

Regular Board Meeting
Independent School District 564 – Board of Education
April 26, 2021
6:00 p.m.
via ZOOM video conferencing

A Regular Meeting of Independent School District #564 Board of Education was held Monday, April 26, 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom video conferencing. The following board members present were: Mike Spears, Chris Melbye, Wayne Nomeland, Ryan Walseth, Misty Hempel and Craig Mattson. Absent: Michelle Westerman.

Staff members present were: Melissa Bushy, Donita Stepan, Tanya Monson-Ek, Amber Lindgren, Bob Wayne, Scott Brekke and Kylie Skime.

Also present were: Isaac Mauch, Bella Berzinski, Devan Wagner, Dave Hill and Marlene Anderson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Misty Hempel and seconded by Ryan Walseth to call the meeting to order and establish that a quorum is present. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted in favor of: Melbye, Walseth, Hempel, Mattson, Nomeland, and Spears. Absent: Westerman. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Craig Mattson and seconded by Misty Hempel to approve the April 26, 2021 agenda as amended. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted in favor of: Mattson, Spears, Nomeland, Melbye, Hempel, and Walseth. Absent: Westerman. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mike Spears and seconded by Craig Mattson to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2021 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted in favor of: Spears, Walseth, Hempel, Mattson, Nomeland, and Melbye. Absent: Westerman. 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. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted in favor of: Walseth, Hempel, Melbye, Spears, Mattson, and Nomeland. Absent: Westerman. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Superintendent's Report:

Masks/face coverings are no longer required for student-athletes in outdoor contests and practices when they are actively engaged in competition and/or practice. Masks/face-coverings are required to be worn when outdoor sports participants are not actively practicing or competing and cannot maintain physical distancing.

School lunches will be free again next school year. Good news, but again we'll have to work really hard to ensure that our families continue to fill out their free and reduced forms so our compensatory funds stay consistent.

Committee Reports:

Ryan Walseth provided an update from the April 14, 2021 MEC Committee meeting.

Wayne Nomeland provided an update from the April 20, 2021 Finance Committee meeting.

Student Reports:

Isaac Mauch, Bella Berzinski, and Devan Wagner gave a recap on LHS Prom, Spring sports, and being back to school in person.

Recognitions:

A. Congratulations to our CES Robotics team who won the Teamwork Championship at the 2021 Minnesota VEX IQ State Championship.

B. Congratulations to our FMS Techo Trons Robotics team who won the Skills Championship at the 2021 Minnesota VEX IQ State Championship.

C. Congratulations to our CES Robotics team who won the Elementary School Design award.

D. Congratulations to our FMS Techno Trons Robotics team who won the Excellence Award for the top performing robot. All together we had 6 teams from CES and FMS compete at the State level.

Presentations:

Guaranteed & Viable Curriculum (Strategic Direction A):

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

A. A motion was made by Misty Hempel and seconded by Mike Spears to approve the Facilities Use Request from TRF JO Volleyball to use the LHS main gym on Sunday, May 23, 2021 from 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted in favor of: Spears, Mattson, Walseth, Nomeland, Hempel, and Melbye. Absent: Westerman. Motion carried.

Families (Strategic Direction C):

Safety (Strategic Direction D):

Workforce (Strategic Direction E):

A. A motion was made by Craig Mattson and seconded by Mike Spears to approve the Consent Agenda as amended per negotiated contract, salary and benefits and an acceptable background check. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted in favor of: Melbye, Nomeland, Mattson, Hempel, Walseth, and Spears. Absent: Westerman. Motion carried.

Personnel:

1. Approve the employment of **Cayley Sabol**, School Readiness Professional, CES, effective April 19, 2021.
2. Approve the employment of **Chrysi Gibson**, Volunteer Coordinator, effective April 19, 2021.
3. Accept the resignation of **Josefina Vega Rodriguez**, Cleaner, effective April 16, 2021.
4. Accept the resignation of **Brenda Leier**, FMS Pool Manager, effective May 3, 2021.
5. Accept the resignation of **Tim Vagle**, District Technology Coordinator, effective June 3, 2021.
6. Accept the resignation of **Tim Vagle**, Head Baseball Coach, effective April 17, 2021.

