

**Minutes of Freshwater Ed. Dist. # 6004
Board Mtg., 4/24/24
Wadena, MN**

Mtg. called order by Chair Anderson at 5 P.M.

Board Present: L. Anderson-Staples-Motley; C. Funk-Sebeka; C. Wolf- Long Prairie-Grey Eagle; S. Veronen-Verndale; R. VanDenheuvel-Bertha-Hewitt; R. Thalmann-Henning. Board Absent: J. Hillmer-Browerville; B. Tumberg-Wadena-Deer Creek; K. Howard-Menahga. Superintendents Present: L. Westrum - Wadena-Deer Creek; S. Vedbraaten-Browerville. FED: E. Weber, Ex. Dir.; J. Wothe, SpEd Dir.; J. Anderson, Finance Mang.; S. Thiel, Admin. Assist. Others in Attendance: J. Osberg, C. Cook, P. Peterson, & N. Schmidt.

Agenda - MOTIONED BY VanDenheuvel & 2ND BY Veronen to approve the agenda as modified with adding presentation of School Comfort Dog. VOTE-U/C

Presentations - Jena Osberg, Academies Site Mang. presented on the current fundraising for the School Comfort Dog through Interquest Cares. The funds will be used for the purchase of the dog, supplies, insurance, grooming, & vet services of the dog.

Corry Cook, DHH; Paula Peterson, OT; & Nicole Schmidt, Visually Impaired presented their ACP Project of Life Skills activities that FED Staff can check out to use in their classroom.

Old Business- MOTIONED BY Funk & 2ND BY Thalmann to approve the 1/25/2024 FED Board Minutes as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTION BY Thalmann & 2ND BY VanDenheuvel to acknowledge receipt and review of the 2/2024, 3/2024 & 4/2024, Supt. Advisory minutes as presented. VOTE-U/C

New Business- MOTIONED BY Veronen & 2ND BY Funk to approve the F Y 24 Qtr. 3 (1/1/24-3/31/24) Voucher Claims totaling \$1,884,000.28 as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY VanDenheuvel & 2ND BY Wolf to approve the 1/2024 & 2/2024 Mileage Claims as presented. VOTE-U/C

The following resolution is hereby MOVED BY Funk & 2ND BY VanDenheuvel: To recognize that the Board of FED #6004, gratefully accepts the following as identified:

Reading for the Future: Lakewood Health System, Staples, MN ~\$1,000, Staples Lions Club, Staples, MN ~\$250, Lions Club of Motley, MN ~ \$1,000, Grey Eagle/Bertram Lions Club, Grey Eagle, MN ~ \$1,000.

Academy Comfort Dog: Wadena Lions Club, Wadena, MN ~ \$500; Hewitt Lions Club, Hewitt, MN ~ \$500; Wadena Rotary, Wadena, MN ~\$500; Sourcewell, Staples, MN ~ \$2,000; New York Mills Lions Club, New York Mills, MN ~ \$500; Kenneth & Kim Nelson, Ottertail, MN ~ \$1,500; Ottertail Lions Club, Ottertail, MN ~ \$500; Staples Rotary Club, Staples, MN ~ \$100; Deer Creek Lions, Deer Creek, MN ~ \$500; Alicia Wahlin, Aldrich, M ~ \$20; Jena Osberg, Wadena, MN ~ \$100;

Spring Fling: Anderson Homes, Sebeka, MN ~ \$100; Community First Bank, Menahga, MN ~ \$150; Riverside Fergus Falls Lions Club, Fergus Falls, MN ~ \$50; Todd Wadena Electric Cooperative, Wadena, MN ~ \$50; Wadena VFW, Wadena, MN ~ \$200; Wadena, Lions Club, Wadena, MN ~ \$100. VOTE on adoptions of this Resolution was as follows; *ABSTENTIONS: None AYE: Funk, Wolf, Veronen, VanDenheuvel, Thalmann, Anderson. NAY: None ABSENT: Howard, Hillmer and Tumberg.*

WHEREUPON said Resolutions were declared duly adopted.

The following resolution is hereby MOVED BY Thalmann & 2ND BY Anderson; WHEREAS, Ivan Lorentz is a TIER 2 teacher in Education District No. 6004.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Education District No. 6004, that the teaching contract of Ivan Lorentz, a TIER 2 Teacher in Education District No. 6004 is hereby terminated at the close of the current 2023-2024 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a written notice be sent to said teacher regarding the non-renewal of his contract as provided by law. *VOTE on adoptions of this Resolution was as follows; ABSTENTIONS: None AYE: Veronen, VanDenheuvel, Anderson, Funk, Wolf. NAY: None ABSENT: Howard, Hillmer, and Tumberg.* WHEREUPON said Resolutions were declared duly adopted.

