

Curriculum & Instruction

Memo

To: Rhinelander Board of Education Operations Committee

From: Dr. Rollie Alger

Date: 3/14/03

Re: ~~Revised School Forest Management Policy Proposal~~

At the Regular monthly board meeting on February 17, 2003, there was a request to modify the proposed policy on the use and management of school forest properties to include information about properties excluded the definition as school forest property. Below is the revised proposed policy that addresses the requested modification.

Policy 730X:

Use and Management of School Forest Properties

School forest properties, in the School District of Rhinelander, are defined as those properties, excluding all school building sites and adjacent woodlands, and excluding two small parcels identified as, "A parcel of land twelve rods square situated in Lot 2 of Section 28 Township 38 north of Range 8 East" and one acre in the NW corner of NW of NW of Section 30, Town 38 North, Range 8 East, that have been donated, traded, or given to the school district because of delinquent taxes, that are used by the school district for educational, recreational, or forest management purposes. Recognizing the value of school forest properties for educational, recreational, and forest management purposes, the SDR Board of Education will keep and maintain these properties for said purposes and will not sell them. All school forest properties will have a Forest Management Plan developed by a DNR forester that is reviewed and approved by the SDR School Forest Advisory Committee (SFAC). All recommended educational, recreational uses of school forest properties would be reviewed and approved by the SFAC. The conduct of timber harvests, as per forest management plans, will follow prescribed forest management practices. All recommendations for approval of bids for timber harvests will be brought to the SDR Board of Education for approval. Where possible, harvesting operations will be planned to maximize their educational value for students. Also, where possible, some harvested school forest products will be set aside for use by students of the school district who may not otherwise be able to afford the purchase of materials for school projects.

Motion: Move that the above policy; "Use and Management of School Forest Properties" be approved.