

Regular Board Meeting
Independent School District 564 – Board of Education
May 10, 2021
6:00 p.m.
DSC Board Room

A Regular Meeting of Independent School District #564 Board of Education was held Monday, May 10, 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the DSC Board Room. The following board members were present: Mike Spears, Wayne Nomeland, Craig Mattson, Michelle Westerman and Chris Melbye. Absent: Misty Hempel and Ryan Walseth.

Staff members present were: Melissa Bushy, Donita Stepan, Tanya Monson-Ek, Sara Olson, Bob Wayne and Scott Brekke.

Student Council members present were: Kush Patel.

Also present were: Gabby Yoon, Jillian Neibaur, Sarah Vandestreek, Marlene Anderson and Dave Hill.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Wayne Nomeland called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Clerk Mike Spears confirmed that a quorum was present.

A motion was made by Craig Mattson and seconded by Michelle Westerman to approve the May 10, 2021 agenda as amended. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mike Spears and seconded by Chris Melbye to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2021 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Craig Mattson and seconded by Wayne Nomeland to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2021 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:

Shout out to Kurt Reynolds and his team for organizing 8th grade signing day at FMS. It was an impressive event that showed his true commitment to the program.

Governor Walz announced some very exciting changes and has dialed back some of the restrictions. Just a reminder that the Safe Learning Plan for schools will stay intact for the remainder of the school year.

The next School board meeting on May 24, 2021 will take place at 12 pm in the DSC boardroom. The change in time is to allow for the school board and superintendent to attend the Joint Powers meeting at 5:30 pm that night at the Ralph Engelstad Imperial room.

Committee Reports:

Student Reports:

Kush Patel, LHS Sophomore, was in attendance and gave a brief recap on what's happening at Lincoln High School.

Recognitions:

- A. Recognize the donation from the donation from the Gene Haas Foundation to the LHS Robotics Program in the amount of \$8,000.
- B. Recognize the donation from Textron to the LHS Robotics Program in the amount of \$1,000.
- C. Congratulations to Bob Wayne, FMS Principal, and Kelly Weets, LHS Assistant Principal, as the Northern Division Principal winners.

Presentations:

Guaranteed & Viable Curriculum (*Strategic Direction A*):

Technology, Innovative Learning & Partnerships (*Strategic Direction B*):

Families (*Strategic Direction C*):

Safety (*Strategic Direction D*):

Workforce (*Strategic Direction E*):

- A. A motion was made by Michelle Westerman and seconded by Chris Melbye 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 employment of **Kailee Larson**, Lifeguard, effective April 23, 2021.
 - 2. Approve the employment of **Donald Balmer**, Special Education Paraprofessional, effective May 3, 2021.
 - 3. Approve the leave of absence for **Darci Geiser**, Teacher, FMS, effective approximately August 31, 2021 - November 7, 2021.
 - 4. Accept the resignation of **Anna Allen**, Teacher, CES, effective June 7, 2021.
 - 5. Accept the resignation of **Fabian Tunberg**, Girls Head Tennis Coach, effective immediately.
 - 6. Accept the resignation of **Fabian Tunberg**, Boys Head Tennis Coach, effective June 16, 2021.
- B. A motion was made by Craig Mattson and seconded by Chris Melbye to approve to establish and post for the following position: Motion carried.

1. District Technology Specialist

Effective Date: 2021-22 and 2022-23 school year (2 year position only)

Location: District Wide

- a. 1.0 FTE

C. A motion was made by Mike Spears and seconded by Michelle Westerman to approve to establish and post for the following 2021 summer positions: Motion carried.

