

December 18, 2018

To: Sourcewell Member Superintendents in Sub-Region I  
From: Chad Coquette, Executive Director/CEO, Sourcewell  
Re: Voting Information and Ballot for the 2018  
Sourcewell Board of Directors Election

Enclosed is one election ballot and biographies for this year's election. We ask that you reproduce and distribute this information at your next Board meeting (one ballot for each Board Member). **Please place the completed ballots in an envelope, seal it and sign across the seal.** Then mail or deliver that envelope to Danielle Wadsworth at Sourcewell, 202 12<sup>th</sup> Street NE, PO Box 219, Staples, MN 56479, so that it arrives in our building no later than **February 5, 2018.**

To ensure this very important letter is received we are sending it by certified mail, return receipt requested. To save additional postage, we ask that you reproduce the ballot and supply your own ballot return envelope. Please be sure to seal and sign across the seal and indicate on the front **"Sourcewell Election."**

**Thank you for your help and for all you do for Sourcewell.**

ENC: Election Ballot  
Election biographies

**Mary Freeman-**

It is an honor to be nominated to serve on the Sourcewell Board of Directors.

My 14 years of service on the Staples-Motley School Board, and my continuing leadership training with GIANT Worldwide, have prepared me for service with an organization like Sourcewell.

If elected, my goal would be to continue investment in the growth of Region 5 schools, cities, counties and non-profits which will benefit all communities.

I would sincerely appreciate your vote.

**Kent Schmidt-**

Kent Schmidt is a 56 year old stay at home dad of three school-age children who has lived in the Wadena area for the past 19 ½ years. Kent has a BS in Chemistry from SMSU and a MS in Inorganic Chemistry from UMD. He has served as a substitute teacher and tutor at WDC for the past five years. Kent is starting his seventh year as a member of the WDC School Board, having served as Treasurer, Vice-Chair and currently as Chair for the past two years. Kent is also Chair of the Share-A- Home Board, a Board Member for the Wadena Chamber of Commerce, Treasurer of the WDC PTO and he is a member of the Wadena Rotary Club.

**Scott Veronen**

I have served on the Sourcewell Board of Directors for the past eight years. Currently, I serve as clerk of this board, as well as the chairman of the Sourcewell Insurance Board of Trustees. During my tenure on the board, I have been a part of the building and expanding of Sourcewell headquarters; implementation of innovative funding for schools, cities and counties; the creation of Education Solutions and the funding opportunity that allowed the construction of four new Level 4 educational facilities in Region 5.

For the past nine years I have served on the Verndale Public School board, currently serving as the treasurer. I also serve on the Freshwater Board of Directors. I own and operate an independent insurance agency in Verndale, MN. My extensive experiences on the Sourcewell Board of Directors, as well as my other board experiences, make me an excellent candidate to continue to represent your best interests.

# 2018 SOURCEWELL BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

## Official Ballot Sub Region I

Each individual board member of each Sourcewell member school district is asked to complete one ballot and give it to your school board clerk who will return the completed ballots in a sealed envelope marked **Election Ballots** to: Sourcewell, 202 12<sup>th</sup> Street NE, PO Box 219, Staples, MN 56479.

Instructions: Vote for candidates by marking an (X) in the square opposite the name of each candidate you wish to vote for:

Four-year term. Vote for ONE.

Mary Freeman

Kent Schmidt

Scott Veronen

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