

**Discovery Public School of Faribault
School Board Meeting Minutes
October 26, 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, October 26, 2017 in the Discovery Public School of Faribault’s cafeteria.

09-00 The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Dan Weisser; Vice-Chair

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

Members Present: Russ Kennedy-Chair; Dan Weisser-Vice-Chair; Dirk Wells; Debbie Whitehead; 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 Dirk Wells to approve the minutes from September 21, 2017 School Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Dan Weisser. 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-**

- 1.) Enrollment is at 60. 12 Middle School and 48 High School.
- 2.) Cash on hand: \$144,020.00
- 3.) ACNW Leaders Retreat is Friday – Saturday, November 10th and 11th.
- 4.) First Quarter ends Friday, Nov., 3rd. Second Quarter starts Monday, Nov., 6th.
- 5.) 33% of our parents/guardians attended Parent-teacher conferences on Tuesday, October 17th.
- 6.) Special Education room off of the cafeteria passed inspection and was ready for the first day of school!

6.2) **Community:** N/A

6.3) **Finance:** No red flags. The 16-17 audit is complete and the school ended the year better than budget. We projected that Discovery would be -23,534 and we ended up with -9,097.08. That is \$14,437 better than budgeted! The fund balance was at \$152,781 or 17%. The current year budgeted enrollment is 62, so it's good news that we have 61. We can maybe change the working budget to be 60 next month if necessary.

6.4) **Academic Committee:** (Dan Weisser, Dirk Wells and Jim Severson)- NWEA Update from Dirk Wells. Testing went well and the wireless went well as well. Felt the student's effort was good! Score Report will come in November.

6.5) **Environmental Education:** Science classes toured the Rice Soil and Water District led by staff member Teresa DeMars. A school-wide project will be starting in November in which we will be measuring lunch waste and then trying to reduce it!

09-07 **Discussion Items:**

7.1) **Adopt-A Highway:** On September 29th Mr. Weisser and Mrs. Hansen completed the Fall Clean-up with the 12th graders which will be put towards their volunteer hours for their Career Readiness Class requirement.

7.2) **Building Security Evaluation:** Discussion regarding the need for more security Cameras around the perimeter of the building and in the cafeteria as well as speaking with the owner of the building about putting in a second set of doors that would remain locked and visitors would have to be buzzed into the building.

7.3) **Employee Handbook:** This title should have read "Student Handbook" instead of Employee Handbook. The student handbook was revised and it has been accepted by the school board. Russ, Jim, and Dan still have to speak with an attorney to discuss the revisions.

09-08 Action Items:

- 8.1) **Annual Report:** *A motion was made by Dirk Wells to approve 2016-2017 Annual Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Debbie Whitehead. Motion passed unanimously.*
- 8.2) **Annual Charter School Assurances:** *A motion was made by Dan Weisser to accept the Annual Charter School Assurances as written for the 2017-2018 School year. The motion was seconded by Russ Kennedy. Motion passed unanimously.*
- 8.3) **Identified Official with Authority (IOWA) Recertification:** *A motion was made by Dan Weisser to re-elect Jim Severson as our IOWA representative for the 2017-2018 School year. The motion was seconded by Russ Kennedy. Motion passed unanimously.*

09-09 Adjournment:

Board members are reminded that our next board meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2017 at 4:30p.m. *A motion was made by Russ Kennedy to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Sam Macklay. Motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted: Dan Weisser, Vice-Chair.