

Regular Board Meeting
Independent School District 564 – Board of Education
March 25, 2019.
6:00 p.m.
DSC Board Room

A Regular Meeting of Independent School District #564 Board of Education was held Monday, March 25, 2019, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the DSC Board Room. The following board members were present: Mike Spears, Misty Hempel, Craig Mattson, Michelle Westerman, Ryan Walseth and Wayne Nomeland. Absent: Chris Melbye.

Staff members present were: Renee Olson, Bradley D. Bergstrom, Tanya Monson-Ek, Becky Rogalla, Sara Olson, Meg Kolden, Scott Brekke, Patrick Marolt, Tony Greene and Brian Loe.

Student Council members present were: Elaina Knott and Brooklyn Brouse.

Also present were: Marlene Anderson and Dave Hill.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chair Wayne Nomeland called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Clerk Craig Mattson confirmed that a quorum was present.

A motion was made by Misty Hempel and seconded by Ryan Walseth to approve the March 25, 2019 agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Michelle Westerman and seconded by Mike Spears to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2019 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mike Spears and seconded by Wayne Nomeland to approve the bills as submitted and on file in the School District Business Office. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None.

Superintendent's Report - Superintendent Bradley Bergstrom took a moment to thank Buildings and Grounds Director Jason Hruby and his staff as well as Public Works Director Mark Borseth and his staff for responding so quickly to our request to clear snow banks at our in-town bus stops. This definitely added a level of safety for students, bus drivers, and vehicles.

Sup't Bergstrom shared thoughts on 2018-2019 school calendar. The board discussed the options and chose to stay with the current approved calendar.

Illnesses continue to make their rounds within the district.

Superintendent discussed Region 8 Day at the Capitol.

Chris Herren will be presenting in the District starting tomorrow. He will be sharing his story of abuse and recovery with students at Franklin Middle School tomorrow morning, Lincoln High School in the afternoon, and for the community at LHS beginning at 7:00 PM.

The Transportation Department is currently working on a plan to help better communicate with families.

Committee Reports:

- A. Negotiation School Board Committee - Wayne Nomeland mentioned discussion was held regarding the proposed paraprofessional MOU. The committee also reviewed two phased retirement option contracts. Each item will be presented later in the agenda.

Student Reports:

1. Brooklyn Brouse a LHS Sophomore and Elaina Knott a LHS Junior - Spring sports are in full swing and golf started today. Trap shooting has also started with good participation. Chris Herring will be in the district tomorrow, March 26, 2019. There will also be a community presentation at 7 pm at LHS. Student council helped raise \$800 towards the Chris Herring presentation. At the Spring Summit Brooklyn Brouse who was elected as the new Northwest Division's Student Council President and to Jerzie Finstad who was elected as the Treasurer. Next year's fall and spring summits will be hosted at LHS. Prom will be on April 27, 2019 and the theme this year is Fire & Ice. The national honor society currently has two fundraisers going for the local community food shelf.

Recognitions:

- A. Franklin Middle School Multi-Use Trail was selected for Safe Routes to School funds appropriated by the legislature in 2017. The project will begin in 2020 to allow time to survey the project and determine the exact location. (*Addendum A*)
- B. Congratulations to Katie Shaw and the LHS FFA program earning a gold ranking on the National Chapter Award Program. The students will be recognized at the final session of the State FFA Convention. The LHS FFA application will also be advancing to national judging this summer.
- C. Recognize the donation from North Risk Partners to the LHS Robotics Program totaling \$500.
- D. Recognize the anonymous donations to the Little Brother/Little Sister program totaling \$6,992.56.
- E. Congratulations to Abigail Semanko for being one of approximately 210 US figure skaters ever to have achieved National Gold Medal status in four test areas: Moves in the Field, Dance, Solo Free Dance, and Free Skate according to the United States Figure Skating Association.

Presentations:

Guaranteed & Viable Curriculum (*Strategic Direction A*):

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

Families (*Strategic Direction C*):

- A. A motion was made by Craig Mattson and seconded by Michelle Westerman to approve the 2018-2019 Thief River Falls Indian Education Committee Resolution as follows. Motion carried upon a roll call vote. The following voted in favor of: M. Spears, M. Hempel, R. Walseth, M. Westerman, C. Mattson, W. Nomeland. Absent: C. Melbye.

WHEREAS the Thief River Falls Independent School District #564 provides an opportunity for all of its citizens to participate in district program communities, and

WHEREAS, the Indian Education Parent Committee of the Thief River Falls Independent School District #564 is the duly elected and established Parent Committee comprised of parents of children eligible to be enrolled in American Indian programs, secondary students, representatives from community groups, school administrators, and

WHEREAS, the Parent Committee's responsibilities have been expanded to include involvement in and advisement of all educational programs, programs for elementary and secondary grades, special education programs and support services, and

WHEREAS, the Indian Education Parent Committee of Thief River Falls Independent School District did meet on March 20, 2019 to review, recommend and approve this Resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Parent Committee has found most of the District's educational programs to be adequate in meeting the needs of American Indian students.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Parent Committee of Thief River Falls does concur that the district's programs meet American Indian student needs.

