

# PUBLIC NOTICES

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### W-E-M BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES REGULAR MEETING Monday, January 25, 2021, 6 p.m.

The WEM Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, January 25, 2021 at the Waterville Building in the Board Room. The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Gary Michael at 6 p.m.

Board Members Michael, Jay Schneider, Jeff Stangler, Travis Bowman, and June Rezac, participated in the meeting. Also present were Superintendent Joel Whitehurst, Principals Dr. Jennifer Wilson and Bobbie Jo Bastian, Business Manager Margaret Jewison, and Activities Director Jeff Boran participated in the meeting via teleconference.

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Stangler to approve the agenda. Five members voted in favor by roll call vote - motion declared passed.

Motion by Michael and seconded by Bowman to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from Dec. 21 and the Special Meeting Minutes from Dec. 10. Four members voted in favor by roll call vote - Rezac abstained - motion declared passed.

Motion by Bowman and seconded by Rezac to approve the Organizational Meeting Minutes from Jan. 14 and the Regular and the Special Meeting Minutes from Jan. 14. Five members voted in favor by roll call vote - motion declared passed.

Motion by Bowman and seconded by Schneider to approve the January Finance report. The bills and payroll from the report were \$2,453,342.65, deposits were \$1,197,027.79, and transfers were \$1,800,000.00. There were no other comments on the report. Five members voted in favor by roll call vote - motion declared passed.

#### VISITOR COMMENTS

There were no visitor comments.

#### RECOGNITION

Motion by Bowman and seconded by Stangler to approve the following donations:

A donation of \$50,000 from Robert Larson in memory of his wife Virginia Miner. \$10,000 has been designated to the 4th grade, \$10,000 to the music department, and \$30,000 to the school district.

A donation of \$20,000 from Pamela Baker which will be used to hold a special school board election and the remainder being designated to the Ag. Department.

A donation of \$50 from American Legion Auxiliary #149 which will be used in the media center.

Five members voted in favor by roll call vote - motion declared passed.

#### REPORTS

**WEM Principal Bobbie Jo Bastian and WEM Principal Dr. Jennifer Wilson (PreK-12th Grade) presented the following report: PreK-12th Grade**

• PreK-6th grade have fully transitioned back to in-person learning. As of Monday, January 25, 7-12th grade students have (for the first time) transitioned to in-person learning. This is extremely exciting for our district! Districts around us are not in the same position to transition their whole student body to in-person learning, we are feeling blessed and thankful to have our students back in our buildings together.

• Construction is wrapping up in the elementary area (fourth grade and office areas are fully moved into), however it is just ramping up on the high school side of the building. Continual changes are happening and with each phase is excitement. The modern and fresh looks of the building are very welcoming to students, staff, community members and visitors.

• Throughout the last few weeks and into this week BUCS Pride hosted a variety of activities including BINGO and reteaching expectations. Thank you to local families, staff and businesses who have graciously donated prizes!

• Friday, January 22 was a curriculum and grading day for teachers. We welcomed a professional counselor from Southern Minnesota Counseling Services to speak to staff. The topics for the presentation were self-care, engaging students, understanding and getting a feel for student mental health and ways to help support one another. Staff engaged in discussion and activities before having time for Q&A. Following the presentation staff had time to work on final quarter/semester grades.

• Administration has started the processes of reviewing potential schedules for 2021-2022. Counselors are working on registration which will take place in February-March. We anticipate this to be a much smoother process compared to last year as we will have students in the building.

• Lastly, we would like to extend a large thank you to our staff for their flexibility as we shift within learning models. In addition, thank you for supporting the district's ability to transition to in-person learning. A sincere thank you to our parents for being understanding and doing all they do at home with their children to help make WEM the best it can be.

**WEM Activities Director Jeff Boran presented the following report:**

#### ATHLETICS

• The 2020-21 WEM Triple A Award (Arts, Athletics, Academics) winners are seniors Toryn Richards and Aidan Snedrud. This MSHSL special multi-level recognition award recognizes high school seniors active in league sponsored fine arts and athletic activities and show success in the classroom.

• Winter - Our teams are competing. Started practices January 4. 1st games were scheduled for Jan. 14 and we were snowed out.

GBB has currently played three games. Congratulations to Toryn Richards for scoring her 1,000 point last Friday.

BBB has played two games.

Wrestling gets started tonight in Janesville hosting a dual meet vs. Kenyon-Wanamingo and the Grizzlies first match in Waterville will be Jan. 28.

