

Regular Board Meeting
Independent School District 564 – Board of Education
February 11, 2019.
6:00 p.m.
DSC Board Room

A Regular Meeting of Independent School District #564 Board of Education was held Monday, February 11, 2019, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the DSC Board Room. The following board members were present: Mike Spears, Misty Hempel, Wayne Nomeland, Craig Mattson, Michelle Westerman, Ryan Walseth and Chris Melbye. Absent: none.

Staff members present were: Renee Olson, Bradley D. Bergstrom, Tanya Monson-Ek, Becky Rogalla, Patrick Marolt, Sara Olson, Kim Johnson, Kelly Weets, Meg Kolden, Laura Fay, Tim Vagle, Bob Wayne, Scott Brekke, Rhonda Lofberg and Brian Loe.

Student Council members present were: Rylee Strobel and Kaden Mostrom.

Also present were: Marlene Anderson, Dave Hill, Robert Fay, Kris Mostrom, Tim Cook w/student Tyler Erickson, Natasha Olsonawski w/student Briley Olsonawski and Tina Lee w/student Noah Lee.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman 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 Michelle Westerman to approve the February 11, 2019 agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Craig Mattson and seconded by Ryan Walseth to approve the minutes of the January 28, 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 mentioned work had continued on the School Board website based upon their feedback from the last meeting. Superintendent Bergstrom gave a brief review of the website and the next step will be to have the new site live this week.

Thief River Falls Day at the Capital is just around the corner. If you are interested in going, please let Renee know by the end of the week so we can get you signed up. TRF Day at the Capital is scheduled for Thursday, February 28, 2019. There will be five key areas to focus on and they include: Housing, Tax Conformity, Mental Health, Transportation and Childcare. There will be a meeting on February 21, 2019 at 5:30 pm with all those who are intending to go. Superintendent Bergstrom will not be attending as he will be going down in late March with area superintendents.

The weather the last few weeks has not been a lot of fun. On multiple occasions Ronnie Skallet and Superintendent Bergstrom were reviewing roads between 4:00 and 5:00 am. A reminder that February 4, 2019 was our third cancellation of a full day of school. According to our board approved calendar, all staff will be making that day up. The makeup day is Thursday, April 18, 2019. If there is a fourth day, the makeup day will be April 22, 2019.

The Cabinet meeting is tomorrow, February 12, 2019 at 9:00 am. The meeting will be held at the Lincoln High School, in the Training Center.

Winter sports are beginning their playoffs. Girls Hockey beat EGF 1-0 on Saturday, now in the Section Final on Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 7:00 pm in Crookston. Boys Hockey, Wrestling, Girls Basketball and Boys basketball are just around the corner.

Committee Reports:

- A. Policy Board Committee - Ryan Walseth mentioned that this committee was newly formed to assist with the boards role in policy creation, enforcement and review cycle. Policies will be reviewed every 3 years unless required annually or legislatively changed. Currently, policies 652 through 658 were reviewed and noted to request repeal due to duplication, being superfluous, governed by state statute or being procedural in nature. Policy 616 will simply have a hyperlink added to the policy to direct to the current Curriculum Review Cycle.
- B. Finance Board Committee - Wayne Nomeland gave an update that committee met with the City of TRF to discuss the REA Lease agreement. A recommendation was being brought forward to the full school board for a five year lease agreement, starting with the 2018-2019 school year.

Student Reports:

Rylee Strobel and Kaden Mostrom are both Freshman at LHS and shared with the board that Snofest was a success. Each grade level chose a musical theme to decorate in the commons area. The musicals that were chosen were: Hairspray, Wizard of Oz, Lion King and High School Musical. The students also raised over \$1900.00 towards the Herring Project and the TRF Humane Society.

Recognitions:

- A. In early observance of School Board Recognition Week, February 18-22, 2019, Superintendent Bergstrom would like to recognize each of the School Board Members for their dedication to students and learning and for their outstanding leadership of ISD #564.
- B. The ISD #564 Volunteer Program and Parent Group recognize the important role our School Board members play. Thank you for leading so our children can and will achieve.
- C. Congratulations to Brynn Drevlow, a 9th grade bassist from LHS, who was recently named to the 2019 MNSOTA (Minnesota String & Orchestra Teachers Association) Middle Level Honors Orchestra.
- D. Recognize the anonymous donation to Thief River Falls Public Schools totaling \$6,329.
- E. Congratulations to VEX Robotics Program at Challenger. Three teams are advancing to state and one student qualified for nationals.

