

**Discovery Public School**  
**126 - 8th Street N.W.**  
**Faribault, MN 55021**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**October 22, 2020 @ 6:00pm**

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 6:00 p.m. by Russ Kennedy. Russ Kennedy (Chair), Jim Severson (Vice-Chair), Sharon Hansen, Cody Hanson, Kay Hammer, Kari-Ann Schmidt (via Google Meet), and Dan Weisser (Ex-Officio), were present.*
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** *Sharon H. made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Kay H. The motion carried (6-0).*
3. **Citizen Participation:** None.
4. **Agenda Items**

**4.1. Election of Officers**

Jim S. nominated Russ Kennedy for the School Board Chair position. The motion was seconded by Kay H. Russ K. accepted the nomination. Russ K. nominated Jim Severson for the Vice Chair position. The nomination was seconded by Cody H. Jim accepted the nomination. Sharon H. nominated Sam Macklay for the Secretary/Treasurer position. The nomination was seconded by Kay H. Sam verbally accepted the nomination prior to the meeting. *Sharon H. made a motion to accept the election of the nominated officers. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (5-0).*

**4.2. Discuss 3-Year Strategic Plan/Academic Improvement Plan:** The board discussed our plans and vision moving forward.

- We would like to continue to use Edgenuity for multiple reasons:
  - Distance learning might be an ongoing requirement
  - Hybrid school options could benefit many of our students
  - We can use it to offer electives without hiring additional teachers
- We hope to continue to increase enrollment to a point where we could possibly expand our school

*Sharon H. made a motion to approve our 3-year strategic plan/academic improvement plan. The motion was seconded by Jim S. The motion carried (6-0).*

**4.3. DPS COVID-19 Update:** We are currently at 22.5 cases per 10,000 in Rice County. Dan recommends that we follow the lead of Faribault Public Schools regarding when to switch to our distance learning model. Our plans are working well. *Sharon H. made a motion to continue to use our three learning scenarios as written. The motion was seconded by Russ K. The motion carried (6-0).*

**4.4. Board Election Background Checks:** Background checks are currently reviewed by Dan and brought to the board if there is any question. Board members should have background checks done on a regular basis. It was suggested that we require a background check for each board member upon re-election. *Russ K. made a motion to require a background check on school board members upon re-election and when initially seated. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (6-0).*

**5. Adjournment:** Board members were reminded that our next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2020 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: Sharon Hansen***