• The MSHSL is still working on post seasons for winter sports however nothing has been finalized. The intent is to have Section and State Tournaments.

#### COMMUNITY EDUCATION

• School Age Care seems to be doing fine as we have transitioned back into all in-learning model.

• School Age Care is going well and teachers are getting ready to welcome in ECFE students back.

• Facility usage is down but we do still have some groups using and requesting use and working through COVID protocols.

**WEM Superintendent Joel Whitehurst presented the following:**

• Whitehurst thanked Pam Baker for her years of service on the school board, said construction is moving right along, Becky Taylor, Pegi Wolff, and Margaret Jewison have moved locations in the building due to construction, staff vaccinations have started with seven staff members getting their first shots, and said Le Sueur County has 100 doses of vaccine available in the county.

#### WEM Board Member reports

• New Board Member has been attending the MSBA Convention virtually.

• Michael, Rezac, and Schneider have been named to a Super Search Committee which will help with the superintendent search.

#### INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

• The South Central Service Cooperative's Board of Directors asked for nominations for the election to the Board of Directors

• Discussion was held regarding the process to fill the school board vacancy. There will be a special election held later in the year, possibly in May 2021.

• The board discussed the school-owned 8-1/2 acres of ag land. No action was taken.

• Rice County Deputy Services in the Morristown building were discussed. The board agreed they did not want to pay the approximate \$19,000 to hire a deputy.

#### ACTION

Motion by Bowman and seconded by Stangler to approve the Feb. 1, 2021 - January 31, 2022 contract for payroll services with School Management Services (\$36,050). Five members voted in favor by roll call vote - motion declared passed.

#### PERSONNEL

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Rezac to approve student tutors Tori Van Ryn, Lindsay Condon, Isabel Weller, and Emma McGraw at \$10.08/hour. Five members voted in favor by roll call vote - motion declared passed.

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Stangler to approve the 2019-2021 Community Education and Activities Director contract of Jeff Boran. Five members voted in favor by roll call vote - motion declared passed.

Motion by Stangler and seconded by Bowman to approve the hiring of Larry Tegmeier as route bus driver at a rate of \$51.30/per route. Five members voted in favor by roll call vote - motion declared passed.

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Michael to approve volunteer boys basketball coaches Brian Nutter and Brandon Kewatt. Five members voted in favor by roll call vote - motion declared passed.

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Stangler to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Five members voted in favor by roll call vote - motion declared passed.

#### ATTEST:

*Gary Michael, Board Chair  
Jay Schneider, Board Clerk*

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Elysian Township, County of Le Sueur, State of Minnesota that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March (March 16, 2021), and if inclement weather also postpones the election and meeting on the third Tuesday, they shall be held on the fourth Tuesday in March (March 23).

The Election Poll hours will be open from 5 to 8 PM, at which time the voters will elect one Supervisor for a three year term and a Treasurer for a two year term.

The Annual Meeting will commence at 4 PM to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The Canvass Board will meet following the election to canvass the election results.

The Annual Election and Meeting will be held at the following location: Elysian Tourism Center, 100 3rd St. SW, Elysian, MN.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC ELECTION

The citizens of the Township of Waterville, Le Sueur County, MN, who are qualified to vote at the General Elections, are hereby notified that the annual Township elections will be held at the Waterville Township Hall, 419 3rd St. S, Waterville, MN on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The annual meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. prior to the election. In case of inclement weather, the election and annual meeting will be held on the third Tuesday, March 16, 2021.

Hours available for absentee voting will be from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on Saturday, March 6, 2021, at the home of the Clerk at 46684 State Hwy 13 N, Kilkenny, MN 56052 (5 miles north of Hwy 60 on Hwy 13).

Incumbent Alan Gehrke has filed for re-election as Supervisor for a 3-year term and Kim Lloyd has filed for Treasurer for a 2-year term.

The Canvass Board will meet immediately following the election to canvass the election results.

Given under my hand this 25th day of February, 2021.

Traci Murphy, Clerk

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC ELECTION

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Kilkenny Township, County of Le Sueur, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021.

In case of inclement weather, the Meeting and Election may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March, which will be March 16, 2021.

The Election poll hours will be open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at which time the voters will elect one (1) Supervisor for a three (3) year term and one (1) Treasurer for a two (2) year term. Incumbent Supervisor, James Hebel, has filed for the Supervisor position. Suzanne Rutt has filed for the treasurers position.

