

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
FRESHWATER ED DIST. #6004
8/26/20
Wadena, MN**

Call to Order at 5:00 PM by Hillmer, Chair.

Board Present: J. Hillmer-Browerville, R. VanDenheuvel-B-H, K. Howard-Menahga, R. Thalmann-Henning, C. Funk-Sebeka, C. Wolf- LPGE, S. Veronen-Verndale. Board Members Absent: B. Lund. Others: Supt. L Westrum-WDC, Supt. D. Fjeldheim-Sebeka. Admin: E. Weber, L. Murdock, M. Mathers, J. Anderson and S. Thiel.

AGENDA- MOTION BY Wolf and 2ND BY VanDenheuvel to approve the agenda as presented. Vote – U/C.

INTRODUCTION of M. Mathers, *Director of Ed Programs & Evals*

OLD BUSINESS- MOTION BY Funk, 2ND BY Thalmann to approve Ex. Directors, E. Weber's 20/21 SY Goals as presented. Vote – U/C

NEW BUSINESS- The Following Resolution is hereby MOVED BY VanDenheuvel and SECONDED BY Thalmann:

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 123B.09 vests the care, management, and control of independent districts in the school board; and

WHEREAS, the Supt of FED #6004 (hereinafter the “Supt”) is responsible for the management of the schools, the administration of all Ed District policies, and is directly accountable for the School Board; and

WHEREAS, when responsibilities are not specifically prescribed nor Ed District policy applicable, the Supt shall use personal and professional judgement, subject to review by the School Board, pursuant to Ed District Policy 302, *Executive Director*;

WHEREAS, on 3.13.20, MN Gov. T. Walz, issued Emergency Executive Order 20-01, which declared a peacetime emergency in MN in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on 7.30.20, MN Gov. T. Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-82 and the Safe Learning Plan for the 2020-2021 (the “Safe Learning Plan”) , which set forth five Learning Models (in-person learning for all, in-person learning for elementary students and hybrid learning for secondary students hybrid learning for all students, hybrid learning for elementary students and distance learning for secondary students, and distance learning) and authorized all school districts in the State of MN to select and implement an appropriate base Learning Model in accordance with, and subject to, the Safe Learning Plan; and

WHEREAS, the MN Dept. of Ed (“MDE”) has issued and may continue to issue written guidance for MN schools on educational issues related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the MN Dept. of Health (“MDH”) has issued and may continue to issue written guidance for MN schools on public health issues related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Supt and the Admin of the Ed District have conferred with the School Board regarding the available Learning Models, the current MDE and MDH requirements for each, and other relevant information; and

WHEREAS, based upon the collective consideration of these factors, the Supt has recommended to the School Board that ***In-Person Learning for All*** will be the base Learning Model to be implemented at the commencement of the 2020-2021 SY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Ed Dist. No. 6004 as follows:

Section 1: The Supt is hereby directed to implement the following base Learning Model to open the 20-21 SY: ***In-Person Learning for All***

Section 2: The Supt is hereby authorized, after consultation with the School Board Chair and notification to the School Board, to select and implement a different Learning Model for the School Dist. or any specific school buildings without School Board action if the Supt. reasonably believes that prompt implementation of a different Learning Model is necessary, and that constraints of time and public health consideration render it impractical to hold a School Board meeting to approve the implementation. The Learning Model selected and implemented by the Supt. shall continue in effect unless and until the School Board, in consultation with the Supt. appropriate school district staff and public health officials, deems it in the best interest of the School District and its students to implement a different Learning Model.

Section 3: The Supt. will provide regular updates to the School Board regarding the School Dist. efforts to implement COVID-19 related educational and public health guidance issued by the MDE and MDH, respectively.

VOTE on adoptions of this Resolutions was as follows;

ABSTENTIONS: None; AYE: Hillmer, VanDenheuvel, Howard, Thalmann, Funk, Wolf, Veronen; NAY: None; ABSENT: Lund

WHEREUPON, said Resolutions was declared duly Adopted.

MOTION BY VanDenheuvel, 2ND BY Funk to approve the adoption of Policy 808 COVID-19 Face Covering Policy. Roll Call Vote-AYE: Hillmer, VanDenheuvel,

Thalmann,

Funk, Wolf, Veronen; NAY: Howard; Motion Carried

MOTION BY Thalmann, 2ND BY Wolf to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

Pre-Approved Publication Summary

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Rod Thalmann, Clerk