

**Discovery Public School of Faribault
School Board Meeting Minutes
December 21, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.**

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.

The Board of Education of Discovery Public School of Faribault met for its regular board meeting at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 21, 2017 in the cafeteria of Discovery Public School of Faribault.

09-00 The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by the School Board Chair, Russ Kennedy.

09-01 **Roll call was called by Dan Weisser- Vice-Chair:**

Members Present: Russ Kennedy-Chair; Dan Weisser-Vice-Chair; Dirk Wells; and Steven Macklay; Jim Severson – Ex-Officio

Authorizer: N/A

Guests: N/A

09-02 **Approval of the Agenda-** *A motion was made by Dan Weisser to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Dirk Wells. Motion passed unanimously.*

09-03 **Approval of the Minutes-** *A motion was made by Sam Macklay to approve the minutes from November 16, 2017 School Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Dirk Wells. Motion passed unanimously.*

09-04 **Analysis of the Bills:** N/A

09-05 **Citizen Participation:** N/A

09-06 **Committee Updates:**

- 6.1) **Director's Report** – Enrollment is at 60 students with 15 middle school and 45 high school students.
Jim Severson attended the ADNW Leadership Conference November 10th and 11th. Board Governance was a strong topic! A January Board Agenda item will be a Board discussion and consideration of the Boards Journey to date to becoming a more effective Board! Continue doing, discontinue doing, or begin doing to improve the Board!
Holiday Break is from December 22nd through January 2nd this year.
We had a student assault which occurred on December 19th. Faribault Police Department was called. Student assault occurred against another student and staff members! The investigation is on-going. Possible expulsion.
The current Cash on-hand is 161,000.00.
- 6.2) **Community:** N/A
- 6.3) **Finance:** N/A
- 6.4) **Academic Committee:** (Dan Weisser, Dirk Wells and Jim Severson) – NWEA report – scores were handed out to board, reviewed and discussed. At a recent staff meeting, the bottom 10 percent were reviewed and remediation for those students was discussed – attendance was found to be a strong contributing factor. Senior's College readiness was discussed. Scores trending in the right direction. Academic Board Training will be done soon with Rod Haenke.
- 6.5) **Environmental Education:** - Rice County Landfill was visited by all students which tied into the school-wide EE Project of measuring lunch waste.

09-07 **Discussion Items:**

- 7.1) **Building Security Evaluation:** Quote from Cole Electric. Flexcom came and assessed, awaiting their bid. Looking like it will cost around an estimated 15,000 for door and electric. Security door and cameras will hopefully be in place this year.
- 7.2) **Parent-Teacher Handbook:** Need to speak with attorney and review.
- 7.3) **Schools Succession Plan:** Template needed. Discussion of process/ how many needed.
- 7.4) **World's Best Work Force (WBWF) Summary:** Report was included in the packet and Dan summarized for the board. Closely related to ACNW goals. Board members Should review and bring any questions they may have to the January meeting.

09-08 **Action Items:**

- 8.1) **Chamber of Commerce 2018 Annual Membership Fee:** *A motion was made by Sam Macklay to renew the annual membership with the Faribault Chamber of Commerce for \$350.00. The motion was seconded by Dirk Wells. Motion passed unanimously.*
- 8.2) **Health Insurance:** *A motion was made by Sam Macklay to keep the current Insurance Plan, making no changes. The motion was seconded by Dirk Wells. Motion passed unanimously.*

09-09 **Adjournment:**

Board members are reminded that our next board meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2018 at 4:30p.m. *A motion was made by Russ Kennedy to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dan Weisser. Motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted: Dan Weisser, Vice-Chair.