

**Discovery Public School of Faribault
School Board Meeting Minutes
April 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 April 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; Sam Macklay; Debby Whitehead;
Jim Severson- Ex-Officio

Authorizer: N/A

Guests: Charlotte Wagner - BKDA

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

01-03 **Approval of the Minutes-** The Board felt they were more detailed than past months. *A motion was made by Dirk Wells to approve the March 23, 2017 School Board Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Dan Weisser. Motion carried.*

01-04 **Analysis of the Bills:** None

01-05 **Citizen Participation:** None

01-06 **Correspondence:** The Pennies for Patients event will be held on May 12th during 6th and 7th hours. There will be a dunk tank; Kona Ice; Pizza and other games. Cash-On-Hand as of 4-20-17 was \$160,563.00. Current enrollment is 63. Lease Aid Applications are now being submitted to MDE for FY18. A review of the 3 year Lease Agreement will be done with Mr. Nguyen (Lee) before the May 18th School Board Meeting. Legislation passed in 2016 requires Minnesota students to correctly answer 30 out of 50 selected civic test questions for students enrolling in 9th Grade for the 2017-2018 school year or later!

01-07 **Committee Updates:**

07.1 **Community:** None

07.2 **Finance:** (Russ Kennedy, Jim Severson and Sheila Karn)- A presentation from Charlotte at BKDA will be given during New Business. Jim and Brenda met Wednesday, April 19th.

07.3 **Academic Committee** – (Dan Weisser, Dirk Wells and Jim Severson)- ACT Test – we had 14 Juniors/Senior who took the test on April 19, 2017. MCA Testing is done. Proficiency Index should be up. Significant increase in students “meeting proficiency” or “partially meeting” proficiency. NWEA Testing is the 1st week of May. Russ Kennedy requested previous years ACT composite scores. Dan reported scores to border/below the state/national average.

07.4 **Environmental Education** – Assessed Environmental learning by MCA Tests for 8th and 10th Grades. The Window Garden is filling in.

8. Old Business:

8.1 **Wellness Policy Update:** The committee will be Jim Severson, Dirk Wells, and Sheila Karn. Students Brody Whitehead and Xander Burvee will be asked if they will take part in the committee as well. This committee will be in place by the May, 2017 Meeting.

8.2 **Parent/Student Handbook Update:** Dan Weisser; Russ Kennedy; Sam Macklay; and Dirk Wells will be the committee working on this. They will have a copy of the Handbook at the May Meeting. All members should review and make suggestions.

8.3 **Insurance Policy Renewal/Heartman Insurance:** *A motion was made by Russ Kennedy to accept the current insurance renewal policy. The motion was seconded by Sam Macklay. Motion carried.*

Additional discussion: Insurance bids will be taken next year in February.

9. New Business:

9.1 **BKDA Financial Presentation:** The cash balance is strong. Title I/II completed/accepted. Discovery Public School received the Finance Award again this year! The Lease Aid Application is due next month. The Fund balance is projected to be at 16.2%.

9.2 **Adopt-A-Highway Program:** The Sports Club members will be doing the Spring Clean on either May 23rd or May 16th.

9.3 **School Board Election:** Kay Hammer and Sheila Karn are up for election next month. Voting begins on May 1, 2017. Ballots will be counted at the School Board Meeting next month on May 18, 2017.

9.4 **School Board Meeting Format:** A discussion regarding the Governance Training at the March Meeting and suggestions for the School Board Agenda Template improvement. Some changes will be made to the template beginning the May, 2017 meeting. The board will be replacing the Old/New Business with Discussion items and Action Items. Correspondence will be changing to Director’s Report.

9.5 **Speech Therapist Contract:** *A motion was made by Russ Kennedy to accept the speech therapy contract with Strategic Staffing Solutions for the 2017-2018 school year with the increase in the rate going from \$72.50 to \$73.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Dirk Wells. Motion carried.*

9.6 **Indigo Contract:** *A motion was made by Dirk Wells to accept the contract for the 2017-2018 school year with no increase in rate. Motion was seconded by Russ Kennedy. Motion carried.*

9.7 **Revised School Calendar:** *A motion was made by Sam Macklay to approve the Revised 2016-2017 school calendar with the addition of 2 snow days. Motion seconded by Debby Whitehead. Motion carried.*

01-10 **Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Russ Kennedy. Motion was seconded by Sam Macklay. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted: Dan Weisser, Vice Chair/Board Member.