

**Minutes of Freshwater Education District # 6004**

**Board Mtg., 8/24/22**

**Wadena, MN**

**Called to Order** by Chair Thalmann at 5 P.M.

Board Present: R. Thalmann-Henning; K. Howard-Menahga; B. Lund-Staples-Motley; C. Funk-Sebeka; C. Wolf- Long Prairie-Grey Eagle; B. Tumberg-Wadena – Deer Creek; S. Veronen -Verndale; J. Hillmer-Browerville; R. VanDenheuvel-Bertha-Hewitt. Supt: D. Fjeldheim-Sebeka & L. Westrum-Wadena – Deer Creek. FED: Supt. Weber; SPED Director, L. Murdock; J. Anderson; S. Thiel.

**Agenda** - MOTIONED BY VanDenhuevel & 2<sup>nd</sup> BY Lund to approve the agenda as modified. VOTE- U/C

**Presentation** – Early Childhood Family Ed provided a staff made video with information of “What is ECFE”.

**Old Business**- MOTIONED BY Tumberg & 2<sup>nd</sup> BY Hillmer to approve the 8/22/22 minutes as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Tumberg & 2<sup>nd</sup> BY Hillmer to acknowledge receipt and review of the 8/17/22 Supt. Advisory minutes as presented. VOTE- U/C

**Business and Finance**- MOTIONED BY Veronen & 2<sup>nd</sup> BY Thalmann to approve the June & July 2022 mileage claims as presented. VOTE- U/C

MOTIONED BY Funk & 2<sup>nd</sup> BY Howard to approve the 8/24/2022 Voucher Claims as presented. VOTE- U/C

The following Resolution is hereby MOVED BY Funk & 2<sup>nd</sup> BY Wolf: Resolved, the Board of FED #6004 approves the establishment and maintenance of the Green Island School Forest and outdoor classroom comprising approximately 33 acres in the NE ¼ SW 14 of Section 5, Township 134, Range 35 and supports enrollment of said school forest in the MN DNR School Forest Program for educational purposes.

Freshwater School Forest described as: *the NE ¼ SW ¼ excluding the frontage area of highway 71 described as starting at the northwestern corner by the intersection of Highway 71 and Scheer Drive NE, then going 300 feet east along the property line, then going south 45° east to the point of beginning; and excluding an area in the NE of the parcel described as starting at the NE corner of the NE ¼ SW ¼ then going south 400 feet, then west 480 feet, then north 400 feet, then east 480 feet to the point of beginning.*

VOTE on adoptions of this Resolution was as follows; ABSTENTIONS: None

AYE: Thalmann, Wolf, Howard, Tumberg, Lund, Veronen, Funk, Hillmer and

VanDenheuvel NAY: None ABSENT: None. WHEREUPON, said Resolutions was declared duly adopted.

**New Business**- MOTIONED BY Veronen & 2<sup>nd</sup> BY Tumberg to approve the agreement between Interquest Detection Canines & FED for the 22/23 SY as presented. VOTE- U/C MOTIONED BY Howard & 2<sup>nd</sup> BY Hillmer to approve the Sourcewell Program and Services Agrmt. 22/23 SY as presented. VOTE- U/C

MOTIONED BY VanDenheuvel & 2<sup>nd</sup> BY Tumberg to approve the MOU between FED and Ed MN Freshwater Para/RVR Drivers Group to forego the HITA bid process in 2022 to retain at least a 12% rate cap from health insurance carrier Sourcewell. VOTE- U/C MOTIONED BY Funk & 2<sup>nd</sup> BY Lund to approve the MOU between FED and Ed MN

Freshwater Teacher-Itinerant Group to forego the HITA bid process in 2022 to retain at least a 12% rate cap from health insurance carrier Sourcewell. VOTE- U/C

MOTIONED BY VanDenhuevel & 2<sup>nd</sup> BY Wolf to approve the FED Employee Handbook for the 22/23 SY as presented. VOTE- U/C

MOTIONED BY Thalmann & 2<sup>nd</sup> BY Hillmer to approve the transferring of funds as presented. VOTE- U/C

**Dept. Reports- SPED;** *L. Murdock gave an update on the following: Two additional Para's needed for the start of the year; Installation of a breezeway completed at the Academies; New epoxy flooring installed in a reflection room of the Academy.*

**Bus. Mgr. Report;** *J. Anderson gave an update of FY22 audit will start in three weeks and looking at a \$100,000 spend down.*

**Ex. Director Report;** *E. Weber gave an update on the following: Admin met with Supervising Supts., D. Fjeldheim & L. Westrum on WALC student classroom space issue; Update of AASA Certification will be reimbursed by Sourcewell; Welcoming at the August Supts. Mtg. of the three new Supts. in LPGE, Menahga & Verndale. ABE: fully staffed for the beginning of the 22/23 SY. ALC/TS: Program hours for the 21/22 SY were 100 hours less than the previous year. ALC Outreach Program added Pequot Lakes to this past summer programming, with Royalton & Crookston inquiring of this option. Update of new epoxy flooring installed at the mid-level classroom of the WALC as well as new desk and chairs. LPALC will be starting a new middle-level program for the 22/23 SY.*

MOTIONED BY Tumberg & 2<sup>nd</sup> BY Howard to approve the updated School Nutrition Joint Agreement between SM #2170 & FED SALC for the 22/23 SY as presented. VOTE- U/C.

Carl Perkins: MOTIONED BY VanDenheuvel & 2<sup>nd</sup> BY Hillmer to approve the Career & Tech Ed Coordinator Service Agreement with WDC #2155, effective 7/1/22 – 6/30/23.

VOTE- U/C.

FEF; *Reviewed Balance Summary. Tech: Update on new phone system and security cameras installed. Reviewed the Wide Area Network Map with the changes of dark fiber to lit fiber.*

**Personnel Consent Agenda-** MOTIONED BY Veronen & 2<sup>nd</sup> BY Wolf to approve the items as follows:

ADMIN: Re-assignment of B. Larson, SpEd Para to Year-Round Flex Sub Para; L. Perkins, Academy Instructor to Year-Round Short Call Sub. Decrease in Hrs. of N. Hibbs, TCC/FACTS Facilitator;

ECFE/SR: Increase in Hrs. for K. Schalow, SR Child Educator; V. Wood, SR Para; B. Faust, ECFE/SR Child Educator; M. Schmidt, ECFE Parent Educator; E. Hibbs, ECFE/SR Child Educator. Decrease in Hrs., for M. Murch, SR Para; M. Wolhowe, SR Child Educator; L. Hubbard, SR Child Educator; L. Wright, ECFE/SR Child Educator.

SPED: Hiring of T. Becker, Life & Social Skills Assist.; R. Rivers, ECSE Inst.; L. Bertram, SLPA; A. Lorentz, SPED Para. Decrease in Hrs. J. Miller, Van Driver; D. Baune, ECSE Para. Increase in Hrs. K. Kneisl, SpEd Para; M. Becker, SpEd Para. Increase in Days S. McAllister, Program Specialist. Voluntary Reduction in Days for L. Baumgart, PI/Assessment/WBL Specialist. Resignation of M. Rasmussen, SpEd Para. VOTE- U/C.

**Adjournment-** MOTIONED BY Howard & 2<sup>nd</sup> BY Tumberg to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