1. **Summer COVID Coordinator** - Up to 15 hours
2. **Summer Food Service:**
Effective June 14 - August 13, 2021.
Serving Site assigned as needed.
 - a. Up to two (2) Lead Cook at 7 hrs/day serving and clean up
 - b. Up to eight (8) Kitchen helpers at 5 hrs/day for prep, serving and clean up
3. **LHS:**
 - a. One (1) Summer Agricultural Education Teacher (up to a total of 24 days)
4. **Targeted Services - CES (2 sessions/June 14, 2021 - July 2, 2021 and August 2, 2021 - August 13, 2021)**
 - a. One (1) Coordinator - Up to 175 hours
 - b. Up to 12 (12) Gr. 1-5 Teachers - Up to 120 hours each
 - c. Up to Three (3) Paraprofessionals - Up to 120 hours each
5. **Targeted Services - FMS (1 session/June 14, 2021 - July 2, 2021)**
 - a. One (1) Coordinator - Up to 66 hours
 - b. Up to three (3) Teachers - Up to 66 hours each
 - c. One (1) Paraprofessional - Up to 66 hours
6. **Freshman Booster (1 session/June 14, 2021 - July 15, 2021)**
 - a. One (1) Summer Social Studies/Communications Teacher for students moving from FMS to LHS – Up to 60 hours
7. **ALC (1 session June 4, 2021 - August 5, 2021)**
 - a. One (1) Coordinator - Up to 200 hours
 - b. One (1) Social Studies Teacher - Up to 168 hours
 - c. One (1) Physical Science Teacher - Up to 168 hours
 - d. One (1) Math Teacher - Up to 168 hours
 - e. One (1) Communication Arts Teacher - Up to 168 hours
 - f. One (1) Physical Education/ Health Teacher - Up to 40 hours
8. **Special Education:**
 - a. One (1) Speech Therapists up to 35 hours
 - b. One (1) Early Childhood Special Education Teacher up to 125 hours
 - c. One (1) Vision Teacher up to 10 hours
 - d. One (1) Special Education Teacher up to 13 hours
 - e. One (1) Special Education Teacher up to 40 hours
 - f. One (1) Special Education Paraprofessionals up to 36 hours
 - g. Two (2) Special Education Paraprofessionals up to 9 hours each
9. **Technology**
 - a. Building LAN Managers (total hours determined by Coordinator based upon need)

10. **Transportation:**

a. **Booster Club**

i. **Up to five (5) Bus Drivers**

June 14 - July 2, 2021 and August 2 - August 13, 2021

5 days/week- up to 4 hours/day

b. **Special Education Summer School**

i. **One (1) Bus Driver**

ii. **One (1) Transportation Assistant**

August 24-26, 2021 - up to 3 hours/day

c. **Special Education Summer School**

i. **One (1) Bus Driver**

ii. **One (1) Transportation Assistant**

August 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18 and 19, 2021 - up to 3 hrs/day

d. **Up to three (3) Summer Bus Washers**

Dates and hours to be determined by Transportation Supervisor

20 hours/weeks

e. **NWMH Summer Program**

i. **One (1) Bus Driver**

June 14 - August 18, 2021, Mondays and Wednesdays excluding July 5, 2021 - up to 8 hrs/day

f. **Nature Camp**

i. **One (1) Bus Driver**

June 21 - July 1, 2021, Monday - Thursdays - up to 3 hrs/day

g. **Food Delivery**

i. **One (1) Bus Driver**

June 14 - August 13, 2021 - up to 1 hr/day

D. A motion was made by Chris Melbye and seconded by Mike Spears to extend the probationary period for Stephanie Kainz, Teacher at FMS, effective July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022. Motion carried.

E. A motion was made by Michelle Westerman and seconded by Craig Mattson to extend the probationary period for Laura Juve, Academic Support Resources Coordinator at LHS, effective July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022. Motion carried.

F. A motion was made by Craig Mattson and seconded by Mike Spears to extend the probationary period of Kelsy McLean, Teacher at LHS, effective July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022. Motion carried.

Finances (Strategic Direction F):

- A. A motion was made by Chris Melbye and seconded by Michelle Westerman to accept the donations received for the benefit of the district as designated. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted in favor of: Westerman, Nomeland, Melbye, Spears, and Mattson. Absent: Walseth and Hempel. Motion carried.

Other Items:

- A. A motion was made by Craig Mattson and seconded by Chris Melbye to approve the adoption of MSBA 706 School Acceptance of Gifts policy. Motion carried.
- B. A motion was made by Michelle Westerman and seconded by Chris Melbye to approve the new Strategic Plan for Thief River Falls Public Schools. Motion carried.
- C. School Board Chair Wayne Nomeland read through the summary of the Superintendent Goals.

Informational:

The Thief River Falls School Board and Superintendent Stepan will be attending the Joint City-County-School meeting on May 24 at 5:30 pm at the Ralph Engelstad Arena Imperial Room.

Adjournment:

Board Chair Nomeland adjourned the meeting at 6:31 pm.

/s/

Wayne Nomeland, Chair

/s/

Mike Spears, Clerk