

**Discovery Public School of Faribault
School Board Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.**

The Board of Education of Discovery Public School of Faribault met for its regular board meeting at 4:30 p.m. on July 20, 2017 in the Discovery Public School of Faribault's cafeteria.

01-01 **Call to order and Roll Call**

Members Present: Russ Kennedy-Chair; Dan Weisser-Vice-Chair; Dirk Wells; Sheila Karn- Treasurer; Steven (Sam) Macklay; Debby Whitehead, Kay Hammer; Jim Severson- Ex-Officio

Authorizer: N/A

Guests: N/A

01-02 **Approval of the Agenda-** *A motion was made by Sheila Karn to approve the July 20, 2017 agenda. The motion was seconded by Dan Weisser. Motion carried.*

01-03 **Approval of the Minutes:** *A motion was made by Steven Macklay to approve the June 15, 2017 School Board Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Dirk Wells. Motion carried.*

01-04 **Analysis of the Bills:** The School Board would like more clarification on the fund balance. Page 4 of the Financials says 15% fund balance and on page 19. Says 19.75%.

01-05 **Citizen Participation:** N/A

01-06 **Director's Report:** Discovery Public School enrollment over the summer is 4 for SSS2. One (1) middle schooler and one (1) new High School student have enrolled as of today's date. Our summer maintenance is going well. Three classrooms on the main floor have been resurfaced. We still have some ongoing projects before the end of summer:

- 1.) Special Ed extension classroom that will be located on the lower level.
- 2.) Electrical work in the cafeteria area.
- 3.) The English room still needs to be resurfaced.

Pending School Board approval, 2 new teachers have been hired. We will have 3 new teachers in all! Cash on-hand 7-20-17 is \$150,327.00.

01-07 **Committee Updates:**

07.1 **Community:** The Rice County Fair is running until July 23, 2017.

07.2 **Finance:** The finance committee did not meet.

07.3 **Academic Committee:** (Dan Weisser, Dirk Wells and Jim Severson)- Dan Weisser met with Rod and discussed our new technology. We will be introducing Google Chrome Books this year that will be for school use only. Everyone is really excited about this new technology and it sure will be a learning experience for all. Rod offered his services to help us with achieving our goals with Audubon. Dan Weisser said that by looking at the past 2 years, we have improved as a school.

07.4 **Environmental Education:** Sam Macklay went over how we are doing with meeting our goals that we set with Audubon. Some we partially achieved and some we are still working on. Discovery Public did adopt a formal Science curriculum, in which the 9th and 10th graders took biology. With this new program, we hope to give each student deep science knowledge. We partially achieved our goals with animals using clip boards and tests on the specimens (frogs, snakes, birds etc.) from the Nature Center. As a group, we did collect over 500 lbs. of trash and separated it from actual trash and recyclables. Students are also learning about Stewardship (the health of the environment). Students helped put in a rain garden our at the Nook & Cranny and learned how a rain garden helps the environment. Their pictures were put in our local paper. We partially met our goal on this. With our health goal, students are learning about choices of food for their health. Students did a waste reduction at lunch and counted about 75% of food was wasted. This brought real awareness to our waste. We did manage to lower it down to 24% at the end of the school year 2016-2017. Audubon also had a leadership workshop last August that Sam did attend. Our science proficiency has increased with the students and is better than our previous years. The students also learned about power distribution with how cell phones operate.

8. Discussion Items:

8.1 **Parent/Student Handbook Update:** The committee asks that if we see anything that needs to be address, to email Dan Weisser or Jim before the next meeting in August when we need to approve and adopt it.

9. Action Items:

9.1 **2017-2018 School Psychologist Contract:** *Dirk Wells made a motion to accept Melissa Gonzales contract for School Psychologist for 2017-2018. Motion was seconded by Sam Macklay. Motion carried.*

9.2 **2017-2018 Annual Board Minutes:** *A motion was made by Dirk Wells to approve the minutes from the 2017-2018 annual Board minutes. Motion was seconded by Sam Macklay. Motion carried.*

9.3 **2017-2018 Contract for Dan Weisser:** *Dirk Wells made a motion to accept the contract for Dan Weisser for services as Social Studies Teacher, Assistant Director, Instructional Leader, ELL Coordinator, Tech Coordinator, MCA Testing Coordinator, Title One Director and Lunchroom Server for \$53,000.00/year. Motion was seconded by Russ Kennedy. Motion carried.*

9.4 **2017-2018 Contract for Steven (Sam) Macklay:** *A motion was made by Russ Kennedy to accept the contract for Sam Macklay for the services of Science Teacher, EE Coordinator and Sports Club Coordinator for \$47,400/year. Motion was seconded by Sheila Karn. Motion carried.*

9.5 **2017-2018 Contract for Heather O’Leary:** *Heather is switching from teaching English to Special Education. A motion was made by Dan Weisser to accept Heather’s contract for Special Education Teacher, ELL Teacher and 504 Coordinator for \$40,000/year. This contract will be **contingent to approval from MDE for her variances.** Motion was seconded by Debbie Whitehead. Motion carried.*

9.6 **2017-2018 Contract for Dirk Wells:** *Sam Macklay made a motion to accept the contract for Dirk Wells for services of Special Education Teacher and NWEA Coordinator for \$50,910/year. Motion was seconded by Kay Hammer. Motion carried.*

9.7 **2017-2018 Contract for Cody Hanson:** *Kay Hammer made a motion to accept the contract for Cody Hanson for services of Physical Education, Health and Art Teacher for \$35,000/year. Motion was seconded by Dan Weisser. Motion carried.*

9.8 **2017-2018 Contract for Alex Lecy:** *Dan Weisser made a motion to accept the contract for Alex Lecy for services of Social Studies/English Teacher and Lunchroom Server for \$34,000/year. This contract will be **contingent to approval of his license from MDE.***

01-10 **Adjournment:**

Board members are reminded that our next board meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2017 at 4:30p.m. A motion was made by Russ Kennedy to adjourn. It was seconded by Steven Macklay. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted: Sheila Karn, Treasurer and Board Member.