Presentations:

- A. VEX Robotics Program, Challenger - Robert Fay along with students Tyler Erickson, Briley Olsonawski and Noah Lee presented an overview of the VEX Robotics Program.
- B. ~~Key Club Regional Conference – Key Club~~
- C. Environmental Scan - Sara Olson completed the environmental scan process through her presentation with the board.
- D. Multicultural Advisory Group - Kim Johnson & Brian Loe gave a presentation on Multicultural Student Services. The advisory group meets four times a year. The presentation outlined the goals of the program, funding sources, accomplishments for the year and plans for the next year. Currently we have two liaisons who do a lot of the work with the students. In order to qualify for state and federal funding we the district has to identify ten or more students as part of the Native American population. We are currently servicing 82 to 92 students within the district. A more extensive presentation is planned for May.

Guaranteed & Viable Curriculum (Strategic Direction A):

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

- A. Flexible Learning Presentation - The Flexible Learning Committee presented what is Flexible Learning, the goals and what this looks like for teachers and students. Upon board approval communication of the plan and training of staff will begin with the April 10, 2019 early out.
- B. A motion was made by Michelle Westerman and seconded by Mike Spears to approve to continue the work with the Flexible Learning Plan for 2019-2020. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. A motion was made by Chris Melbye and seconded by Craig Mattson to approve the 5 Year Lease Agreement at the REA with the City of Thief River Falls. Motion carried unanimously.

Families (Strategic Direction C):

Safety (Strategic Direction D):

Workforce (Strategic Direction E):

- A. A motion was made by Misty Hempel and seconded by Mike Spears 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 **Neil Liedberg**, Bus Driver, effective February 1, 2019.
 - 2. Approve the employment of **CharLee Mathieu**, Part-Time Little Brother/Little Sister Program Coordinator, effective February 11, 2019.
 - 3. Approve the leave of absence for **Deb Dahlen**, Bus Driver, effective approximately January 28 - February 15, 2019.
 - 4. Accept the resignation of **Nicole Rairdon**, Special Education Paraprofessional, CES, effective February 28, 2019.
 - 5. Accept the resignation of **Alec Yorba**, Cleaner, effective February 15, 2019.
 - 6. Accept the resignation of **Julie Skjerven**, Special Education Paraprofessional, CES, effective February 9, 2019.
 - 7. Accept the resignation of **Damara Boatright**, Bus Driver, effective February 22, 2019.
 - 8. Accept the resignation of **Dustin Hagen**, Kitchen Helper, CES, effective February 22, 2019.
 - 9. Accept the resignation of **Bobbie Bohnenkamp**, Special Educational Paraprofessional, FMS, effective February 22, 2019.
- B. A motion was made by Misty Hempel and seconded by Craig Mattson to accept the retirement of **Vicki Kolden**, Art Teacher, FMS, effective April 26, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.
 - C. A motion was made by Mike Spears and seconded by Michelle Westerman to approve a Lane Change effective February 1, 2019, for the following individual per Article X. Employment Rates and Conditions, Section 10, Subd. 4 of the Master Agreement with the Thief River Falls Education Association. Motion carried. C. Mattson Abstained.
 - 1. **Carley Nelson** BA10 Lane/Step 5

Finances (Strategic Direction F):

- A. A motion was made by Misty Hempel and seconded by Ryan Walseth to accept the anonymous donation to the Thief River Falls Public Schools totaling \$6,329. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Items:

- 1. A motion was made by Misty Hempel and seconded by Ryan Walseth to approve the policies that are being recommended for repeal. These policies have been found to be covered by either an approved MSBA policy or governed by state guidelines. Motion carried unanimously.

- a) **TRF 652 Parental REview Objection of Curriculum Content Policy** - Covered by Mandatory MSBA Policy 616
 - b) **TRF 653 Resolution of Complaints Policy** - Procedural
 - c) **TRF 654 The Freedom to Read Statement Policy** - Appendix
 - d) **TRF 655 Student Parent Advising Policy** - Procedural
 - e) **TRF 656 Media Selection Policy** - Covered by MSBA Policy 603
 - f) **TRF 657 Title 1 Parental Involvement Policy** - Covered by MSBA Policy 612.1
 - g) **TRF 658 Record Keeping and Reporting Policy** - Governed by State Guidelines
2. First reading of TRF 616 School District System Accountability Policy being presented for review. This policy has been updated with changes. The policy will be presented for approval at the February 25, 2019 board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Wayne Nomeland, Chair
/s/

Craig Mattson, Clerk
/s/