

**Discovery Public School of Faribault  
School Board Meeting Minutes  
February 23, 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 February 23, 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; Steven (Sam) Macklay; Debby Whitehead; Sheila Karn- Treasurer; Kay Hammer; Jim Severson- Ex-Officio

**Authorizer:** None

**Guests:** None

**01-02 Approval of the Agenda:** *A motion was made by Dirk Wells to approve the February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 agenda. The motion was seconded by Sheila Karn. Motion carried.*

**01-03 Approval of the Minutes:** *A motion was made by Dan Weisser to approve the January 19, 2017 School Board Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Steven Macklay. Motion carried.*

**01-04 Analysis of the Bills:** Steven Macklay has asked if the bills could have more Transparency for our hold back money and what we actually have to spend.

**01-05 Citizen Participation:** None.

**01-06 Correspondence:** Cash on hand- \$149,128.00. We had an unusual low turnout at our Parent/Teacher conferences on February 16, 2017. Enrollment is as follows:  
1- 6<sup>th</sup> grader, 4- 7<sup>th</sup> graders and 12- 8<sup>th</sup> graders: Total in middle School is 17. The High School has 7 -9<sup>th</sup> graders, 13 -10<sup>th</sup> graders, 12 -11<sup>th</sup> graders and 13 -12<sup>th</sup> graders for High School total of 45. We have 31 male students and 31 female students. We also had 2 students graduate this month. Debby Whitehead brought information in to share with us regarding a possible new Program for our school. National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP). This Program has scholarships for the school and could be implemented in our Phy Ed Program. Debby will ask Kraig Kiger to come to the school and talk with Jim for more information. The board is very excited about including this in our curriculum.

**01-07 Committee Updates:**

**07.1 Community:** None

07.2 **Finance:** (Russ Kennedy, Jim Severson and Sheila Karn) - Charlotte our accountant from Beltz, Kes, Darling & Associates said we are looking good. Our fund balance is at 18-19%.

07.3 **Academic Committee:** (Dan Weisser, Dirk Wells and Jim Severson)- The kids are getting ready for state testing. Students are getting more engaged in their lessons. We are seeing more involvement from them than before. We have one ELL student that we are waiting to find out her testing scores. We are also looking over all the senior's transcripts to be sure they are ready for graduation, while some are doing practice testing. MCA testing is in the first week of April, 2017, while the ACT testing is scheduled for April 19, 2017.

07.4 **Environmental Education:** Sam has been teaching the students about momentum, using ice skaters as an example. The science class has also started a window farm, of which the students really love doing. The board is encouraged to watch it grow every month.

01-08 **Old Business:**

08.1 **Wellness Policy Update:** This was tabled until our March 23, 2017.

01-09 **New Business:**

09.1 **Charter School Contract Amendment:**

A motion was made by Sheila Karn to accept the new Charter School Amended Contract. It was seconded by Kay Hammer. Motion carried.

09.2 **Board Member Statement of assurances:**

All board members present signed and handed in the documents.

09.3 **Parent/Student Handbook:**

This was tabled to our March 23, 2017 meeting.

01-10 **Adjournment:**

Board members are reminded that we have training at 3:30 p.m. with ACNW before our next meeting, which is scheduled for March 23, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

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

**Respectfully submitted: Sheila Karn, Treasurer and Board Member.**