

Regular Board Meeting
Independent School District 564 – Board of Education
February 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, February 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, Tanya Monson-Ek, Amber Lindgren, Kim Johnson, Sara Olson, Meg Kolden, Loren Leake, Danielle Spiten, Katie Hahn, Christine Bjornstad, Erica Motteberg, Denise Yonke, Sara Rogalla, Dena Halsa, Mike Biermaier, Mary Fran Twistol, Bob Wayne, Tony Greene, Kelly Weets and Scott Brekke.

Also present were: Elaina Ballard, Jenna Weets, Ethan Lunsetter, Dave Hill and Marlene Anderson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Craig Mattson and seconded by Misty Hempel 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 Michelle Westerman to approve the February 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 Misty Hempel to approve the minutes of the February 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:

Public comment related to the TRF Boys Swimming program was heard from: Carmen Collins, Scott Collins, Aaron Collins, Brent Smith, Becky Smith, Danielle Spiten, Drew Casavan, Molly Halsa, Coby Skjerven, and Fritz Koppenhaver. Chairperson Nomeland read letters submitted to the school board from Jordan Michaels and Mandy Runyan.

Superintendent's Report:

Thank you to each of our school board members for your commitment to our TRFPS students and community. Thank you for the time you give up to ensure that our students are taken care of and receive the high quality education they deserve. Thank you for your service.

Thank you to our school bus drivers and the commitment these drivers have to our community. Getting students to and from school safely everyday is no small task. Especially in the cold, winter months in TRF. Thank you to

each and every one of our drivers, as well as those in the Transportation department for everything they do for our students and community.

Our original plan was to return students to full in person learning on March 1 but that timeline was given before our most recent outbreak. Our biggest concern right now is the number of student cases that continue to pop-up. We will continue to evaluate our numbers and when we feel it is appropriate to return to full-time in person learning.

Superintendent Stepan shared the budget process which outlined all the steps taken since December. The process moved through several different groups before a recommendation was created.

Committee Reports:

Chris Melbye provided an update from the Finance Committee meetings on February 9 & 19, 2021.

Student Reports:

LHS Seniors Elaina Ballard, Jenna Weets, and Ethan Lunsetter talked about hybrid learning and the upcoming schedule of events for Snofest the week of March 1 at LHS.

Recognitions:

- A. Recognize the donation anonymous donation totaling \$5,672 for general purposes.
- B. Bus Driver Appreciation Week February 21-27, 2021.

Presentations:

Loren Leake talked about the partnership with Textron and the Northwest Area Learning Center and their new "Reaching Potential Through Manufacturing School to Work Program".

FMS Principals Bob Wayne and Tony Greene gave an update on Family Flex Learning at FMS.

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 Misty Hempel and seconded by Michelle Westerman 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. Approve the employment of **Chelsey Sorvig**, Kindergarten Teacher (Long-Term Substitute), CES, effective February 8, 2021 - approximately April 16, 2021.
- 2. Approve the employment of **Sarah Moose**, Paraprofessional/Playground Aide, CES, effective February 22, 2021.
- 3. Approve the employment of **Courtney Sherga**, Paraprofessional/Playground Aide, CES, effective February 16, 2021.

4. Approve the assignment of **Melora Bergee**, School Counselor, effective February 8, 2021.

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

1. Tony Greene-FMS Supervisor-MS
2. Corey Poole-Coach/Activity Mentor-HS-Fall
3. Corey Poole-Coach/Activity Mentor-HS-Winter

Finances (Strategic Direction F):

A. A motion was made by Misty Hempel and seconded by Craig Mattson 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: Nomeland, Hempel, Walseth, Melbye, Mattson, Westerman, and Spears. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Items:

A. Policies:

1. A motion was made by Ryan Walseth and seconded by Misty Hempel to approve the renewal of the following policies:
 - A. **MSBA 208 Development, Adoption, and Implementation of Policies** policy.
 - B. **TRF 250 School Board Self-Evaluation** policy.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:43p.m.

**/s/
Wayne Nomeland, Chair**

**/s/
Mike Spears, Clerk**