

**MINUTES of REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FRESHWATER EDUCATION DISTRICT # 6004
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2020
Wadena, MN**

Meeting was held electronically, permitted under Minn. Stat. 13D. 021

CALLED TO ORDER by Vice Chair R. VanDenheuvel

Roll Call-BOARD: Russ VanDenheuvel-Bertha-Hewitt, Katie Howard-Menahga, Rod Thalmann-Henning, Bruce Lund-Staples-Motley, Charles Funk-Sebeka, Chuck Wolf- Long Prairie-Grey Eagle, Barb Tumberg-Wadena-Deer Creek, Scott Veronen-Verndale.

Superintendents: Lee Westrum- Wadena-Deer Creek, Dave Fjeldheim-Sebeka. FED Admin: Eric Weber, Lori Murdock, Jordan Anderson and Sharon Thiel.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA- MOTION BY HOWARD and SECONDED BY Wolf to approve the agenda as modified. Roll Call Vote- U/C.

COMMENTS- Welcoming of WDC Board Member, Barb Tumberg.

OLD BUSINESS-

MOTION BY Wolf and SECONDED BY Funk to approve the September 23, 2020 minutes as presented. Roll Call Vote: U/C

MOVED BY Howard and SECONDED BY Tumberg:

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 132B.02, Subd. 6 provides: “The Board may receive, for the benefit of the Freshwater Education District (FED), bequests, donations, or gifts for any proper purpose and apply the same to the purpose designated. In that behalf, the Board may act as trustee of any trust created for the benefit of the FED, or for the benefit of pupils thereof, including trusts created to provide pupils of the FED with advanced education after completion of high school, in the advancement of education.” and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 465.03 provides: “Any City, County, School District or Town may accept a grant or devise of real or personal property and maintain such property for the benefit of its citizens in accordance with the terms prescribed by the donor. Nothing herein shall authorize such acceptance or use for religious or sectarian purposes. Every such acceptance shall be by Resolution of the Governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members, expressing such terms in full”; and

WHEREAS, every such acceptance shall be by resolution of the governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members, expressing such terms in full;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Freshwater Education District, NO. 6004, gratefully accepts the following donations as identified below:

Donor	Item	Designated Purpose (if any)
Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative	\$2,500	WALC Solar Powered Greenhouse Project

VOTE on adoptions of this Resolution was as follows; ABSTENTIONS: None. AYE: VanDenheuvel, Howard, Thalmann, Lund, Funk, Wolf, Tumberg, Veronen. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hillmer

WHEREUPON, said Resolutions was declared duly Adopted.

NEW BUSINESS-

MOTION BY Veronen and SECONDED BY Lund to approve the September 17, 2020 through October 26, 2020 voucher claims as presented. Roll Call Vote-U/C.

MOTION BY Tumberg and SECONDED BY Lund to approve the Technology Service agreement between Sebeka ISD#820 and Freshwater Ed District #6004. Roll Call Vote-U/C with Abstention of Funk.

MOTION BY Funk and SECONDED BY Thalmann to approve and post the FY-21 Freshwater Teacher-Itinerant Seniority list as presented. Roll Call Vote- U/C.

MOTION BY Veronen and SECONDED BY Wolf to approve and post the 2020-2021 SpEd Paraprofessional Seniority list as presented. Roll Call Vote – U/C.

MOTION BY Funk and SECONDED BY Howard to approve and post the 2020-2021 SpEd Regular Van Route Drivers Seniority list as presented. Roll Call Vote – U/C.

Review of the Annual Administrative Memo Regarding Probationary and Term Employees and Classified Employee First Date of Employment List.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS-

ALC/Targeted Services; *Update was given on current enrollment numbers; ALC's - 130 students enrolled and TS - 8 schools, about 50% (125 students vs 1000+ students)*

Technology; Update of the need to increase the Wide Area Network Bandwidth, due to increased internet usage within the Wide Area Network. Update of the annual review of FED Wide Area Network Members: *No cost except the purchase of the FED Internet Service @ \$300 each for the following participating districts: Bertha-Hewitt, Browerville, Henning, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle, Menahga, Pillager, Sebeka, Staples-Motley, Verndale and Wadena-Deer Creek. FED WAN annual value is \$45,580. The Superintendents voted at their October Advisory Mtg. to continue this cooperative internet network, thus continuing the opportunity for each site to receive Minnesota Telecom Aid on years the FED WAN receives E-Rate funding.*

Business Manager; Review of Freshwater Educational Foundation budget; FY21 Qtr. 1 Reports; FY20 YE Unaudited Fund Balance Summary; Amendment to Health Partners Summary Plan and Amendments to Group Term/Long-Term/Short-Term Insurance.

Executive Director; Update of 2021-2022 School Year Menu Options will be sent out early November to Member & Associate Members to review; Update on current COVID topics: 3- staff have tested positive for COVID-19; 0-students; Multiple students and staff needed to self-quarantine; November 9th, staff planning day- No students but it is counted as an instructional day. Update on the status of Ex. Director's Goals; Update of adding an additional AC unit the FED server room due to the current AC unit is under powered, cost of this will be under \$9,000.

PERSONNEL AGENDA-

MOTION BY Tumberg and SECONDED BY Wolf to approve the items as follows:

SPECIAL EDUCATION:

- a. Hiring of Noah Brogle, ECSE Paraprofessional for 458.5 hrs., AND
- b. Increase in Hours for Bev Johnson, ECSE Paraprofessional from 585 hrs., to 806 hrs. effective September 25, 2020, AND
- c. FMLA Request of Sara Truax, Speech Pathologist, effective on/or around May 9th, 2021 through the end of the 20/21 SY, AND

ECFE/SR/TODD CTY COLLABORATIVE;

- a. Hiring of Nathan Hibbs, FACTS Facilitator, effective September 24, 2020, AND
- b. Hiring of Ashley Monson, SR Paraprofessional, effective September 24, 2020, AND

Roll Call Vote- U/C

ADJOURNMENT-

MOTION BY Funk and SECONDED BY Wolf to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 p.m.