

FRESHWATER EDUCATION DISTRICT # 6004

Special Board Meeting Minutes, May 27, 2026

2222 Industrial Drive, Wadena, MN

The meeting was called to order by Chair Huttunen at 5:07 PM.

Board Members Present: **Chair** - Rod Huttunen-Sebeka, Russ VanDenheuvel-Bertha-Hewitt, Katie Howard-Menahga, Chuck Wolf- Long Prairie-Grey Eagle, Ryan Wright-Staples-Motley.

Board Members Absent: **V. Chair** - Barb Tumberg-Wadena-Deer Creek, **Clerk** - Scott Veronen, Verndale, **Treasurer** - Jodi Hillmer-Browerville, and Rodney Thalmann – Henning.

Superintendents Present: Lee Westrum- Wadena-Deer Creek & Scott Vedbraaten - Browerville.

FED Administration: Eric Weber & Sharon Thiel.

MOTIONED by VanDenheuvel and SECONDED by Wright to approve the agenda for the special meeting as presented. VOTE- U/C

MOTIONED by Wright and SECONDED by Howard to approve the consideration and approval of hiring Paul Brownlow as Executive Director of Freshwater Education District, effective July 1, 2026. VOTE: U/C

MOTIONED by Wolf and SECONDED by VanDenheuvel to adjourn the meeting at 5:09 PM.