

Regular Board Meeting
Independent School District 564 – Board of Education
March 22, 2021
6:00 p.m.
via ZOOM video conferencing

A Regular Meeting of Independent School District #564 Board of Education was held on Monday, March 22, 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom video conferencing. The following board members present were: Mike Spears, Wayne Nomeland, Michelle Westerman, Ryan Walseth, Misty Hempel, Chris Melbye and Craig Mattson.

Staff members present were: Melissa Bushy, Donita Stepan, Sara Olson, Tanya Monson-Ek, Amber Lindgren, Ronnie Skallet, Stacey Leake, Fodda Haj, Katie Hahn, Mike Biermaier, Mike Wienen, Tony Greene, Kelly Weets and Scott Brekke.

Also present were: Josh Theraldson, Austin Fellman, Emma Christianson, Rachel Kloety, Brooklyn Brouse, Dave Hill and Marlene Anderson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

A motion was made by Mike Spears and seconded by Ryan Walsth to approve the March 22, 2021 agenda as presented. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted in favor of: Mattson, Spears, Melbye, Westerman, Nomeland, Hempel, and Walseth. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mike Spears and seconded by Michelle Westerman to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2021 Regular School Board Meeting as presented. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted in favor of: Westerman, Spears, Walseth, Hempel, Mattson, Melbye, and Nomeland. Motion carried unanimously.

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, Nomeland, Spears, Mattson, Melbye, and Westerman. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

Superintendent's Report:

Our Covid numbers have dropped and we are no longer number one. This doesn't mean we can let up on our mitigation strategies. We will still have active cases, and we'll still have to quarantine students and staff, but we are hopeful that we can manage it. We still all need to work together so we can keep our kids full time for the rest of the year.

We are starting some conversations around Branding. Superintendent Stepan said she has put together a team of three staff members who will co-chair a small group of people to help do this work.

We are working on revising our current strategic plan. Our goal is to work with different groups to gather ideas for what they want for the future of TRFPS students.

Committee Reports:

Ryan Walseth provided an update from the March 16, 2021 Facilities Committee.

Wayne Nomeland provided an update from the March 17, 2021 Transportation Committee meeting.

Recognitions:

A. Congratulations to LHS Junior Annika Christensen, who earned an All-Section award for Knowledge Bowl.

B. Congratulations to LHS Math League who took 4th place at State: Brooklyn Brouse, Annika Christensen, Ridge Fisher, Elliot Foster, Shelby Hensrud, Jonah Kalsnes, Tristan Kalvoda, Ethan Lunsetter, Isaac Mauch, Ben Van Schaick, and Sam Zaviska.

C. Congratulations to Kale Geiser, Brady Kasprick, and Brandon Zuniga who got All-Section Academic Honors for Wrestling.

Presentations:

LHS Band teacher, Katie Hahn shared a presentation on March is Music in Our Schools Month.

LHS Sophomore, Austin Fellman, and LHS Tech Integrationist, Stacey Leake, gave a presentation on Prowler Productions.

LHS Principals Scott Brekke and Kelly Weets provided an update from LHS.

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 Craig Mattson 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: Nomeland, Westerman, Mattson, Hempel, Walseth, Melbye, and Spears. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel:

1. Accept the employment of **Tasha Nissen**, Cleaner, effective March 17, 2021.
 2. Approve the assignment of **Janaka Erickson**, Latch Key Adult Assistant, effective March 15, 2021.
 3. Approve the leave of absence for **Madyson Anderson**, Paraprofessional, effective approximately March 18, 2021 - May 16, 2021.
 4. Approve the leave of absence for **Terry Blacklance**, Bus Driver, effective approximately January 4, 2021 - April 6, 2021.
- B. A motion was made by Mike Spears and seconded by Misty Hempel to accept the retirement of Fodda Haj after 29 years as a Paraprofessional at FMS, effective June 4, 2021. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted in favor of: Hempel, Westerman, Melbye, Walseth, Mattson, Nomeland, and Hempel. Motion carried unanimously.

C. A motion was made by Mike Spears and seconded by Chris Melbye to approve the RESOLUTION to eliminate the following position, effective for the 2021-22 school year:

1. EL Teacher (1.0 FTE)

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

D. A motion was made by Ryan Walseth and seconded by Misty Hempel to approve the following 2020-21 Extra-Curricular Assignments:

1. Nathan Hruby-B/G Track-HS-Head
2. Kathryn Nelson-B/G Track-HS-Head
3. Paul Brandt-B/G Track-HS-Asst
4. Blake Kuznia-B/G Track-HS-Asst
5. Kayla Lian-B/G Track-MS-Head
6. Danielle Schantz-B/G Track-MS Asst
7. Fabian Tunberg-Boys Tennis-HS-Head
8. Rick Johnson-Boys Golf-HS-Head
9. Tim Magnusson-Boys Golf-HS-Head
10. Todd Prickett-Boys Golf-HS-Asst
11. Lauren Johnson-Girls Golf-HS-Head/JV
12. Brett Johnson-Girls Golf-HS-Head/JV
13. Natasha Reiersen-Girls Golf-HS-Asst
14. Tim Vagle-Baseball-HS-Head
15. Jon Hams-Baseball-HS-JV
16. Grant Conway-Baseball-HS-9th gr
17. Chad Stromlund-Baseball-MS-8th gr
18. Carter Rogalla-Softball-HS-Head
19. Bob Huot-Softball-HS-JV
20. Jeff Mumm-Softball-HS-9th gr
21. Josie Davis-Softball-MS-8th gr
22. Nicole Wienen-Softball-MS-7th gr

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

Finances (Strategic Direction F):

Other Items:

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

**/s/
Wayne Nomeland, Chair**

**/s/
Mike Spears, Clerk**