

Regular Board Meeting
Independent School District 564 – Board of Education
February 8, 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 8, 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, Meg Kolden, Kim Johnson, Katie Hahn, Mike Wienen, Mike Biermaier, Bob Wayne, and Scott Brekke.

Also present were: Dave Hill and Marlene Anderson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Craig Mattson 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: 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 8, 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 January 25, 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: None.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Stepan shared that our COVID numbers are rising and that we have a definite uptick in COVID cases. It may make sense for us to stay in a hybrid model longer. If not, we could risk having to go back into a full distance learning model. More updates to come as they happen.

On Wednesday, February 10, from 3:30-6:30 pm, our local Public Health will be offering a clinic to any of our staff who would like to get vaccinated. The Moderna vaccine will be administered and the second dose will be given in four weeks.

Family Flex Learning Update - We currently have around 200 students in our District participating in our Flex Learning option.

Committee Reports:

Mike Biermaier provided an update from the Athletics and Activities Committee.

Student Reports:

Recognitions:

Recognized the donation from Prowler Girls Hockey to the Prowler Pantry totaling \$500.

Presentations:

Meg Kolden gave an update from Community Education.

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 Ryan Walseth 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 resignation of **Meghan Jones**, Kindergarten Teacher, effective June 30, 2021.
2. Approve the employment of **Maria Valencia**, Cleaner, effective February 1, 2021.
3. Approve the employment of **Annie Prestegord**, Paraprofessional/Playground Aide, CES, effective February 1, 2021.

B. A motion was made by Misty Hempel and seconded by Mike Spears to approve the following mid-year lane changes effective February 1, 2021, 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. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted in favor of: Walseth, Nomeland, Westerman, Hempel, Melbye, Spears, and Mattson. Motion carried unanimously.

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1.	Kristine Wheat	MA 30/Step 15	MA 40/Step 15
2.	Malena Rupprecht	BA/ Step 3	BA 10/Step 3

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

1. Jeff Mumm-WR Supervisor-HS (Winter)
2. Jeff Mumm-WR Supervisor-HS (Spring)
3. Tad Olsonawski-Robotics-HS

Finances (Strategic Direction F):

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

Donor	Item	Designated Purpose (if any)
Prowler Girls Hockey	\$500	Prowler Pantry

Other Items:

A. Policies:

1. A motion was made by Craig Mattson and seconded by Ryan Walseth to approve to adopt MSBA 403 Discipline, Suspension, and Dismissal of School District Employees policy. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted in favor of: Nomeland, Spears, Mattson, Walseth, Hempel, Melbye, and Westerman. Motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion was made by Ryan Walseth and seconded by Misty Hempel to approve the renewal of the following policies. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted in favor of: Spears, Mattson, Walseth, Hempel, Melbye, Westerman, and Nomeland. Motion carried unanimously.
 - A. **MSBA 515 Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records** policy.
 - B. **MSBA 202 School Board Officers** policy.
 - C. **MSBA 205 Open and Closed Meetings** policy.
 - D. **MSBA 206 Public Participation in SB Meetings** policy.
 - E. **MSBA 212 Board Member Development** policy.
3. **MSBA 203 Development, Adoption, and Implementation of Policies** policy was reviewed. This policy will be presented for approval at the February 22, 2021 school board meeting.
4. **TRF 250 School Board Self-Evaluation** policy was reviewed. This policy will be presented for approval at the February 22, 2021 school board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

/s/
Wayne Nomeland, Chair

/s/
Mike Spears, Clerk