

Discovery Public School
126 Eighth Street NW
Faribault, MN 55021
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 16, 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, Dan Weisser (Ex-Officio), and Nalani McCutcheon (ACNW, authorizer representative) were present.*
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** *Jim S. made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Kay H. The motion carried (6-0).*
3. **Approval of the Minutes:** *Sharon H. made a motion to approve the April 18th, 2019 minutes. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (6-0).*
4. **Monthly Financial Statement:** *Sam M. made a motion to accept the April 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: \$68,258.99

Enrollment – 58

Male - 36 Female - 22

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

Updates

*Graduation is May 31st at 5 PM at Paradise Center for the Arts.

*Planning to upgrade the computer lab over the summer. We will also be adding Chromebooks to the Charging Cart.

6.2 Community: (Dan W.) No report.

6.3 Finance: (Russ K., Jim S., Dan W.) Dan reported on his recent telephone conference with Brenda Kes. She is currently updating the budget model to include new teacher salaries, and Title I & Title IV funding.

6.4 Academic Committee: (Dan W., Jim S., Sharon H.) Sharon submitted the following report:

ACT Update:

Three students took the ACT on April 2, 2019. We received their score report. Composite scores were 13, 15, and 17. They are not prepared for college with those scores. Minimum score for college readiness is 22.

MCA Update:

Students took the MCA tests in April. Reading was our best area with an overall proficiency index of 51.9. That is higher than our past performance. Our math proficiency index is 14.6, which is slightly lower than last year. Our science proficiency index is 44.4, which is about 15 points higher than last year.

NWEA Update:

Students took the NWEA assessments last week. We are still working on giving make-up tests for students who were absent. Results so far are positive. More than 50% of 6th through 10th grade students met their growth goal in reading so far, and more than 70% met their growth goal in science so far. Math is running a little low on growth. These results do not include 11th and 12th grade. We will analyze that data once all students have completed testing.

6.5 Environmental Education: (Sam M., Jim S.) Sam presented an overview of an upcoming unit in the Climate and Energy Literacy classes (Facts of Light) and asked the board to brainstorm ways to demonstrate student learning that did not involve testing. It was decided that each student should write a persuasive letter to the landlord to convince him of the advantages of switching to LED light tubes in the school. One board member donated \$50 as a prize for the letter judged to be the best.

7. Discussion Items:

7.1 School Board Training: None.

8. Action Items:

8.1 Board Elections/Ballot Count: The official ballots were counted. Russ Kennedy received five votes and Jim Severson received eight votes. There were no write-in votes. Russ K. agreed to serve another term as Board Chair. Jim S. agreed to serve another term as Vice-Chair. *Sam M. made a motion that we accept and certify the election results. The motion was seconded by Kay H. The motion carried (4-0, Russ and Jim abstained).*

8.2 Minnesota Association of Charter Schools Annual Membership (MACS): After discussion of pros and cons of membership; *Sam M. made a motion that we not purchase a MACS membership for the 2019-2020 school year. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (6-0).*

8.3 Contract Exhibit G: After the last School Board meeting the academic committee submitted a counter proposal to ACNW's original Exhibit G. The committee felt that ACNW "met us in the middle" and were comfortable with the result. The board reviewed the revised academic performance indicators and discussed the details of how attendance is calculated. *Jim S. made a motion to accept Exhibit G of the contract for renewal with ACNW. The motion was seconded by Sharon H. The motion carried (6-0).*

8.4 Contract Exhibit S: The board reviewed Exhibit S: Performance Improvement Plan - Probationary Contract. *Jim S. made a motion to accept Exhibit S of the contract for renewal with ACNW. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (6-0).*

8.5 2019-2020 Calendar: The board reviewed and discussed the proposed calendar. Days have been added to give a larger margin for potential snow days. It was decided that Friday is a better day for the graduation ceremony. *Sam M. made a motion that we approve the 2019-2020 School Calendar, as printed in the packet, except the graduation ceremony, which will be Friday, June 5, 2020.*

8.6 Summer School Contracts: The board reviewed the summer school contracts. *Jim S. made a motion to approve the contracts with Dan Weisser to teach both sessions of summer school, this summer. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (6-0).*

8.7 2019-2020 School Board Meeting Calendar: Upon review, the board noticed inconsistencies in the proposed calendar. *Sam M. made a motion that approval of the 2019-2020 School Board Meeting Calendar be shelved until the next regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Sharon H. The motion carried (6-0).*

9. Adjournment: Board members are reminded that our next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for June 20th, 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