B. A motion was made by Ryan Walseth and seconded by Misty Hempel to approve the following 2020-21 Extracurricular Assignments. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted in favor of: Nomeland, Melbye, Mattson, Spears, Hempel, and Walseth. Absent: Westerman. Motion carried.

1. Ariana Porter-B/G Track-MS-Asst
2. Corey Poole-Baseball-HS-Head
3. Gary Laidley-Baseball-HS-JV

4. Jon Hams-Baseball-MS-7th grade
5. Lorrisa Skalsky-Jazz-MS-Band

C. A motion was made by Misty Hempel and seconded by Mike Spears to approve the resolution to approve the administration's recommendation to issue a contract for the 2021-2022 school year to the following teaching staff, which will result in the granting of tenure:

Abbie Dahl
Malena Rupprecht
Lorrisa Skalsky
Kylie Skime
Dalia Englund
Carolyn Kokett
Christopher Lian
Chad Stromlund

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted in favor of: Nomeland, Melbye, Mattson, Hempel, Spears, and Walseth. Absent: Westerman. Motion carried.

D. A motion was made by Ryan Walseth and seconded by Chris Melbye to approve the resolution to approve the termination and non-renewal of the teaching contract of Chelsey Sorvig, a long-term substitute teacher, at the end of the 2020-21 school year. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted in favor of: Mattson, Nomeland, Melbye, Walseth, Hempel, and Spears. Absent: Westerman. Motion carried.

E. A motion was made by Mike Spears and seconded by Misty Hempel to approve the resolution to approve the termination and non-renewal of the teaching contract of Amanda Mutnansky, a long-term substitute teacher, at the end of the 2020-21 school year. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted in favor of: Hempel, Mattson, Nomeland, Spears, Melbye, and Walseth. Absent: Westerman. Motion carried.

F. A motion was made by Craig Mattson and seconded by Ryan Walseth to approve the resolution to approve the termination and non-renewal of the teaching contract of Diane Paulson, a long-term substitute teacher, at the end of the 2020-21 school year. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted in favor of: Melbye, Mattson, Nomeland, Spears, Walseth, and Hempel. Absent: Westerman. Motion carried.

G. A motion was made by Misty Hempel and seconded by Chris Melbye to approve the resolution to approve the termination and non-renewal of the one year only teaching contract of Mary Almquist, at the end of the 2020-21 school year. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted in favor of: Spears, Mattson, Hempel, Walseth, Melbye, and Nomeland. Absent: Westerman. Motion carried.

H. A motion was made by Mike Spears and seconded by Ryan Walseth to approve the resolution to approve the termination and non-renewal of the one year only teaching contract of Patti Johnson at the end of the 2020-21 school year. Upon a roll call vote, the following vote in favor of: Nomeland, Mattson, Spears, Walseth, Melbye, and Hempel. Absent: Westerman. Motion carried.

I. A motion was made by Craig Mattson and seconded by Ryan Walseth to approve the resolution to approve the termination and non-renewal of the one year only teaching contract of Erin Wayne at the end of the 2020-21 school year. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted in favor of: Hempel, Spears, Mattson, Walseth, Melbye, and Nomeland. Absent: Westerman. Motion carried.

Finances (Strategic Direction F):

A. A motion was made by Mike Spears and seconded by Craig Mattson to approve the bidder of the Challenger Elementary School gym restoration project to Diversified Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$549,674. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted in favor of: Spears, Hempel, Walseth, Mattson, Melbye, and Nomeland. Absent: Westerman. Motion carried.

Other Items:

A. Policies:

1. Second reading to adopt MSBA 706 Acceptance of Gifts policy. The policy will be presented for final approval at the May 10, 2021 board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

/s/

Wayne Nomeland, Chair

/s/

Mike Spears, Clerk