

**Discovery Public School of Faribault
School Board Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2016 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 21, 2016 in the Discovery Public School's cafeteria.

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

Members Present: Russ Kennedy-Chair; Dan Weisser -Vice-Chair; Kay Hammer; Sheila Karn
-Clerk/Treasurer; Steven Macklay; Jim Severson-Ex-Officio

Authorizer: None

Guests: None

01-02 **Approval of the Agenda** – *A motion was made by Sheila Karn to approve the April 21, 2016 agenda. The motion was seconded by Dan Weisser. Motion carried.*

01-03 **Approval of the Minutes** – *A motion to approve the minutes from the March 24, 2016 School Board Meeting was made by Dan Weisser. The motion was seconded by Russ Kennedy. Motion carried.*

01-04 **Analysis of the Bills** – Our fund balance is healthier. Sam wants to find out from Dirk if the IXL bill is refundable.

01-05 **Citizen Participation** – None

01-06 **Correspondence** – We have 69 students in attendance. (3- 6th graders, 9-7th graders, 5-8th graders, 14-9th graders, 9-10th graders 11-11th graders and 17-12th graders. Graduation is June 1, 2016 at the Paradise Center For The Arts at 5 p.m. The board members are encouraged to attend. Audubon has extended our outline to 5/10/16. Jim will hand deliver the hard copy to them. We also are receiving ELL money for a 6th grader in the amount of \$14,000 for reading/writing.

01-07 **Committee Updates:**

07.1 **Community** - (Jim Severson) Interest in the school is rising. Jim says everyone in the board is doing well and thanks the board members for their service. He does remind us of the hurdles that we need to do achieve in our academic goals with Audubon. We are also in need of Biology Life Science books for our students. Jim has heard from some of the parents from the school and they are happy with us.

07.2 **Finance** - (Russ Kennedy, Jim Severson and Sheila Karn) – Brenda will be here at the next board meeting on May 19, 2016.

07.3 **Academic Committee** – (Dan Weisser, Dirk Wells, Jim Severson) – We had State testing on April 12-15, 2016. Dan was very impressed by the effort and attitude with the students in taking the tests. We had 2 students pass science for the first time in quite some time. We are having some kids that will not make goals or expectations but are making improvements from the last time they took the tests. We need to zero in on those students and help them out more so they can pass.

- 07.4 **Environmental Education** – (Sam Macklay, Jim Severson) – On May 25th, 2016 Sam Macklay will be taking the students to the zoo. There will be 10 staff with some parents. Audubon will be paying for the tickets. Students will be doing the bio-dome at the zoo as an academic piece; Audubon is also having a seminar August 1-2, 2016 for 1-2 teachers for Environmental Justice. The science students also have been working on the buck-thorn on the river trail. They have been marking the trees in the fall and cutting them in the spring.

01-08 **Old Business** - None

0-09 **New Business:**

09.1 **Indigo 2016-2017 Contract:**

A motion was made by Dan Weisser to accept the renewal contract. The motion was seconded by Sheila Karn. Motion carried.

09.2 **2016 School Board Election:**

We have an open seat. The question was made if someone was voted in, how many votes can they have to make it official? We will check the bylaws. Russ Kennedy and Dan Weisser are up for re-election and accept their nominations.

9.3 **Adopt-A-Highway Program:**

Dan will be taking the Seniors out in May 2016 this time. No date has been set, but it will be on a warm Friday.

9.4 **2015-2016 Calendar Revision:**

We had to add another day for a snow day that we had. The last day of school will be June 2nd instead of June 1st, 2016. *Russ Kennedy made a motion to approve the revised 2015-2016 School Calendar. Sheila Karn seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

01-10 **Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Russ Kennedy. Motion was seconded by Kay Hammer. Motion carried.