

**Discovery Public School of Faribault
School Board Meeting Minutes
May 19, 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 May 19, 2016 in the Discovery Public School's cafeteria.

05-01 **Call to order and Roll Call**

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

Authorizer: Dan Jett (ACNW)

Guests: Jason & Debby Whitehead (Parents)

05-02 **Approval of the Agenda** – *A motion was made by Sheila Karn to approve the May 19, 2016 agenda. The motion was seconded by Sam Macklay. Motion carried.*

05-03 **Approval of the Minutes** – *A motion to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2016 School Board Meeting was made by Sam Macklay. The motion was seconded by Dirk Wells. Motion carried.*

05-04 **Analysis of the Bills** – The board said the bills looked fine.

05-05 **Citizen Participation** – Jim Severson said the response has been positive from the parents. They are impressed with the school. Guest's Jason & Debby Whitehead Agreed.

05-06 **Correspondence** – As of today, May 19, 2016, our enrollment is as follows: (Middle School) 3 - 6th graders, 9 - 7th graders and 5 - 8th graders. The High School has 14 - 9th graders, 8 - 10th graders, 10 - 11th graders and 17 - Seniors(8 of whom will graduate on time). Total enrollment of 66 Students. The Senior Class will be doing the Adopt-A-Highway tomorrow (May 20, 2016) after lunch. The Graduation ceremony is scheduled for June 1, 2016 at 5 pm at the Paradise Center of the Arts in Faribault. Just a reminder that the last day of school was changed to June 2nd, 2016 due to our extra snow day. The first summer school session starts on Monday, June 13th, 2016.

05-07 **Committee Updates:**

07.1 **Community** - None

07.2 **Finance** - (Russ Kennedy, Jim Severson and Sheila Karn) – The team met today and the report was good. The fund balance is at 18%. Interest is at an all-time high.

07.3 **Academic Committee** – (Dan Weisser, Dirk Wells, Jim Severson) – The school finally received our testing results. Dan said the results showed better efforts from the kids. Some of the students met partial standards; with most students meeting the median standards. Out of 16 seniors who took the test, 1 failed and they plan to do better. One 6th grader did a 34% improvement. Dan said they limited distractions and they are stressing ownership.

07.4 **Environmental Education** – (Sam Macklay, Jim Severson) – The kids are gearing up for their trip to the zoo. Sam has reminded the kids to make sure that their permission slips are signed and turned in. Our Authorizer, Audubon paid for the tickets and lunches. Thank you! The trip is also a learning experience by using the Medronic Trail. The English Teacher will have them do a report on their trip when they get back. On August 1, 2016, Sam and Jeff will be attending a learning session at Audubon. Sam also said that the kids are doing well with the garden. The tilling is done and they should be able to plant the seeds next week.

05-08 **Old Business** – None

05-09 **New Business:**

09.1 **2016 School Board Election:**

The judges were Sam Macklay and Sheila Karn. There were 13 votes for Russ Kennedy, 17 votes for Dan Weisser, 3 votes for Jeff Shafer, 1 vote for Steve Darkow and 3 votes for Deb Whitehead for the open seat. The results are as follows: Russ Kennedy for another term; Dan Weisser for another term, and Deb Whitehead for the open seat. *A motion was made by Sheila Karn to accept the results of the 2016 School Board Election. Motion seconded by Dan Weisser. Motion carried.*

09.2 **2016-2017 School Calendar**

The new school calendar is read. *A motion to approve the 2016-2017 School Calendar was made by Dan Weisser. Motion seconded by Sam Macklay. Motion carried.*

09.3 **Academic Remediation Plan Consultant:**

A motion was made by Russ Kennedy to make Nick Pretasky Discovery Public School's Academic Remediation Plan Consultant pursuant to the DPS Academic Remediation Plan Outline. Motion seconded by Dirk Wells.

Sam Macklay did want us to look into the contract stating: Where it states “Performs teacher coaching/performance evaluations complete with specific teacher professional development plans and portfolios.” He would like more clarification.

Motion carried.

It was also mentioned during this time, by Jim Severson, that the Board does take the school matters seriously and we all do think this school is worth fighting for.

09.4 **Instructional Leader:**

A motion was made by Russ Kennedy to make Dan Weisser Discover Public School's Instructional Leader. Sheila Karn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

01-10 **Adjournment:**

Russ Kennedy reminded all Board Members to check their schedules to confirm the next board meeting date which is scheduled for: June 16, 2016 at 4:30pm.

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