Safety (Strategic Direction D):

Workforce (Strategic Direction E):

- A. A motion was made by Craig Mattson and seconded by Michelle Westerman to approve the Consent Agenda and as appropriate, per negotiated contract, salary and benefits and an acceptable background check. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel:

1. Approve the employment of **Cali Green**, Latch Key Student Assistant, effective March 11, 2019.
 2. Approve the employment of **Jennica Bakken**, Latch Key Student Assistant, effective March 11, 2019.
 3. Approve the employment of **Rachel Kloety**, Latch Key Student Assistant, effective March 11, 2019.
 4. Approve the employment of **Amanda Slabaugh**, Kitchen Helper, CES, effective March 21, 2019.
 5. Approve the employment of **Hannah Kraemer**, Elementary Teacher (LTS), effective April 18, 2019.
 6. Accept the resignation of **Caitlin Erickson**, Cleaner, effective March 1, 2019.
 7. Approve the leave of absence for **Carmine Trulson**, Cleaner, FMS, effective March 12 - May 3, 2019.
- B. A motion was made by Misty Hempel and seconded by Ryan Walseth to approve the following 2018-19 Extra-Curricular Assignments. Motion carried unanimously.
1. **Brock Borchardt**– M.S. Head Coach Boys Tennis (50%)
 2. **Trandon Lehrer** - M.S. Head Coach Boys Tennis (50%)
 3. **Tom Harbott** - H.S. JV Boys Tennis
- C. A motion was made by Mike Spears and seconded by Craig Mattson to approve the Phased Retirement Option contract with Becky Rogalla, Personnel Director, effective June 1, 2019 through August 30, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. A motion was made by Mike Spears and seconded by Michelle Westerman to accept the resignation of Becky Rogalla, Personnel Director, effective August 30, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. A motion was made by Misty Hempel and seconded by Mike Spears to approve the Phased Retirement Option contract with Jodi Bergman, Payroll & Benefits Director, effective June 1, 2019 through October 4, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

- F. A motion was made by Craig Mattson and seconded by Mike Spears to accept the resignation of Jodi Bergman, Payroll & Benefits Director, effective October 4, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.
- G. A motion was made by Craig Mattson and seconded by Misty Hempel to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Teamsters Local 320 effective through the end of 2018-19 school year. *(Addendum B)* Motion carried unanimously.

Finances (Strategic Direction F):

- A. A motion was made by Misty Hempel and seconded by Mike Spears to approve the Resolution to Accept the donations received for the benefit of the district as designated. Motion carried upon a roll call vote. The following voted in favor of: M. Spears, M. Hempel, R. Walseth, M. Westerman, C. Mattson, W. Nomeland. Absent: C. Melbye.

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 123B.02, Subd. 6 provides: “The board may receive, for the benefit of the district, bequests, donations, or gifts for any proper purpose and apply the same to the purpose designated. In that behalf, the board may act as trustee of any trust created for the benefit of the district, or for the benefit of pupils thereof, including trusts created to provide pupils of the district with advanced education after completion of high school, in the advancement of education.”; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 465.03 provides: “Any city, county, school district or town may accept a grant or devise of real or personal property and maintain such property for the benefit of its citizens in accordance with the terms prescribed by the donor. Nothing herein shall authorize such acceptance or use for religious or sectarian purposes. Every such acceptance shall be by resolution of the governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members, expressing such terms in full.; and

WHEREAS, every such acceptance shall be by resolution of the by the governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members, expressing such terms in full;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Thief River Falls Public School District, ISD 564, gratefully accepts the following donations as identified below:

| Donor | Item | Designated Purpose (if any) |
|---------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|
| North Risk Partners | \$500 | LHS Robotics Program |
| Anonymous | \$6,992.56 | Little Brother/Little Sister Program |

Other Items:

A. Policies:

1. Policy Committee Report - Superintendent Bergstrom gave highlights of each policy recommendation from the policy committee.
 - a) Second reading to adopt MSBA 714 Fund Balances for review. (This policy will replace TRF 750 Fund Balance Policy.) The policy will be presented for final approval at the April 8, 2019 board meeting.
 - b) Second reading to adopt MSBA Mandatory 722 Public Data Requests Policy for review. The policy will be presented for final approval at the April 8, 2019 board meeting.

- c) Second reading to adopt Mandatory MSBA 722 Public Data Requests Form for review. The policy will be presented for final approval at the April 8, 2019 board meeting.
- d) A motion was made by Misty Hempel and seconded by Mike Spears to approve the renewal of TRF 751 Travel Policy for review with changes. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Updates:

- 1. MEC Outreach - Wayne Nomeland mentioned there has not been any progress on the signage for the MEC. Discussion was held to try and plant trees each year.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Wayne Nomeland, Chair
/s/

Craig Mattson, Clerk
/s/