

Regular Board Meeting
Independent School District No 561
February 16, 2021 7:00 p.m.
Community Center

The school board of Independent School District #561 met in regular session on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the community center. The following members were present: John Lovly, Tim Hruby, Stacy Anderson, Joe Rubischko, and Neil Jensen. Absent:.. None. Also present: Superintendent Loberg, Business Manager Cynthia Jensen, and GEA representative Lacey Hruby and Lindsay Rystad.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Lovly, The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Hruby, seconded by Anderson to approve the amended January 19, 2021 meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Jensen, seconded by Rubischko to approve the February 16, 2021 agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Hruby to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2021 regular meeting as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Jensen, seconded by Rubischko to approve the payment checks #42664-42743 and wire payments as listed in report #3.1 A & B. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial reports were reviewed. Superintendent Loberg reported the district shows an investment balance of \$1,519,374.69 on January 31, 2021. (see reports #3.2-3.6 attached to the official board minutes).

Patron Concerns: None.

Student Council Report: None.

Goodridge Education Association Report: Representative Lacey Hruby provided a chromebook update. She expressed appreciation to administration, business manager Cynthia Jensen, and the board for ensuring every student in K-12 has a device. Mrs. Hruby also shared an email from Alexis Hruby, GVTEL Channel coordinator, regarding the new Goodridge channel 38. GEA Representative Lindsay Rystad reported that Eric Mickelson, Drama Coordinator, is planning to hold the play virtually this year. She also reported on I Love to Read Month activities that are being held throughout the month of February.

Classified Staff Report: None.

Instructional Reports: Superintendent Loberg reported that MCA testing is still planned for this spring. He also reported that ACT testing will take place at the end of March, and that the students have already registered for the test.

Old Business: A discussion was held regarding bus shop future options. After discussion, it was mutually agreed upon to continue with the current bus shop arrangements.

New Business : A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Rubischko to accept the bid from Kelly Dahlen for the hopper bin/conveyor in the amount of \$501. Motion carried unanimously.

Member Hruby introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption;

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the office of school board member with a term expiring the first Monday in January, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the vacancy has occurred more than 90 days prior to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in the year in which the vacancy occurs;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 561, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. The clerk shall accept affidavits of candidacy for this office during the same filing period as applicable to the school district general election, i.e. between 84 and 98 days before the date of the special election.
2. (a) It is necessary to hold a special election to elect one (1) individual to fill the vacancy in the term of School Board Member expiring the first Monday in January, 2025 (b) The clerk shall include on the special election ballot the names of the individuals who file or have filed Affidavits of Candidacy during the period established for filing such affidavits, as though they had been included by name in this resolution. The clerk shall not include on the ballot the names of individuals who file timely affidavits of withdrawal in the manner specified by law.
3. The special election shall be held on Tuesday, the 2nd day of November, 2021 between the hours of 10:00 o'clock p.m. and 8:00 o'clock p.m. This date is a uniform election date specified in Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.05

If the special election is held in conjunction with the state primary election, the state general election or the school district primary or general election in the even-numbered year, the precincts and polling places for this special election are those polling places and precincts or parts of precincts located within the boundaries of the school district and which have been established by the cities or towns located in whole or in part within the school district.

If the special election is held in conjunction with the school district primary or general election in the odd-numbered year, the school district combined polling places and the precincts served by those polling places, as previously established and designated by school board resolution for school district elections not held on the day of a statewide election, are hereby designated for this special election.

4. The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause written notice of said special election to be provided to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located, in whole or in part, at least seventy-four (74) days before the date of said special election. The notice shall include the date of said special election and the office to be voted on at said special election.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said special election to be posted at the administrative offices of the school district at least ten (10) days before the date of said election.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a sample ballot to be posted at the administrative offices of the school district at least four (4) days before the date of said election and to cause two sample ballots to be posted in each polling place or combined polling place on election day. The sample ballot shall not be printed on the same color paper as the official ballot. The sample ballot for a polling place or combined polling place shall reflect the offices, candidates and rotation sequence on the ballot used in that polling place.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said special election to be published in the official newspaper of the district, for two (2) consecutive weeks with the last publication being at least one (1) week before the date of said election.

The clerk is authorized and directed to cause the rules and instructions for use of the optical scan voting system to be posted in each polling place or combined polling place on Election Day.

The notice of election so posted and published shall state the office to be filled as set forth in the form of ballot below, and shall include information concerning each established precinct and polling place.

The notices to be posted and published may be combined with the Notice of General Election or the Notice of Primary Election if the general or primary and the special election are held together.

5. The names of candidates to fill a vacancy who have filed an affidavit of candidacy must be listed on the ballot under the separate heading "Special Election for School Board Member to fill vacancy in term expiring January 6, 2025." Their names must be listed as though they had been included by name in this resolution. The clerk shall not include on the ballot the names of individuals who file timely affidavits of withdrawal in the manner specified by law.

6. The name of each candidate to fill the vacancy in office at this special election shall be rotated with the names of the other candidates to fill the vacancy in office in the manner specified in Minnesota law.

7. The ballot shall be in substantially the following form:

Special Election Ballot

Independent School District No.561
Goodridge

November 2, 2021

**Special Election
for School Board Member to fill vacancy
in term expiring January 6, 2025**

Instructions to Voters:

To vote, completely fill in the oval next to your choice like this:



Vote for One



Name



Name



write in, if any

8. The school district clerk shall make all Campaign Financial Reports required to be filed with the school district under Minnesota Statutes, Section 211A.02, available on the school district's website. The clerk must post the report on the school district's website as soon as possible, but no later than thirty (30) days after the date of the receipt of the report. The school district must make a report available on the school district's website for four years from the date the report was posted to the website. The clerk must also provide the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board with a link to the section of the website where reports are made available.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by member Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held regarding the office remodel plans provided by JLG Architects. After discussion, it was mutually agreed upon to get an estimate from a contractor.

Personnel: A motion was made, with regrets by Jensen, seconded by Rubischko to accept the resignation of Betsy Saurdiff, Art/German teacher, effective May 28, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Donations: None.

Open Forum: Member Rubischko commented on how appealing the front of the school looks after the removal of the hopper bin. All board members welcomed Leah Bothum to the board, effective next month.

Administrative Reports: Student Council Advisor Lacey Hruby reported on Snofest activities that are planned for the week of March 1-5, 2021. Superintendent Loberg reported that administration has begun discussing prom, but no decisions have been made. Superintendent Loberg expressed appreciation to Alexis Hruby for taking on the new role of GVTEL Channel coordinator position. He provided a school year update, fleet report, and summer projects list (see report #11.2.1 attached to the official board minutes).

The next regular meeting was set for Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Cynthia Jensen, Deputy Clerk

Attest: John Lovly, Chairperson

Stacy Anderson, Clerk