

**Discovery Public School**  
**126 - 8th Street N.W.**  
**Faribault, MN 55021**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**July 15, 2021 @ 4:30pm**

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 4:30 p.m. by Jim Severson. Russ Kennedy (Chair), Jim Severson (Vice-Chair), S. Sam Macklay (Secretary), Cody Hanson, Dan Weisser (Ex-Officio), and Sharon Hansen were present. Kari-Ann Schmidt attended remotely, via “Google Meet”.*
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** *Sam M. made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (6-0).*
3. **Approval of the June 17, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes:** *Sam M. made a motion to approve the June 17, 2021 minutes. The motion was seconded by Sharon H. The motion carried (5-0), Jim S. abstained.*  
  
**3b. Approval of the June 17, 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes:** *Sam M. made a motion to approve the June 17, 2021 annual meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (5-0), Jim S. abstained.*
4. **Monthly Financial Statement:** *The financial statement was reviewed by the board. Cody H. made a motion to accept the [As of] June 30, 2021 Financial Statements, as submitted in the meeting packet. The motion was seconded by Jim S. The motion carried (6-0).*
5. **Citizen Participation:** None.
6. **Reports:**
  - 6.1 **Director’s Report:**                      Cash on Hand: \$165,949                      Enrollment: 49
    - Session 1 of Summer School ended on June 25th. 2 students attended, both students earned Credit. Session 2 of Summer School is currently in Session. 2 students are currently attending, and on track to earn Credit.
    - 3 teachers attended Osprey Wilds Virtual Environmental Education workshop on Monday June 21st. It was well run workshop, and the teachers will share the information/resources they received with other staff during teacher workshop week.
    - CDC Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools. Updated information has been released. We will need to discuss planning at our August meeting as more guidance comes out.
  - 6.2 **Community:** (Dan W.) No report.

**6.3 Finance:** (Russ K., Jim S., Dan W.) Dan has been consulting with Brenda Kes on utilizing the COVID relief funds.

**6.4 Academic Committee:** (Dan W., Jim S., Sharon H.)

We have discussed the need to continue with Edgenuity in the 2021-22 school year, and we feel that it would not be beneficial. We do not anticipate any distance learning, and we do not plan to offer online or hybrid classes.

Two students are participating in the second session of summer school. Both are doing very well and on track to earn credit.

**6.5 Environmental Education:** (Alli P., Jim S., Sharon H.)

We submitted our data on our Environmental Education progress to Osprey Wilds on July 1st. Most of the data was reported at last month's meeting. The final data piece, the survey results, have now been compiled. Unfortunately this was the only goal we did not meet for our Environmental Literacy Plan (ELP).

Survey Results:

In the fall, 36 students completed the survey, with an average correct response percentage of 65.9%. In the spring, only 23 students completed the survey, with an average correct response percentage of 63.7%. This is a decrease of 2.2%. Unfortunately, results were not as expected for this strategy. One possible explanation is that the spring survey was conducted too late in May (May 24th). Many students were ready to be done with school by then, so perhaps did not put forth the same effort that they did in the fall.

## **7. Discussion Items:**

**7.1 School Board Training:** None

**7.2 DPS School Van / Faribault Transportation (Tabs / Registration):** Dan did some research and found out that our 16-passenger van is not legally compliant for transporting students. (A 10-passenger van is the maximum size and the driver must meet the same requirements as a licensed bus driver.) Russ will consult with the Highway Patrol about the rules. A 10-passenger van is not adequate for our needs. Garrett Regan of Faribault Transportation is willing to work with us to provide busses and drivers, as needed. We can use ESSER funds to pay for transportation. The board directed Dan to renew the registration on the current van and to consult with Brenda Kes on the legalities of selling it.

**7.3 COVID Grant Money, Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER):** Dan asked the Board for input on using funds. Field Trips and Motivational Speakers were suggested.

**7.4 Part-Time Custodian:** Dan has hired Larry Johnson to clean the school (after dismissal) for approximately two hours a day, on all student contact days. He will be paid \$18/hour.

**7.5 Building Keys (Policy?):** The Board discussed the need to keep track of building keys. Going forward, a log of all keys issued and returned (with names, dates, and type of key) will be kept in the office.

## **8. Action Items:**

**8.1 Pam Hanson 2021-2022 Contract (English Teacher):** Regarding action item 8.3 from the June board meeting, Brenda Kes verified that Pam's additional work hours are covered in the previously approved budget. The Board reviewed the contract (printed in the meeting packet). *Sharon H. made a motion that Discovery Public School of Faribault enter into a contract with Pamela Hanson to perform the services of English Teacher and Co-Graduation Coordinator for the school year 2021 to 2022. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (6-0).*

**8.2 Michele Horak 2021-2022 Contract (Special Education Teacher):** The Board reviewed the contract (printed in the meeting packet). Dan asked Michele to sign the contract prior to the meeting, but this did not happen. *Sam M. made a motion that we table this action item until the August board meeting. The motion was seconded by Sharon H. The motion carried (6-0).*

**8.3 Review Student / Parent Handbook:** A copy of the handbook was included in the meeting packet. Sharon pointed out that the books and materials provided to PSEO students are loaned by the post-secondary institution to the student. *Sharon H. made a motion to approve the Discovery Public School of Faribault Student Handbook, Published June 2021, but with the final sentence of the Post-Secondary Enrollment Option section (page 3) omitted. Books and materials provided to the student by the post-secondary institution will become the property of the Discovery Public School following course completion. The motion was seconded by Jim S. The motion carried (6-0).*

**8.4 DPS-Bethlehem Academy Co-op:** Russ informed the Board that Bethlehem Academy has agreed to form a sports co-op with Discovery Public School so our student(s) can compete in high school football with their team. *Jim S. made a motion that Discovery Public School of Faribault co-op with Bethlehem Academy for high school football and the application be made to the Minnesota State High School League. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (6-0).*

**9. Adjournment:** Board members were reminded that our next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2021 at 4:30pm. *Russ K. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Sharon H. The motion carried (6-0).*

***Respectfully submitted: Sam Macklay, Secretary***