

Regular Board Meeting
Independent School District 564 – Board of Education
November 27, 2023
6:00 p.m.
DSC Board Room

A Regular Meeting of Independent School District #564 Board of Education was held on Monday, November 27, 2023, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the DSC board room. The following board members were present: Ryan Walseth, Misty Hempel, Chris Melbye, Wayne Nomeland, John Syvertson, and Mike Spears. Absent were: Michelle Westerman.

Staff members present were: Dr. Chris Mills, Angie Dahlen, Sara Olson, Kayla Lian, and Tanya Monson-Ek.

Also present were: Gretta Grzadzielewski, Kailee Larson, Tracee Bruggeman, James Sceville, and Dave Hill.

Board Chair Walseth called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Clerk Melbye confirmed that a quorum was present.

A motion was made by Misty Hempel and seconded by John Syvertson to approve the November 27, 2023 agenda, as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by John Syvertson and seconded by Wayne Nomeland to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2023 regular school board meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

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

Public Comment: None.

Presentations:

- A. Tracee Bruggeman from Brady Martz presented the 2022-23 audited financial statements.

Reports:

- A. Committee Report: None
- B. Student Report:
 - 1. Gretta Grzadzielewski and Kailee Larson reported on LHS life. Tuesday Nov. 28 the Ralph Engelstad Arena will be celebrating 20 years with its border battle hockey games.
- C. Superintendent's Report:
 - 1. Dr. Chris Mills discussed his notes from 11/17-11/27. Including the budget reduction process timeline and MN teacher internship program which will give school districts the choice to pay student teachers.

Business Action Items:

- A. A motion was made by Wayne Nomeland and seconded by Mike Spears to approve the consent agenda as presented, and as appropriate, per negotiated contract, salary and benefits, and an acceptable background check. Motion carried.

Personnel:

- 1. Approve the employment of **Tristan Hanson**, Special Education Paraprofessional, effective December 4, 2023.

2. Approve the employment of **Rita Marsh**, Special Education Paraprofessional, effective December 7, 2023.
 3. Approve the employment of **Kristian Colyer**, Cleaner, CES, effective November 27, 2023.
- B. A motion was made by Misty Hempel and seconded by John Syvertson to Approve the Lincoln High School Agriculture Trip. Motion carried.
- C. A motion was made by Chris Melbye and seconded by Mike Spears to Approve the Thief River Falls Public Schools ISD 564 2022-23 Audited Financial Statements as presented by Brady Martz & Associates. Motion carried.
- D. A motion was made by John Syvertson and seconded by Chris Melbye to approve to authorize publication of the "District Revenues and Expenditures Budget for FY2023 and FY2024" in the Times as indicated in the Appendix. Motion carried.
- E. A motion was made by John Syvertson and seconded by Mike Spears to Establish and Post for the following positions. Motion carried.
1. American Indian Coordinator (up to 20 hrs/month) - Effective Immediately
 2. Ojibwe Language Teacher (.5 f.t.e.). - Effective Immediately

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Ryan Walseth, Chair

Chris Melbye, Clerk