Marlene Anderson, April Scheinoha, Jillian Neibaur, Nicole Voytilla, Daniella Niebuhr, and Kaden Mostrom.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

A motion was made by Misty Hempel and seconded by Mike Spears to remove item XIV:B from the March 14, 2022 agenda and to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried 5-1. Voting in opposition: Melbye. Absent: Westerman.

A motion was made by Mike Spears and seconded by Craig Mattson to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2022 Regular Board Meeting as amended. 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:

One request for public comment was received by 5 pm on March 14, 2022 to speak at the school board meeting - Denice Nelson, CES teacher.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Stepan attended the 2022 MASA conference this week. It was an excellent PD session. The top three sessions that had the biggest influence on me were: 1) Market - Competition is high. Schools need to start marketing campaigns in order to keep students and get new ones. 2) Finance - Although budget reductions are difficult, it's our responsibility to foster strong fiscal responsibility. 3) Keynote Speaker - Word of the year. Keep pushing to make changes that increase student learning.

A special thanks to Oak Vichaikul and Sara Olson. We cleaned out the tech closets. A recycling company picked up our older devices/equipment, receiving an Initial \$2,500 upon pickup. We'll receive additional \$\$\$ once they go through each device. We are working on updating our camera system and making sure each of our administrators are trained. We will continue to evaluate whether we need more in the future.

Congratulations to staff member, Maria Gonzalez, on being named our latest Prowler Chip award recipient. Maria has been working for TRFPS for the past 18 years and has most recently been promoted to Head Cook. Maria brings Real World Authentic Opportunities to our students every day as she brings new, innovative meals to our students. When asked, Maria says, "I just want to make the kids happy". Ask her about her new authentic Mexican meal that brings Mexico to the US. Maria has brought a new twist to "school lunch" and it's not surprising, as we are seeing more and more students participating in school lunch. We are so thrilled to have Maria as part of our team.

The school board will have a work session on March 21 at 5 pm to review and discuss the following items:
1) Operating referendum timing options and 2) The continuation of the NW Online Learning Academy Pilot Program.

Committee Reports:

Student Report:

LHS Seniors, Daniella Niebuhr and Kaden Mostrom, provided an update on current events at LHS.

Principal Report:

Recognitions:

- A. Lealand Vettleson (Prowler Boys Swimming) didn't make the finals at State but he took off another 1.5 seconds to swim his fastest of the year. Congratulations on a great season, Lealand!
- B. The Prowler Wrestling team took 5th place at State - the first time ever that we have placed as a team. They lost to Becker, beat Mora, and then Fairmont for Consolation. Congratulations to Maverick Iverson for making the All-Tournament Team. Maverick won all 3 matches by pins and all in the first period. Cody Wiene did not place - he went 1-2. Griffin Lundeen placed 5th.
- C. On March 5-8th the FMS Robotics team won their 3rd straight state championship and earned an invitation to the World Championships in Dallas, TX.

Presentations:

- A. LHS Vision Cards - Scott Brekke and Kelly Weets
- B. Achievement and Integration - Sara Olson

Real World Authentic Opportunities:

Voice and Choice:

Equitable Experiences:

- A. A motion was made by Craig Mattson and seconded by Wayne Nomeland to approve the Achievement and Integration Plan for 2022-2025. Motion carried.

Safety (*Strategic Direction D*):

- A. A motion was made by Wayne Nomeland and seconded by Misty Hempel to approve the changes to the Safe Learning Plan and COVID Matrix. Motion carried.

Staff Growth:

- A. A motion was made by Wayne Nomeland and seconded by Misty Hempel 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. Accept the resignation of **Blake Kuznia**, Construction Careers Teacher, LHS, effective March 31, 2022.
 2. Accept the resignation of **Mike Biermaier**, Director of Athletics and Activities, effective June 30, 2022.
 3. Approve the employment of **Diane Paulson**, Communications Arts Teacher (Long-Term Substitute), FMS, effective March 7, 2022 - June 6, 2022.
 4. Approve the leave of absence for **Arlette Defreese**, Transportation Assistant, from approximately March 11, 2022 - April 22, 2022.
- B. A motion was made by Mike Spears and seconded by Misty Hempel to accept the retirement of Denice Nelson after 31 years as an Elementary Education Teacher, CES, effective June 6, 2022. Motion carried.
- C. A motion was made by Craig Mattson and seconded by Misty Hempel to approve the following Spring 2022 Extra-Curricular Assignments: Motion carried.

1. Jon Hams-Baseball-MS-7th gr
2. Gary Laidley-Baseball-HS-JV
3. Mark Haugen-Baseball-MS-8th gr
4. Grant Conway-Baseball-HS-9th gr
5. Corey Poole-Baseball-HS-Head
6. Kindra Poissant-Softball-MS-8th gr
7. Jason Schuster-Softball-MS-7th gr
8. Bob Huot-Softball-HS-JV
9. Rick Looker-Softball-HS-9th gr
10. Carter Rogalla-Softball-HS-Head
11. Rick Johnson-Boys Golf-HS-Head(9.5%)/JV(5.76%)
12. Tim Magnusson-Boys Golf-HS-Head(9.5%)/JV(5.76%)
13. Todd Prickett-Boys Golf-HS-Asst
14. Brett Johnson-Girls Golf-HS-Head(9.5%)/JV(5.76%)
15. Lauren Johnson-Girls Golf-HS-Head(9.5%)/JV(5.76%)
16. Michael Magnusson-Boys Tennis-HS-Head(9.5%)/JV(5.76%)
17. Shawna Spears-Boys Tennis-Head(9.5%)/JV(5.76%)
18. Nathan Hruby-B/G Track-HS-Head
19. Paul Brandt-B/G Track-HS-Asst
20. Kathryn Nelson-B/G Track-HS-Head
21. Ariana Porter-B/G Track-MS-Asst
22. Stacey Leake-B/G Track-MS Asst
23. Danielle Schantz-B/G Track-MS-Head
24. Alexis Lane-Spring Play/Drama

Strong Fiscal Management:

- A. A motion was made by Mike Spears and seconded by Wayne Nomeland to approve the Donation Agreement with the Sanford Health Network for five years, from July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2026. Motion carried.

Policies:

- A. The following policies with changes were reviewed. These policies will be approved at the March 28, 2022 school board meeting.
 - 1. **MSBA 208** *Development, Adoption, and Implementation of Policies*
 - 2. **MSBA 210** *Conflict of Interest - School Board Members*
- B. A motion was made by Wayne Nomeland and seconded by Misty Hempel to approve the renewal of the following policies. Motion carried.
 - 1. **MSBA 103** *Complaints - Students, Employees, Parents, Other Persons*
 - 2. **MSBA 203.5** *School Board Meeting Agenda*
 - 3. **MSBA 206** *Public participation in School Board Meetings/Complaints About Persons at School Board Meetings and Data Privacy Considerations*

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

/s/
Ryan Walseth, Chair

/s/
Michelle Westerman, Clerk