

Regular Board Meeting
Independent School District No 561
June 27, 2023
Community Center

The school board Independent School District #561 met in regular session on Tuesday, June 27th at 8:00 p.m. in the community center. The following members were present: John Lovly, Tim Hruby, Neil Jensen, Rozlynn Johnsrud, Joey Rubischko, and Leah Bothum. Also present: Superintendent Loberg, Principal Carlson, Business Manager Kelsie Steiger-Krein, Goodridge Education Association member Lacey Hruby and ICS members Lynn Dyer, Glenn Chiodo and Jason Splett.

A motion was made by Johnsrud, second by Rubischko, to approve the June 27th, 2023, amended meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Hruby, second by Jensen, to approve the minutes of the May 16th 2023, regular meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Hruby, second by Bothum, to approve the payment of checks #45813-45245 and wire payments are list in report #3.1 A&B as listed in report #3.1.1 Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Jensen, second by Lovly, to approve the final 2022-2023 revenue and expenditure budgets. Motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bothum, second by Hruby, to approve the tentative 2023-2024 revenue and expenditure budgets. Motion was carried unanimously.

Financial reports were reviewed. Superintendent Loberg reported the district shows an investment balance of \$1,784,855 on May 31, 2023. (See reports #3.2-3.6 attached to the official board minutes).

Patron Concerns: None

Student Council Reports: None

Goodridge Education Association Report: None

Classified Staff Report: None

Instructional Reports: None

Old Business:

Superintendent Loberg gave an update on the playground.

New Business:

A motion was made by Johnsrud, second by Jensen, to approve the audit transfers between funds in the best interest of the district. Motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Hruby, seconded by Bothum, to approve transferring inactive activity account funds to the general fund. Motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Jensen, seconded by Rubischko, to approve the 2024-2034 long term facilities maintenance 10 year plan (see report #8.3). Motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Hruby, seconded by Johnsrud, to approve the Purchase of Service Agreement for Transportation of Children and Youth in Foster Care Placement (see report #8.4). Motion was carried unanimously.

Johnsrud moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS AND
CALLING AN ELECTION THEREON**

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

1. The School Board hereby finds and determines that it is necessary and expedient for the School District to borrow money in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$21,350,000 and not to exceed any limitation upon the incurring of indebtedness which shall be applicable on the date or dates of the issuance of any bonds, for the purpose of providing funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including the construction and equipping of classroom additions to the school site and facility; the construction of improvements to repurpose and remodel existing classroom spaces; the construction and equipping of a new gymnasium facility including weight room and locker rooms; renovations and upgrades to the science lab, career and technical education (CTE) spaces and restrooms; the construction of improvements to relocate the main office to the ground level; and upgrades and improvements to the boiler and HVAC systems. The question on the borrowing of funds for these purposes shall be School District Question 1 on the School District ballot at the special election held to approve said authorization.

2. The administration of the School District is hereby authorized and directed to consult with the Minnesota Department of Education and cause a proposal to be prepared and submitted to the Commissioner of Education for the Commissioner's Review and Comment on behalf of the School Board, and to take such other actions as necessary to comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.71, as amended. Any such actions taken by the administration prior to the date of this resolution are hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved in all respects. The actual holding of the special election on School District Question 1 specified above shall be contingent upon the receipt of a positive or

unfavorable (provided applicable statutory requirements are met) Review and Comment from the Commissioner of Education on the projects included in that question.

3. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause the Commissioner's Review and Comment to be published in the legal newspaper of the School District at least twenty (20) but not more than sixty (60) days prior to the date of the special election specified below.

4. The School Board must hold a public meeting to discuss the Commissioner's Review and Comment before the referendum for bonds.

5. The ballot question specified above shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the School District at a special election, which is hereby called and directed to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m and 8:00 o'clock p.m. This date is a uniform election date specified in Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.05.

6. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the School District's combined polling place and the precincts served by the combined polling place, as previously established and designated by a resolution of the School Board adopted November 15, 2022, for elections held in 2023, is hereby designated for this special election.

7. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause written notice of said special election to be given to the county auditor of each county in which the School District is located, in whole or in part, and to the Commissioner of Education, at least seventy-four (74) days prior to the date of said election. The notice shall specify the date of said special election and the title and language for each ballot question to be voted on at said special election. Any notice given prior to the date of the adoption of this resolution is ratified and confirmed in all respects.

8. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said special election to be posted for public inspection at the administrative offices of the School District at least ten (10) days before the date of said special election.

9. 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 special election

and to cause two sample ballots to be posted in the combined polling place on election day. The sample ballots shall not be printed on the same color paper as the official ballot.

10. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said special election to be published in the official newspaper of the School District, for two (2) consecutive weeks with the last publication being at least one (1) week before the date of said election. The notice of election so posted and published shall state each question to be submitted to the voters as set forth in the form of ballot below, and shall include information concerning each established precinct and polling place.

11. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause the rules and instructions for use of the optical scan voting system to be posted in the combined polling place on election day.

12. The Clerk is authorized and directed to acquire and distribute such election materials as may be necessary for the proper conduct of this special election.

13. The Clerk is further authorized and directed to cause a ballot to be prepared for use at said election in substantially the following form, with such changes in form, color, instructions, and content as may be necessary to accommodate an optical scan voting system or to comply with the form and content requirements of applicable state election laws:

[Form of Ballot on the Following Page]

Special Election Ballot

Independent School District No. 561

(Goodridge Public School)

November 7, 2023

Instructions to Voters:

To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: .

