

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

A Regular Meeting of Independent School District #564 Board of Education was held on Monday, February 14, 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, Wayne Nomeland, and Misty Hempel. Absent: Craig Mattson.

Staff members present were: Tanya Monson-Ek, Amber Lindgren, Tony Greene, Patrick Marolt, Scott Brekke, Sara Olson, Josh Watne, Brenda Kasprick, Katie Engevik, Holly Ward, Mary Fran Twistol, Amber Murry, Lora Rantanen, Oak Vichaikul, Kenny Geiser, Darci Geiser, Leslie Fisher, Danielle Spiten, Tanya Loe, and Mariah Hruby.

Also present were: Marlene Anderson, April Scheinoha, Jillian Neibaur, 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 approve the February 14, 2022 agenda as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Michelle Westerman and seconded by Wayne Nomeland to approve the minutes of the January 24, 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:

Two requests for public comment were received by 5 pm on February 14, 2022 to speak at the school board meeting - Katie Engevik, LHS German teacher and Kenny Geiser, LHS Social Studies. Both spoke in relation to the proposed budget cuts.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Stepan will be presenting later in the meeting on the proposed budget reductions for 2022-23.

Committee Reports:

Ryan Walseth gave a recap from the Finance Committee meeting held on February 7.

Wayne Nomeland gave a recap from the MEC Committee meeting that was held on February 9.

Student Report:

LHS Senior, Kaden Mostrom, provided an update on current events at LHS.

Principal Report:

Recognitions:

- A. Recognize the donation from Kyle & Misty Mehrkens to the Prowler Track & Field totaling \$750.
- B. Recognize the donation from Fraternal Order of Eagles to the Prowler Track & Field totaling \$2,000.
- C. Recognize the donation from Digi-Key Corporation to the FMS Robotics Program totaling \$550.
- D. Recognize the donation from Genereux Realty to the LBLS program totaling \$50.
- E. Recognize the donation from Northern Motors to the LBLS program totaling \$100.
- F. Recognize the donation from Northdale Oil to the LBLS program totaling \$100.
- G. Recognize the donation from Westside Motors to the LBLS program totaling \$250.
- H. Recognize the donation from VFW Post 2793 to the LBLS program totaling \$100.
- I. Recognize the donation from the Fraternal Order of Eagles to the LBLS program totaling \$500.
- J. Recognize the donation from Paint & Glass Interiors to the LBLS program totaling \$100.
- K. Recognize the donation from North Risk Partners to the LBLS program totaling \$250.
- L. Recognize the donation from the Jay Swanson Agency to the LBLS program totaling \$100.
- M. Recognize the donation from American Legion Post 117 to the LBLS program totaling \$500.

Presentations:

- A. Update on LSS goals - **Holly Ward**
- B. Tech Update - **Sara Olson, Oak Vichaikul, and Lora Rantanen**
- C. Budget Reduction - **Donita Stepan and Tanya Monson-Ek**

Real World Authentic Opportunities:

Voice and Choice:

Equitable Experiences:

Safety (Strategic Direction D):

Staff Growth:

- A. A motion was made by Misty Hempel and seconded by Michelle Westerman to approve the following mid-year lane changes effective February 1, 2022, for the following individuals per Article X. Employment Rates and Conditions, Section 10, Subd. 4 of the Master Agreement with the Thief River Falls Education Association. Motion carried.

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
1. Melora Bergee	BA40/3 years	BA50/4 years
2. Jaclyn Kuznia	BA10/3 years	BA40/3 years
3. Tanya Syvertson	MA20/12 years	MA30/12 years
4. Brittney Schwab	MA/6 years	MA20/6 years

- B. A motion was made by Misty Hempel and seconded by Mike Spears to deny the request for a sabbatical leave of absence for Katie Hahn, Band Teacher, LHS, effective for the 2022-23 school year. Motion carried.
- C. A motion was made by Chris Melbye and seconded by Wayne Nomeland 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 Amy Jelle, Kitchen Helper, effective January 27, 2022.
2. Accept the resignation of Ronald Rondorf, FMS Maintenance, effective March 18, 2022.
3. Accept the resignation of Solymar Hernandez, Kitchen Helper, effective February 9, 2022.
4. Accept the resignation of Brady Hoffard, Special Education Paraprofessional, effective February 15, 2022.
5. Accept the resignation of Ross Hays, Cleaner, effective January 24, 2022.
6. Approve the employment of Jessica Cederberg, Social Studies Teacher (Long-Term Substitute), FMS, effective January 31, 2022 - May 27, 2022.
7. Approve the employment of Ginger Alby, Little Brother/Little Sister Program Coordinator, effective February 14, 2022.

Strong Fiscal Management:

- A. A motion was made by Chris Melbye and seconded by Mike Spears to approve the proposed budget reductions for 2022-23 school year. The motion carried 5 to 1; with Hempel voting in opposition to and Mattson was absent.
- B. A motion was made by Wayne Nomeland and seconded by Mike Spears 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, Westerman, Spears, Melbye, Hempel, and Nomeland. Absent: Mattson. Motion carried.

Policies:

- A. A motion was made by Michelle Westerman and seconded by Misty Hempel to approve to remove TRF 650 504 Policy Statement policy. Motion carried.
- B. A motion was made by Wayne Nomeland and seconded by Misty Hempel to approve the renewal of the following policies w/ no changes. Motion carried.
 1. MSBA 210 Conflict of Interest -School Board Members policy
 2. MSBA 530 Immunization Requirements policy
 3. MSBA 602 Organization of School Calendar and School Day policy
 4. MSBA 612.1 Development of Parent and Family Engagement Policies for Title 1 Programs policy.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

**/s/
Ryan Walseth, Chair**

**/s/
Michelle Westerman, Clerk**