

Regular Board Meeting
Independent School District 564 – Board of Education
January 11, 2021
6:00 p.m.
via ZOOM video conferencing

A Regular Meeting of Independent School District #564 Board of Education was held on Monday, January 11, 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, Sara Olson, Kayla Lian, Dale Rystad, Danielle Schantz, Mike Wienen, Bob Wayne and Scott Brekke.

Also present were: Dave Hill and Marlene Anderson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Ryan Walseth 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, and Spears. Absent: Westerman. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mike Spears and seconded by Ryan Walseth to approve the January 11, 2021 agenda as presented. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted in favor of: Mattson, Spears, Melbye, Nomeland, Hempel, and Walseth. Absent: Westerman. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Chris Melbye and seconded by Misty Hempel to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2021 Organizational Board Meeting as presented. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted in favor of: Spears, Walseth, Hempel, Mattson, Melbye, and Nomeland. Absent: Westerman. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ryan Walseth and seconded by Craig Mattson to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2020 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted in favor of: Melbye, Mattson, Spears, Walseth, Hempel, and Nomeland. 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, Nomeland, Spears, Mattson, and Melbye. Absent: Westerman. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Superintendent's Report:

Congratulations to our school board for taking their oath of office this week. Superintendent Stepan stated she is grateful that this is the group elected to lead our schools and sincerely appreciates the opportunity to know and work with them every day.

Reminder that beginning January 19, 2021, Pre K-Grade 2 students will return to in-person learning. Grades 3-5 students will continue Distance Learning for an additional two weeks. Grades 3-5 will return to in-person learning on Feb 1, 2021. Grades 6-12 students will return to a hybrid model and will follow the blue/gold calendar. We will reevaluate in February. ALC students will return to in-person learning on January 19, 2021.

Superintendent Stepan talked about saliva testing that will soon be available for staff. This is required through the new Safe Learning Plan. TRF has been given “Fridays” as the testing day and MDH will be sending us the testing kits for this. Any tests will be sent via UPS on Friday afternoons. Staff can hope to get results back within 48 hours. This testing is optional.

The COVID vaccine rollout is going slower than expected as MN isn’t getting the number of vaccines they thought. There are essentially three tiers of rollout. Schools are considered to be in the 1B category. We will keep you in the loop when we find out further information.

Superintendent Stepan talked about that although we have some additional compensatory aid and the possibility of more CRF funding, we are still moving forward with the budget reduction process.

Committee Reports:

Student Reports:

Recognitions:

Recognized the donation from Black River Lutheran Church to the Prowler Pantry totaling \$500.

Presentations:

Darcy Reese gave a presentation of the proposed 2022 LHS Choir trip - NYC Carnegie Hall tour performance.

Guaranteed & Viable Curriculum (Strategic Direction A):

A motion was made by Misty Hempel and seconded by Michelle Westerman to approve the June 2022 LHS Choir Trip as presented. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted in favor of: Walseth, Nomeland, Westerman, Hempel, Melbye, Spears, and Mattson. Motion carried unanimously.

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 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.
1. Accept the resignation of **Tyler Sele**, Kitchen Helper, FMS, effective December 23, 2020.
 2. Accept the resignation of **Shelby Erickson**, Family Support Coordinator & Multicultural Services Coordinator, CES, effective January 29, 2021.
 3. Approve the leave of absence for **Kimberly Ellefson**, Kindergarten Teacher, CES, effective approximately January 18, 2021 - April 16, 2021.
- B. A motion was made by Michelle Westerman and seconded by Mike Spears 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. Dena Halsa-Advisor-PROM-HS
2. Rosaline Groven-Advisor-PROM-HS

C. A motion was made by Ryan Walseth and seconded by Misty Hempel to approve the request to extend the leave of absence for Debra Butler, Special Education Paraprofessional, LHS, through April 4, 2021. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted in favor of: Nomeland, Hempel, Melbye, Spears, Mattson, Walseth and Westerman. Motion carried unanimously.

D. A motion was made by Michelle Westerman and seconded by Chris Melbye to approve the Resolution to extend deadlines for leaves granted by the Families Coronavirus Recovery Act. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted in favor of: Walseth, Nomeland, Westerman, Hempel, Melbye, Spears, and Mattson. Motion carried unanimously.

Finances (Strategic Direction F):

A. A motion was made by Mike Spears and seconded by Ryan Walseth to approve the financial condition of the district resolution as follows. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted in favor of: Spears, Melbye, Hempel, Nomeland, Westerman, Mattson and Walseth. Motion carried unanimously.

B. A motion was made by Misty Hempel and seconded by Mike Spears to approve the mid-year 2020-21 budget as presented. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted in favor of: Walseth, Nomeland, Westerman, Hempel, Melbye, Spears, and Mattson. Motion carried unanimously.

C. A motion was made by Michelle Westerman 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: Mattson, Spears, Hempel, Walseth, Nomeland, Melbye, and Westerman. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Items:

A. Policies:

1. A motion was made by Misty Hempel and seconded by Ryan Walseth to approve the renewal of the following policies: Upon a roll call vote, the following voted in favor of: Mattson, Spears, Hempel, Walseth, Westerman, Melbye, and Nomeland. Motion carried unanimously.
 - A. **MSBA 502 Search of Student Lockers, Desks, Motor Vehicles, Personal Possessions and Student's Person** policy
 - B. **MSBA 503 Student Attendance** policy
 - C. **MSBA 505 Distribution of Non-School Materials on School Premises by Students and Employees** policy
 - D. **MSBA 509 Enrollment of Nonresident Student** policy
2. **MSBA 403 Discipline, Suspension, and Dismissal of School District Employees** policy was reviewed. This is a new policy which needs to be presented to the board three times (reading, review and approval). This policy will be reviewed again at the January 25, 2021 board meeting and approval at the February 8, 2021 board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

/s/

Wayne Nomeland, Chair

/s/

Mike Spears, Clerk