

**Discovery Public School of Faribault
School Board Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2018 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 November 15, 2018 in the Discovery Public School of Faribault’s cafeteria.

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Russ Kennedy, Chair.

Roll call was called by Russ Kennedy; School Board Chair:

Members Present: Russ Kennedy (Chair), Jim Severson (Vice-Chair),
S. Sam Macklay (Secretary/Treasurer), Sharon Hansen, Debby
Whitehead, Dan Weisser (Ex-Officio).

Authorizer: Erin Anderson; David Greenberg from ACNW.

Guests: None

2. **Approval of the Agenda:** *A motion was made by Jim Severson to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Debby Whitehead. Motion carried (5-0).*
3. **Approval of the Minutes:** *A motion was made by Sam Macklay to approve the October 25th, 2018 minutes. The motion was seconded by Jim Severson. Motion carried (5-0).*
4. **Analysis of the Bills:** Sam asked about the check to Region V Computer Services. Dan informed him it was for Marss Reporting.
5. **Citizen Participation:** Three parents came to speak with our Authorizer during the site visit earlier in the day.
6. **Reports:**

6.1 Director’s Report: Cash on Hand: \$140,000.33; Enrollment: 53 Total Students.
6th grade – 3; 7th grade – 6; 8th grade – 3; 9th grade – 8; 10th grade – 12; 11th grade – 9;
12th grade – 12; Female – 21 Male - 32

*Dan Weisser attended ACNW Leaders Retreat on Saturday November 10th

*ACNW Site Renewal Visit Today – Thursday November 15th

*Halloween Party / Food Drive – October 31st (82 cans of food donated to St. Vincents!)
(Seniors received volunteer hours towards their Career Readiness class for setting up the event)

6.2 Community: None.

6.3 Finance: (Russ Kennedy, Jim Severson, Dan Weisser)

The committee met with Brenda and discussed enrollment and the fact that it is following historical trends.

6.4 Academic Committee: (Dan Weisser and Jim Severson)

*Dan Weisser and Sharon Hansen will meet with each student and set Academic Goals for this school year. Goals will focus on Test Scores, Classroom Behavior, Individual Class Grades, Overall Credits, and Post-Secondary Options.

*Specifically with seniors, this meeting will focus on Credits and Progress towards Graduation.
(College/Career Choices)

*NWEA Testing was completed during October. Test scores are included in the Board Packet, all student names have been taken off.

*NWEA Academic Goal with ACNW states that over 50% of students will make their Expected Growth from Fall Testing to Spring Testing.
(If a student's score goes up this will usually result in meeting their Expected Growth)

NWEA Math Results – 28/45 62%

NWEA Reading Results - 29/43 67%

6.5 Environmental Education: (Sam Macklay and Jim Severson)

Sam Macklay presented a copy of the goals for the Board Members. (Please see attached) Sam is going to arrange Board Training with Erin to be conducted at a future meeting.

7. Discussion Items:

7.1 Open Teaching Position: Dan reported that the position is still open and being advertised with the goal to fill it by January 3rd, 2019. In the meantime Dan is preparing lesson plans for the substitute teacher on days when he doesn't teach it himself.

7.2 ACNW Leadership Retreat Information: Dan attended the retreat on Saturday, November 10th. He explained and went over the "Board Meeting Review" and "Additional Findings" that

were presented to him at the retreat. We discussed Executive Director Evaluations. Dan reported that we should be recording the vote results, rather than simply “carried or failed”. We should also be summarizing our discussions in the minutes.

8. Action Items:

8.1 Health Insurance Renewal: We were informed that there would be a 13% increase in health insurance premiums in the coming year. If we were going to change our carrier, we would have to do so before the next School Board Meeting. The Board agreed there wasn’t enough time to thoroughly review other options that were presented in a summary. *Motion was made by Jim Severson to renew our current health insurance plan. Motion seconded by Sharon Hansen. Motion carried (5-0).*

8.2 MACS Membership: The board discussed the benefits and the cost of membership. *Motion was made by Sam Macklay to not purchase a membership this year. Motion seconded by Debby Whitehead. Motion carried (5-0).*

8.3 Board Training as an Agenda Item: Per discussions at the Leadership Retreat, Dan thought it would be a good idea to make Board Training a permanent agenda item. He will present a short video at the December School Board meeting. *Motion was made by Jim Severson to make Board Training a permanent agenda item. Motion was seconded by Sharon Hansen. Motion carried (5-0).*

9. Adjournment:

Board members are reminded that our next board meeting is scheduled for December 20th, 2018 at 4:30p.m. *A motion was made by Jim Severson to adjourn. It was seconded by Russ Kennedy. Motion carried (5-0).*

Respectfully submitted: Sam Macklay, Secretary/Treasurer.

Environmental Education Goals

Indicator Area 1: Awareness

Students demonstrate an awareness of the relationship between the environment and human life and the diversity of life that shares the Earth with humans.

Goal: Students and staff at Discovery Public School have the awareness, or are increasing their awareness, of the relationship between the environment, diversity of life, and human life.

Indicator Area 2: Knowledge

Students have knowledge of how natural systems function and how human systems interact with and depend upon them.

Goal: Students are increasing their knowledge of human and natural systems and processes.

Indicator Area 3: Attitudes

Students demonstrate respect and concern for the Earth's health and the motivation to participate in environmental stewardship.

Goal: Students understand that their own well-being and future happiness is directly related to the health of the Earth and they want to do something about it.

Indicator Area 4: Skills

Students possess the skills needed to identify and critically analyze environmental issues, and to contribute to resolving the root of environmental challenges.

Goal: Students are increasing their problem solving and critical thinking skills as it relates to the environment and human life.

Indicator Area 5: Action

Students have the capacity, or are increasing their capacity, to perceive and interpret the health of environmental and social systems and take appropriate action to maintain, restore, or improve the health of those systems.

Goal: Students and staff demonstrate the capacity, or are increasing their capacity, to work individually and collectively toward sustaining a healthy natural environment and a healthy society.