

**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Independent School District No 561**  
**Oct 20, 2020 8:00 p.m.**  
**Community Center**

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The school board of Independent School District #561 met in regular session on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. in the community center. The following members were present: John Lovly, Stacy Anderson, Joe Rubischko, Neil Jensen, and Terry Drangstveit. Absent: Tim Hruby. Also present: Superintendent Loberg, Principal Carlson, Business Manager Cynthia Jensen, GEA representative Lois Anderson, and Brady, Martz & Associates auditor Tracee Bruggeman.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Lovly, The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Jensen, seconded by Rubischko to approve the October 2020 agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Lovly to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2020 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Tracee Bruggeman of Brady, Partz & Associates reviewed the fiscal year 2020 financial audit.

A motion was made by Drangstveit, seconded by Lovly to approve the payment checks #42315-42426 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 \$1,625,768.65 on September 30, 2020 (see reports #3.2-3.6 attached to the official board minutes).

Patron Concerns: None.

Student Council Report: Advisor Becky Carlson reported that virtual and social distancing homecoming activities this week are going well. She also thanked Lacey Hruby for her work on Homecoming events.

Goodridge Education Association Report: Representative Lois Anderson reported that the GEA is appreciative of the extra support and time they have received this school year.

Classified Staff Report: None.

Instructional Reports: Principal Carlson reported that she received positive feedback on distance learning from parents of students that have been required to quarantine. She also expressed appreciation to Mrs. Anderson for her work in distance learning. Mrs. Anderson thanked the parents for their support and efforts as well.

Old Business: Superintendent Loberg provided an update on the parking lot project.

A motion was made by Jensen, seconded by Drangstveit to approve the MSBA policies: 422 - Policies Incorporated by Reference (revised); 522 - Title IX Sex Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure and Process (revised); 808 - COVID-19 Face Coverings (new). Motion carried unanimously.

New Business: A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Rubischko to approve the fiscal year 2020 school district audit as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Drangstveit, seconded by Jensen to waive the 2% staff development set aside rule for 2020-2021. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Rubischko, seconded by Jensen to approve the bid for the installation of additional cameras from Garden Valley Technologies in the amount of \$10,252.75. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Jensen to approve the hire of Twila Kriel, health liaison/office aide, with wage and benefits as per the classified staff agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Donations: A motion was made by Drangstveit, seconded by Lovly to accept donations as listed in report #10.1 (see report # 10.1 attached to the official board minutes).

Open Forum: Member Anderson inquired about getting a community Garden Valley channel. Superintendent Loberg reported that he is currently working on this with Garden Valley and will provide more information when it becomes available. Member Rubischko inquired about what grade levels of sports would be broadcasted. Member Lovly thanked everyone involved with the district for their planning and their hard work during these unprecedented times.

Administrative Reports: Principal Carlson reported on the status of new chromebooks. She also reported that the community Veteran's Day program will not be held, however, she is currently working on plans to provide education and projects to the students. Principal Carlson reported that she is working with the teaching staff to plan for parent/teacher conferences, which will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2020 and Tuesday, November 17, 2020.

Superintendent Loberg provided a school year update (see report #11.2.1 attached to the official board minutes). He also reported on the ECFE program. Superintendent Loberg reported on the option for restricted transfers for fiscal year 2021. The board consensus was to move forward with the transfers of restricted funds to unrestricted funds, as per guidance from the auditors and MDE.

The next regular meeting was set for Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Cynthia Jensen, Deputy Clerk

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Attest: John Lovly, Chairperson

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Stacy Anderson, Clerk