

Regular Board Meeting
Independent School District 564 – Board of Education
January 24, 2022
6:00 p.m.
DSC Board Room

A Regular Meeting of Independent School District #564 Board of Education was held on Monday, January 24, 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 Craig Mattson. Absent: Misty Hempel.

Staff members present were: Melissa Bushy, Kelly Weets, Nicole Wienen, Sara Olson, Tony Greene, Josh Watne, and Patrick Marolt.

Also present were: Marlene Anderson, April Scheinoha, Sandy Kiddoo, and Jillian Niebaur.

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 Wayne Nomeland and seconded by Michelle Westerman to approve the January 24, 2022 agenda as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mike Spears and seconded by Craig Mattson to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2022 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

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

Public Comment: None.

Superintendent's Report:

Supt Stepan shared that this week is Paraprofessional Week. We are so grateful for the multitude of ways that our paras have stepped up and helped manage our buildings and provide support for our students.

Congratulations to Erica Motteberg, FMS Special Education teacher, who is our second Prowler Chip recipient. Erica's work as a special education teacher with a focus on literacy helps to create equitable experiences for our students at FMS. In the wake of a recent retirement, Erica has gone above and beyond to support new teaching staff and the students they serve. Erica is continuing to make high levels of learning a priority. We are thankful for everything Erica does for our students and staff. A well-deserved recognition of an incredible educator.

We had a rough week last week because of illnesses. Although we had high COVID cases, it was more influenza and stomach flu than COVID. It doesn't negate the fact that it's been difficult to manage. Especially at CES. But I wanted to remind us about a few things: Governor Walz's executive order has expired. Distance learning is no longer an option. The provisional license that we filled out and were awarded allowed us to do online learning. If online learning is offered, we still need to offer an in person option for families.

Committee Reports:

Ryan Walseth gave a recap from the Finance Committee meetings held on January 11 and January 18.

Ryan Walseth gave a recap from the MEC Committee meeting that was held on January 12.

Student Report:

LHS Seniors, Daniella Niebuhr and Kaden Mostrom talked about what is going on at LHS and upcoming Snofest festivities scheduled for the week of February 7-11.

Principal Report:

Patrick Marolt - CES, Tony Greene - FMS, and Kelly Weets - LHS, provided updates from their buildings.

Recognitions:

- A. Recognize the donation from Thief River Falls Rentals, LLC to the Prowler Pantry totaling \$1,000.
- B. Recognize the donation from Thief River Ford to the TRF Track Program totaling \$500.
- C. Recognize the donation from Johnson Funeral Home Service to the TRF Track Program totaling \$1,500.
- D. Recognize the donation from The BackCourt Club to Girls Basketball totaling \$4,000.
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Presentations:

- A. Northland College President, Sandy Kiddoo gave a presentation on Northland's Strategic Plan.
- B. FMS Interim Principal, Tony Grenne, and FMS Dean of Students, Josh Watne, gave a presentation on their FMS Building Vision Card.

Real World Authentic Opportunities:

Voice and Choice:

Equitable Experiences:

Safety (Strategic Direction D):

- A. A motion was made by Michelle Westerman and seconded by Mike Spears to approve the revisions to the Safe Learning Plan and COVID Matrix. Motion carried.

Staff Growth:

- A. A motion was made by Chris Melbye and seconded by Wayne Nomeland to approve the addendum to the employment contract for Holly Ward, Learner Support Services Director, effective December 1, 2021. Motion carried.
- B. A motion was made by Chris Melbye and seconded by Mike Spears 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. Dale Rystad	BA30/9 years	MA/9 years
2. Malena Hanson	BA20/4 years	BA30/4 years
3. Pam Vettleson	BA40/15 years	BA50/15 years

- C. A motion was made by Craig Mattson and seconded by Michelle Westerman to approve the following Mid-Year Step Increment changes effective February 1, 2022, per Article X, Section 17 of the negotiated TRFEA Master Agreement. Motion carried.

	<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
1.	Kirsten Jansen	MA/13years	MA/14 years
2.	Erica Motteberg	MA/14 years	MA/15 years
3.	Carley Nelson	MA/7 years	MA/8 years
4.	Jill Solberg	BA/2 years	BA/3 years
5.	Andrea Volk	MA/14 years	MA/15 years
6.	Melora Bergee	BA40/3 years	BA40/4 years

- D. A motion was made by Wayne Nomeland 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. Approve the assignment of **Paige Beach**, Special Education Paraprofessional, effective January 1, 2022 - June 3, 2022.
2. Approve the assignment of **Brad Klaven**, Head Mechanic, effective January 17, 2022.
3. Approve the leave of absence for **Tanya Monson-Ek**, Director of Finance, from January 6, 2022 - approximately February 10, 2022.
4. Accept the resignation of **Patricia Wolff**, Kitchen Helper, FMS, effective January 10, 2022.
5. Accept the resignation of **Katie Engevik**, German Teacher, LHS, effective July 7, 2022.

Strong Fiscal Management:

- A. A motion was made by Michelle Westerman 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, Mattson, and Nomeland. Absent: Hempel. Motion carried.

Policies:

- A. A motion was made by Craig Mattson and seconded by Michelle Westerman to approve the rescindment of MSBA Model Policy 491 Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination or Testing and Face Coverings policy. Motion carried.

Other:

- A. The current School Board Committee assignments for 2022 were discussed. No changes were made.
- B. A motion was made by Wayne Nomeland and seconded by Chris Melbye to approve the 2022 School Board Committee assignments as discussed. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.

**/s/
Ryan Walseth, Chair**

**/s/
Michelle Westerman, Clerk**