MOTIONED BY Veronen & 2ND BY VanDenheuvel to approve the SR/ECFE Service Agrm. between FED #6004 & SM #2170 for the 24/25 SY as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Thalmann & 2ND BY Anderson to approve the 24/25 SY Consolidated Telephone Company Contract as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY VanDenheuvel & 2ND BY Funk to approve the 24/25 SY Dark Fiber and Ethernet Transport Contract with Arvig as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Wolf & 2ND BY Thalmann to approve the 24/25 SY WCTA Contract for Internet Bandwidth & Dark Fiber Lease as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Veronen & 2ND BY VanDenheuvel to adopt the 24/25 Academies SY Calendar of 181 Teacher Days/170 Student Days as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY VanDenheuvel & 2ND BY Funk to accept the response from Stellher Human Services for \$189,054.54 for Mental Health Services for the 24/25 SY. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Thalmann & 2ND BY Anderson to adopt the FED ALC SY Calendar of 181 Teacher Days/170 Student Days as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Funk & 2ND BY Thalmann to approve the Interim Technology Service Agreement between FED #6004 & Verndale ISD #818 from 2/20/24 – 5/30/24, as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Veronen & 2ND BY Wolf to approve the Para Educator/RVR Driver Agreement for the period of 7/1/23 – 6/30/25. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY VanDenheuvel & 2ND BY Thalmann to approve FY24 Revision III Budget and the 24R3 Assessment Manual. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Thalmann & 2ND BY Anderson to approve changes of adding position “Behavior Life Social Skills” to Policy 400.13L. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Funk & 2ND BY VanDenheuvel to approve removing Policy 400.14L - Policy Employee Salary Chart. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY VanDenheuvel & 2ND BY Thalmann to approve updates to Policy 400.11L. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Veronen & 2ND BY Thalmann to approve the termination of the Tech Helpdesk Service Agrmt. between FED #6004 & NYM School District #553, effective 12/31/23, as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY VanDenheuvel & 2ND BY Anderson to approve the Agrmt. between MN Infinitic & FED #6004 for the 24/25 SY as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Thalmann & 2ND BY Veronen to approve the 24/25 Academies Student Handbook as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Funk & 2ND BY Anderson to approve the Interquest Detection Canines Agrmt. for the 24/25 SY as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Veronen & 2ND BY Wolf to approve the following personnel items:

- Extension of Voluntary Leave of Absence of T. Brown, School Psychologist for the 24/25 SY.
- Advertise & Hire a PT MARSS Specialist for the 24/25 SY; DAPE Teacher for .4 FTE for the 24/25 SY; SpEd Teachers for the 24/25 SY; ECSE Para for the remainder of the 23/24 SY.
- Resignation of K. Bauck, ECSE Para, effective 3/21/24; A. Truax, ECSE Teacher, effective the end of the 23/24 SY; T. Burton, ECSE Para effective the end of the 23/24 SY; A. Quistorff, SLPA effective the end of the 23/24 SY; I. Nesland, ECSE Para effective the end of the 23/24 SY; H. Moore, WALC Para, effective 2/16/24;
- Voluntary Reduction in Hrs. & Change in the title for J. Sorry, 3rd Party IEP Billing/Payroll Clerk III, working 1,922.5 hours, to 3rd Party Billing, working 1,786.5 hours, effective 3/7/24.

- Hiring of J. Lass, SLPA for the 24/25 SY for 181 Days; M. Jorgenson, ECSE Teacher for the 24/25 SY for 181 Days at MA/8; J. Skoien, Long-Term Teacher Substitute, effective the 24/25 SY.
- Reassignment of T. Miller MARSS Specialist from 1.0 FTE/260 Days to .7 FTE MARSS Specialist/.3 FTE Prog. Assist. for 208 Days, effective 7/1/24; J. Line, Prog. Assist. from .89 FTE/161 Days to .7 FTE Prog. Assist/.3 MARSS Specialist for 230 Days, effective 7/1/24.
- Advertise and Hire a Summer School Teacher at the SALC for 6/2024 - (4 hrs. per day / 4 days per week).
- Approve the FY 25/26 ABE Cord. Contract; FY25 Assist. Director of SpEd Contract. VOTE- U/C

Department Reports –

J. Anderson gave an update that he presented at the following Institutional Members Board Meetings; Verndale, Sebeka, and Bertha-Hewitt; Reviewed the following FY24 Qtr. 3 Finance Reports: Fund Balance, Cash Report, OPEB Reserve & Facility Reserve.

J. Wothe updated the Board on the following: SpEd Paraprofessional Qualification – Paras need to be Highly Qualified; Academies current enrollment of 43 of the 46 spots are filled; Comfort Dog; State SpEd Monitoring Update; Coordinated Early Intervening Services; and upcoming training opportunities.

E. Weber reviewed the following items with the Board: MN DNR Commissioner approved of the FED School Forest; Annual review of FED Foundation; FED Board Personnel meeting minutes; facility updates of WALC lighting upgrades, Summer School Offerings; Royalton & Little Falls joined TS; SR Consulting will be offered in Menahga; Received positive feedback on M. Kaluza as Carl Perkins Coordinator.

MOTIONED BY Thalmann & 2ND BY VanDenheuvel to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m. VOTE-U/C.

Pre-Approved Publication Summary