The Annual Meeting will commence at 8:15p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law. The Annual Election and Meeting will be held in the Town Hall at 160 East Dodd Road, Kilkenny, MN. The Board of Canvas will meet on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 8 p.m. in the Town Hall to certify the Official results.

Absentee voting hours will be from 10 a.m. until Noon on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at the home of the Clerk at 44843 165th Ave., Kilkenny, MN 56052.

Barbara A. Kinniry, Clerk

Kilkenny Township

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

DISTRICT COURT  
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
Court File No. 40-CV-21-45  
Case Type: Other Civil (Quiet Title)

AMENDED SUMMONS  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF LE SUEUR

James O. Hansen and Joanne K. Hansen, Plaintiff, vs. Mina Sargent; Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation; US Bank National Association, as Trustee; Jonathan D. Evenson; the unknown heirs of Fred C. Ripka, a/k/a Fred Carl Ripka, deceased; Alvina Edwards a/k/a Alvina Ripka and Alvina Jantz Ripka; Holly E. Peterson; the unknown heirs of Lillian B. Donahue, deceased; Ja-Li Corporation; the unknown heirs of Elmer E. Villwock, deceased; the unknown heirs of Lorna L. Villwock, deceased; Barbara Herrley; Lisa Kreuzer a/k/a Lisa Meister; Wendy J. Kruger; Chad D. Melchert; Sakatah Bay Townhomes Association; James R. Hennan; Sandra C. Hennan; Marcia D. Wynn; Carin L. Mootz; Lisa Davis; Donald J. Hebel; City of Waterville; County of Le Sueur; and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest or lien in the real estate described in the Amended Complaint herein, Defendants.

THIS AMENDED  
SUMMONS IS DIRECTED  
TO THE ABOVE NAMED  
DEFENDANTS.

1. YOU ARE BEING SUED. The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you The Plaintiff's Amended Complaint against you is attached to this Amended Summons. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights. You must respond to this lawsuit even though it may not yet be filed with the Court and there may be no court file number on this Amended Summons.

2. YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 21 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS. You must give or mail to the person who signed this Amended Summons a written response called an Answer within 21 days of the date on which you received this Amended Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this Amended Summons located at:

RYE LAW OFFICE

Monica S. Rye

P.O. Box 66

247 Main St. East

Waterville, MN 56096

3. YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM. The Answer is your response to the Plaintiff's Amended Complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Amended Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiff should not be given everything asked in the Amended Complaint, you must say so in your Answer.

4. YOU WILL LOSE YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE AMENDED COMPLAINT TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS AMENDED SUMMONS. If you do not Answer within 21 days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the Court may decide against you and award the Plaintiff everything asked for in the Amended Complaint. If you do

not want to contest the claims stated in the Amended Complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the Amended Complaint.

5. LEGAL ASSISTANCE. You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal assistance. Even if you cannot get legal help you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.

6. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION. The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Amended Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute.

7. THIS LAWSUIT MAY AFFECT OR BRING INTO QUESTION TO REAL PROPERTY located in Le Sueur County, State of Minnesota legally described as follows:

TRACT 1: The South 60 feet of the South 126 feet of West 1/2 of North 1/2 of Block 9, City of Waterville, Le Sueur County, Minnesota, AND, TRACT 2: The North Sixty-six (66) feet of the South One Hundred Thirty-four and One-fourth (134 1/4) feet, of the West Half of the North Half (W 1/2 of N 1/2) of Block Numbered (9) in the Town, now City of Waterville, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Register of Deeds in and for said County and State subject to the use of the East 10 feet thereof for alley purposes.

8. The object of this action is to determine adverse claims to an untitled eight and one-half (8-1/2) foot strip of land lying between the above described tracts of land; to have it adjudged that the Defendant Mina Sargent is the owner of the untitled strip of real estate in fee simple; and to establish a boundary pursuant to Minn. § Stat. 559. 23 to remove a cloud on title and set Judicial Landmarks pursuant to Minn. Stat. 559.25 at the boundary of the property that includes the untitled strip of land.

9. By Minn. R. Civ. Pro. 15.01, Plaintiff amended the summons and complaint in this matter to correctly caption and identify original Defendant Fred C. Ripka as Fred Carl Ripka, deceased and add his unknown heirs as defendants to the summons and complaint. The original summons and complaint in this matter was mailed or served within 21 days of amendment and neither were published. No responsive pleading has been served or filed.

Dated: February 12, 2021

/s/ Monica S. Rye

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