

Discovery Public School
126 Eighth Street NW
Faribault, MN 55021
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2019 @ 4:30pm

We believe all children can learn.

We believe a trusting, caring, and nurturing environment must pervade the entire school.

We believe in including as many children as possible in all of the learning opportunities.

We believe all of our actions should be consistent with our purpose and vision.

We believe students should be taught “how” to think, not “what” to think.

We believe the primary purpose of education is to teach children “how” to learn.

We believe children must take responsibility for and be actively involved in their learning.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** *The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Russ Kennedy. Russ Kennedy (Chair), Jim Severson (Vice-Chair), S. Sam Macklay (Secretary), Sharon Hansen, Kay Hammer, Cody Hanson, and Dan Weisser (Ex-Officio) were present.*
Guests: Grant Wilson; Heartman Insurance Co. and Rod Haenke; Educational Consultant
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** *Jim S. made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of time for a Consultant Update, after the approval of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Kay H. The motion carried (6-0).*
3. **Approval of the Minutes:** *Jim S. made a motion to approve the March 14, 2019 minutes. The motion was seconded by Sharon H. The motion carried (6-0).*

Consultant Update: Rod Haenke reported that he has been working with Dan W. and Sharon H. to negotiate some changes in “Exhibit G” (Academic Growth Goals) in the ACNW contract renewal application. ANCW has proposed five changes to the Growth Goals that Dan submitted. Rod stressed that the board should not accept changes that we feel are unattainable or measurement criteria that we think do not accurately portray student academic growth. We will now submit a counter-proposal to ANCW, with our reasoning for not accepting their proposed changes.

4. **Monthly Financial Statement:** *Russ K. made a motion to accept the March, 2019 Financial Statements, as submitted in the school board packet. The motion was seconded by Jim S. The motion carried (6-0).*
5. **Citizen Participation:** None.
6. **Reports:**

6.1 Director’s Report: Cash on Hand: \$83,514.15

Enrollment – 58

Male - 36 Female - 22

6th – 4 7th – 5 8th – 7 9th – 10 10th – 12 11th – 9 12th - 11

Updates

* Pennies for Patients Donation: \$439.81 to Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

**“Snow Day Relief Act” – Flex Learning Days

*Graduation will be Friday May 31, 2019 at 5 PM at Paradise Center for the Arts

6.2 Community: (Dan W.) No report.

6.3 Finance: (Russ K., Jim S., Dan W.) Dan reported that he consulted with Brenda Kes for an hour today about Title Grant amendments and filing forms in a timely manner.

6.4 Academic Committee: (Dan W., Jim S. Sharon H.) Sharon reported that three students took the ACT (college entrance exam). Dan reported that he is currently administering the MCAs in the computer lab this week.

6.5 Environmental Education: (Sam M., Jim S.) No report.

7. Discussion Items:

7.1 School Board Training: Contract negotiation (Governance) presentation by Rod Haenke.

7.2 New Teacher Budget Options: After the board discussed the budgetary and academic implications, Dan was directed to post an opening for a .5 teaching position for next year.

7.3 School Board Elections: Russ K. and Jim S. agreed to accept their nominations for another term as members of the board. We are seeking another parent board member. Ballots will be counted at the May 16th Regular Meeting.

7.4 Adopt-A-Highway: Sharon H. will accompany the senior class on the afternoon of April 19th.

8. Action Items:

8.1 Insurance Renewal/Heartman Insurance: Grant Wilson presented the proposed insurance policies for the upcoming fiscal year. The board discussed the pollution liability coverage that is required by ACNW and costs \$800/year. Overall, the new policies cost less than the previous year. *Jim S. made a motion that we purchase the proposed insurance coverage. The motion was seconded by Sharon H. The motion carried (6-0).*

8.2 Revise 2018-2019 School Calendar: *Kay H. made a motion to revise the 2018-2019 School Calendar to include all snow days (past and future). The motion was seconded by Jim S. The motion carried (6-0).*

8.3 2018/2019 Snow Day Relief Act/Instructional Days: *Russ K. made a motion to designate enough snow days during the 2018-2019 School Year as “instructional days” to meet the requirement of 1020 instructional hours. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (6-0).*

8.4 WBWF/Memo to the Commissioner (Improvement Plan): The board reviewed the strategies detailed in the World’s Best Workforce Memo to the Commissioner. *Jim S. made a motion to approve the Memo to the Commissioner. The motion was seconded by Sam M. The motion carried (6-0).*

ACNW CONTRACTING PROCESS:

8.5 By-Laws: The board discussed the need to continue to review the by-laws at future meetings. *Russ K. made a motion that the last sentence in section 2.4 Governance Structure, of the By-Laws of Discovery Public School of Faribault, be removed. [Further, DPS will represent a teacher majority governance structure.] The motion was seconded by Kay H. The motion carried (6-0).*

8.6 Exhibit D/Description of Educational Program: The board reviewed Exhibit D. *Jim S. made a motion that we approve the changes in Exhibit D. The motion was seconded by Sam M. The motion carried (6-0).*

8.7 Exhibit F/Implementation of Statutory Purposes: The board reviewed Exhibit F. *Sam M. made a motion that we approve the changes in Exhibit D. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (6-0).*

8.8 Review All Additional Contract Exhibits: Sharon H. led a detailed examination of ACNW proposed changes to Exhibit G, especially the increase in indicator points for math, reading, and science proficiency, based mainly on MCA scores. Our main concern is the small sample size and the over-reliance on one test to calculate up to eight different proficiency indicators. We reviewed the counter proposal prepared by the academic committee. *Sam M. made a motion that we approve the counter proposal, prepared by the academic committee, for changes in Exhibit G, to be submitted to ACNW. The motion was seconded by Jim S. The motion carried (6-0).*

9. Adjournment: Board members are reminded that our next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for May 16th, 2019 at 4:30pm. *Russ K. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim S. The motion carried (6-0).*

Respectfully submitted: Sam Macklay, Secretary