

**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Independent School District No 561**  
**January 19, 2021 7:00 p.m.**  
**Community Center**

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The school board of Independent School District #561 met in regular session on Tuesday, January 19, 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, Principal Carlson, Business Manager Cynthia Jensen, and GEA representative Jim Johnson.

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

A motion was made by Jensen, seconded by Rubischko to approve the January 2021 agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Nominations were called for Chairperson. Jensen nominated Lovly. No other nominations were made. A motion was made by Hruby, seconded by Anderson to declare Lovly as Chairperson. In a vote 5-0-0, Lovly was declared Chairperson.

Superintendent Loberg reported that Jason Salo resigned from the School Board on November 5th, 2020 with 4 years remaining in his term, creating a vacancy on the Goodridge School Board.

Chairperson Lovly called for nominations for the board vacancy. Lovly nominated Terry Drangstveit. Rubischko nominated Leah Bothum. A discussion was held on the nominees. In a 3-2-0 vote, Bothum was declared as board member. A motion was made by member Hruby to move the said resolution into motion: WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the office of school board member with a term expiring the first Monday in January, and WHEREAS, the vacancy occurred more than ninety (90) days prior to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in the year the vacancy occurred and prior to the fourth year of the vacant term; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No 561, State of Minnesota, as follows: Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.09, Subd. 5b, Leah Bothum is hereby appointed to fill the vacancy and to serve until a successor is elected and qualified. The appointment shall be effective thirty (30) days after the adoption of this resolution unless a valid petition to reject the appointee is filed with the school district clerk pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.09, Subd. 5b(b) within that thirty (30) day time period. The motion was seconded by member Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

Nominations were called for Vice-Chairperson. Hruby nominated Jensen. No other nominations were made. A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Rubischko to appoint Jensen as Vice-Chair. In a vote 5-0-0, Jensen was declared Vice-Chair.

Nominations were called for Clerk. Hruby nominated Anderson. No other nominations were made. A motion was made by Jensen, seconded by Lovly to appoint Anderson as Clerk. In a vote 5-0-0, Anderson was declared Clerk.

Nominations were called for Treasurer. Lovly nominated Hruby. No other nominations were made. A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Rubischko to appoint Hruby as Treasurer. In a vote 5-0-0, Hruby was declared Treasurer.

The following committee appointments were made:

Legislative Liaison: Jensen. Community Center Governing Board: Hruby. Safety Committee: Jensen. Policy Review: Anderson. Budget and Finance: Anderson and Lovly. Administrative Negotiations: Lovly and Rubischko. Certified Staff Negotiations: Hruby and Rubischko. Pairing Committee: Anderson, Alternate Rubischko. NWRIC: Hruby, Alternate Rubischko. Interview Committee Classified: Jensen and Hruby. Interview Committee Certified: Anderson and Lovly. Interview Committee Administrative: Rubischko and Hruby. Buildings and Grounds: Lovly. MSHSL: Anderson.

A motion was made by Hruby, seconded by Jensen to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2020 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Jensen, seconded by Anderson to approve the payment checks #42576-42663 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 \$1,558,267.81 on December 31, 2020 (see reports #3.2-3.6 attached to the official board minutes).

Patron Concerns: None.

Student Council Report: None.

Goodridge Education Association Report: Representative Jim Johnson reported that the senior economics class will have a guest speaker that will discuss personal finance with the students. He also reported that the spelling bee will be held on January 21, 2021, and that the end of second quarter/first semester is on January 22, 2021.

Classified Staff Report: None.

Instructional Reports: Principal Carlson provided an update on MCA, STAR and ACT testing.

Old Business: Discussion was held regarding future bus shop options.

New Business : A motion was made by Jensen, seconded by Anderson to set the standard board meeting date for the third Tuesday of each month whenever possible, at 7:00 p.m. in November through April, and 8:00 p.m. in May through October, in the community center. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Rubischko seconded to designate the Thief River Falls Times as the official newspaper, KKAQ and KTRF as the official radio stations, attorney firm Kennedy & Graven, and Northern State Bank and Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund as the official depositories. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Jensen, seconded by Hruby to set the annual School Board salaries as follows: Chairperson \$1,300, Clerk \$1,100, Treasurer \$1,100, Vice-Chairperson \$1,000, Members \$1,000. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Lovly to give the school business manager authority to make electronic payments for payroll taxes, deductions and benefits. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Hruby, seconded by Jensen to approve the pay equity report. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion made by member Rubischko moved the said resolution into motion: WHEREAS, the Families First Coronavirus Recovery Act (FFCRA) required covered employers to provide up to 80 hours of paid emergency sick leave and up to 12 weeks of partially paid expanded family and medical leave, and WHEREAS, the requirement to provide said leave ended on December 31, 2020, and WHEREAS, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 provides the option for covered employers to extend the deadline for eligible employees to use any unused hours/days of leaves defined in the FFCRA through March 31, 2021, BE IT RESOLVED, Goodridge Public Schools shall extend the deadline for eligible employees to use any unused hours/days of the FFCRA paid emergency sick leave and partially paid expanded family and medical leave, according to the guidelines outlined in the FFCRA, through March 31, 2021. The motion was seconded by member Jensen. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel: A motion was made by Hruby, seconded by Lovly to approve the hire of Bridget Fiedler, health liaison/office aide for the 2020-2021 school year, with wage and benefits as per the classified staff agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Jensen to approve the hire of Mataya Sargent, paraprofessional,

with wage and benefits as per the classified staff agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Donations: None.

Open Forum: Member Rubischko thanked the staff involved in getting school events available for the public to watch through facebook live.

Administrative Reports: Principal Carlson reported that parent-teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, February 11th, 2021 in the same format that fall conferences were held. She also expressed appreciation to the board for the security cameras that have been installed and noted they are a great addition.

Superintendent Loberg provided a school year update, sports & community education update, and reported on bus driver route and coaching compensation (see report #11.2.1 attached to the official board minutes).

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Cynthia Jensen, Deputy Clerk

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Attest: John Lovly, Chairperson

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Stacy Anderson, Clerk