To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "Yes" on that question.

To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "No" on that question.

School District Question 1

Approval of School District Bond Issue

Yes Shall the school board of Independent School District No. 561 (Goodridge Public School) be authorized to issue its general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$21,350,000 to provide funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including the construction and equipping of classroom additions to the school site and facility; the construction of improvements to repurpose and remodel existing classroom spaces; the construction and equipping of a new gymnasium facility including weight room and locker rooms; renovations and upgrades to the science lab, career and technical education (CTE) spaces and restrooms; the construction of improvements to relocate the main office to the ground level; and upgrades and improvements to the boiler and HVAC systems?

No

**BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION,
YOU**

ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

14. Optical scan ballots must be printed in black ink on white material, except that marks to be read by the automatic tabulating equipment may be printed in another color ink. The name of the precinct and machine-readable identification must be printed on each ballot. Voting instructions must be printed at the top of the ballot on each side that includes ballot information. The instructions must include an

illustration of the proper mark to be used to indicate a vote. Lines for initials of at least two election judges must be printed on one side of the ballot so that the judges' initials are visible when the ballots are enclosed in a secrecy sleeve.

15. If the School District will be contracting to print the ballots for this special election, the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to prepare instructions to the printer for layout of the ballot. Before a contract in excess of \$1,000 is awarded for printing ballots, the printer, at the request of the election official, shall furnish, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 204D.04, a sufficient bond, letter of credit or certified check acceptable to the Clerk in an amount not less than \$1,000 conditioned on printing the ballots in conformity with the Minnesota election law and the instructions delivered. The Clerk shall set the amount of the bond, letter of credit, or certified check in an amount equal to the value of the purchase.

16. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to provide for testing of the optical scan voting system within fourteen (14) days prior to the election date. The Clerk shall cause notice of the time and place of the test to be given at least two (2) days in advance by publishing the Notice of Testing once in the official newspaper and by causing the notice to be posted in the office of the county auditor, the administrative offices of the School District, and the office of any other local election official conducting the test.

17. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of the location of the counting center or the place where the ballots will be counted to be published in the official newspaper at least once during the week preceding the week of the election and in the newspaper of widest circulation once on the day preceding the election, or once the week preceding the election if the newspaper is a weekly.

18. As required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 203B.121, the School Board hereby establishes a ballot board to process, accept and reject absentee ballots at School District elections not held in conjunction with the state primary or state general election or that are conducted by a municipality on behalf of the School District and generally to carry out the duties of a ballot board as provided by Section 203B.121 and other applicable laws. The ballot board must consist of a sufficient number of election judges. The ballot board may include deputy county auditors and deputy city clerks who have received training in the processing and counting of absentee ballots. The Clerk or the Clerk's designee is hereby authorized and directed to appoint the members of the ballot board. The Clerk or the Clerk's designee shall establish, maintain and update a roster of members appointed to and currently serving on the ballot board and shall report to the School Board from time to time as to its status. Each member of the ballot board shall be paid reasonable compensation for services rendered during an election at the same rate as other election judges; provided, however, if a staff member is already being compensated for regular duties, additional compensation shall not be paid for ballot board duties performed during that staff member's duty day. Each member of the ballot board must be provided adequate training on the processing and counting of absentee ballots, including but not limited to instruction on accepting and

rejecting absentee ballots, storage of absentee ballots, timelines and deadlines, the role of the ballot board, procedures for opening absentee ballot envelopes, procedures for counting absentee ballots, and procedures for reporting absentee ballot totals.

19. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to begin assembling names of trained election judges to serve at the combined polling place during the special election. The election judges shall act as clerks of election, count the ballots cast and submit the results to the School Board for canvass in the manner provided for other School District elections. The election must be canvassed between the third and the tenth day following the election.

20. The 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 Hruby On a roll call vote, the following voted in favor: Johnsrud, Hruby, Rubischko, Jensen, Bothum and Lovly

and the following voted against: 0

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Personnel:

A motion was made by Jensen, seconded by Rubischko, to accept the resignation of Eric Mickelson, Play Director. Motion was carried unanimously with regrets.

A motion was made by Bothum, seconded by Rubischko, to transfer Morgan Sunsrud to Elementary Ed Teacher. Motion was carried unanimously.

Donations:

A motion was made by Hruby, seconded by Bothum, to accept donations as listed in report #10.1. Motion was carried unanimously.

Trustee Reports:

Member Hruby reported the NWRIC meeting was about finances.

Open Forum:

Member Hruby thanked ICS, Principal Carlson, Superintendent Loberg and the Board for all their hard work on Goodridge Forward

Member Lovly thanked everyone for moving ahead with Goodridge Forward.

Administrative Reports:

Principal Carlson reported Charger Academy has been going well and will be ending this week. Principal Carlson thanked the Staff for all their hard work. Principal Carlson reported that she is currently working on updates to the Student Handbook.

Superintendent Loberg gave the board an update on Insurance and Transportation. Superintendent Loberg thanked the Community, Staff, Principal Carlson, and School Board as it is very exciting to be moving ahead with Goodridge Forward, this is a very historic time for our district.


The next regular meeting was set for Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m

At 9:03 p.m the Board went into closed sessions to discuss Certified Negotiations

At 9:19 p.m the meeting was re-opened.

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.



Attest: John Lovly, Chairperson



Leah Bothum, Clerk