

**Discovery Public School of Faribault
School Board Meeting Minutes
September 21, 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 September 21, 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; Sheila Karn- Treasurer; Steven (Sam) Macklay; Debby Whitehead, Kay Hammer; Jim Severson- Ex-Officio

Authorizer: N/A

Guests: N/A

09-02 **Approval of the Agenda-** *A motion was made by Steven Macklay to approve to agenda with also adding 7.3 Student handbook. The motion was seconded by Kay Hammer. Motion passed unanimously.*

09-03 **Approval of the Minutes-** *A motion was made by Steven Macklay to approve the minutes from August 17, 2017 School Board Meeting minutes with changes being made to 8.1 that was discussed today. The motion was seconded by Kay Hammer. Motion passed unanimously.*

09-04 **Analysis of the Bills:** no questions from Board Members.

09-05 **Citizen Participation:** N/A

09-06 **Committee Updates:**

6.1) **Director's Report-**

- 1.) 2016-2017 Audit to start next week.

- 2.) 60 Students enrolled: 31 males/29 females
7th graders/3, 8th graders/7, 9th graders/11, 10th graders/8, 11th graders/ 17 and 14
/12th graders.
- 3.) Cash on hand: \$149, 974.00
- 4.) Oct 3, 2017 is picture day.
- 5.) Parent/Teacher Conferences October 17, 2017.
- 6.) MEA Break October 18-20th, 2017.
- 7.) Special Education room off of the cafeteria passed inspection and was ready
for the first day of school!
- 8.) Our new teacher Mrs. Hansen is in charge of Discovery Public Yearbook. This
is the first time this school will have one.

6.2) **Community:** N/A

6.3) **Finance:** Russ and Jim met by tele conference with Brenda. Discovery is in very good financial shape and she believes when our audit is done in October, we should have a deficit that is less from the previous year.

6.4) **Academic Committee:** (Dan Weisser, Dirk Wells and Jim Severson)- Students and Staff are off to a good start with google in the classroom. Kids are really liking it. We are registered for ACT testing and reimbursements. Dan found out that going forward, that we will only get reimbursement for those students receiving free/reduced lunches. The Board members still feel we should pay for every student in 11th and 12th grade. Expecting that we will only get reimbursed for a few. This gives some students a good chance. NWEA is in October 2017- Dan Weisser and Dirk Wells will be giving the tests. They will meet with students to find out their goals, where they are at and what they would like to work on for improving their scores in the Spring.

6.5) **Environmental Education:** At the teacher school meeting. We need to establish an Environmental Committee. They will meet 3:30 before the school meeting. They will do a spreadsheet for collecting the data for Environmental Education, while also making a Cross curriculum.

09-07 **Discussion Items:**

- 7.1) **Adopt-A Highway:** Adopt A Hwy is coming up and permission slips went out. Sharon Hanson and Steven Macklay will be doing the seniors this year. September 29, 2017. They need to due 30 community hours for their career readiness program.
- 7.2) **Building Security Evaluation:** Shortly after school started the system was down and person just was able to walk in and address a staff member. The buzzer didn't work. Due to the security system not working properly all the time and with our authorizer commenting that we should upgrade our security for staff and students. The Discovery School Board would like to upgrade our security for the building. More cameras, locked doors. We need to talk to Mr. Lee.

09-08 **Action Items:**

- 8.1) **Sharon Hansen's Revised Contract:** A motion was made by Steven Macklay to accept the teaching contract for Sharon (King) Hanson for the school year 2017-2018. Her duties will include: Math Teacher, Graduation Coordinator and 504 Coordinator. The motion was seconded by Sheila Karn. Motion passed unanimously.
- 8.2) **Crisis Management Policy/Plan:** A motion was made by Sheila Karn to accept the Discovery Public School Crisis Management Policy/Plan contingent with reviewing it further at our Annual Board Meeting in June 2018. Motion was seconded by Dan Weisser. Motion passed unanimously.

09-09 **Adjournment:**

Board members are reminded that our next board meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2017 at 4:30p.m. A motion was made by Russ Kennedy to adjourn. It was seconded by Steven Macklay. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted: Sheila Karn, Treasurer and Board Member.