

**Discovery Public School**  
**126 - 8th Street N.W.**  
**Faribault, MN 55021**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**November 18, 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.

Per MN statute 13D.021 subdivision 1.1: “The DPS Board Chair has determined that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of a health pandemic.”

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** *The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Russ Kennedy. Russ Kennedy (Chair), S. Sam Macklay (Secretary), Dan Weisser (Ex-Officio), and Sharon Hansen were present. Cody Hanson arrived at 4:38. Jim Severson and Kari-Ann Schmidt attended remotely, via “Google Meet”.*
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** *Sharon H. made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Sam M. The motion carried (5-0).*
3. **Approval of the October 14, 2021 Minutes:** *Sam M. made a motion to approve the October 14, 2021 minutes. The motion was seconded by Sharon H. The motion carried (4-0), Jim S. abstained.*
4. **Monthly Financial Statement:** *Pages 3 and 4 were not printed properly in the meeting packet. This error was caught previous to the meeting and the corrected copy was emailed to the board members who were attending remotely. Printed corrections were presented to members attending the meeting in person. The financial statement was reviewed and discussed by the board. Sam M. made a motion to accept the [As of] October 31, 2021 (corrected) Financial Statements, as presented to the Board. The motion was seconded by Sharon H. The motion carried (6-0).*
5. **Citizen Participation:** None.
6. **Reports:**
  - 6.1 **Director’s Report:** Cash on Hand: \$ 244,332.59 Enrollment: 53
    - Enrollment is stable at this time.
    - There have been a lot of kids out sick. We will use Monday and Tuesday as Distance Learning days to prevent any spread of illness, and give staff and students a chance to get healthy. These will count as Instructional Days because of our Provisional Online Provider status.
    - Our October Halloween Costume Party/Haunted House was a big hit last month! Food collected by the students and staff was donated to the local food shelf.
  - 6.2 **Community:** (Dan W.) Bethlehem Academy was closed for 5 days, due to COVID.

**6.3 Finance:** (Russ K., Jim S., Dan W.) Dan has been in communication with Brenda Kes. They have been gathering documentation for the annual audit and the PPP loan forgiveness application.

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

We have begun meeting with students to review credits and set goals for academic progress. We review NWEA scores and have students set a goal for growth on the NWEA tests as well as additional goals for the school year.

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

Middle school students have completed the composting project for the year for Indicator 2: Knowledge. We have met the portion of the goal for this indicator area listed below. We have two evaluation methods for this goal. The other is a pre/post test for which we still need to compile results.

Evaluation Method 2.1

Middle school students will maintain a successful composting program for our food waste from school lunch. Students will follow a rotating schedule of documenting food waste and maintaining the compost pile, so that 100% of middle school students participate.

Ninth and twelfth grade students also completed Adopt-a-Highway this fall. The seniors have done this before, but it was new for 9th grade students. They reported that it was fun.

## **7. Discussion Items:**

**7.1 School Board Training:** None.

**7.2 COVID-19 Update:** Masks are mandatory in the school. The infection rate in Rice County is very high.

**7.3 DPS Student Behavior:** Dan reported that there has been an uptick in angry (boys') behavior towards other students. He reiterated the school policy of zero tolerance of physical violence. One family withdrew their student to avoid a possible expulsion meeting with the Board.

## **8. Action Items:**

**8.1 DPS Employee Health Insurance Policy (2022):** The Board reviewed and discussed the information provided by Mike Konzen of Employers Benefit Group, regarding the renewal of our current Medica health plan. *Sharon H. made a motion that we renew our current employee health insurance policy (MIC PP MN 10%-25 Platinum) for the year 2022. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (6-0).*

**8.2 DPS – BA Boys' Basketball Co-op:** Since our last meeting, the Bethlehem Academy Board of Directors has approved the proposed co-op so that our student(s) can play with theirs in the MSHSL. *Russ K. made a motion that we confirm the agreement with Bethlehem Academy. The motion was seconded by Jim S. The motion carried (6-0).*

**8.3 MACS Membership:** The Board discussed the pros and cons of membership in the MN Association of Charter Schools (annual dues of \$1250). *Sam M. made a motion that we not join MACS this year. The motion was seconded by Sharon H. The motion carried (6-0).*

**8.4 Filan Lawn Service Contract (Eickhoff Replacement):** The owners of Eickhoff's Cleaning and Lawn Care are retiring and transferring our account for snow removal to Filan Lawn Service. The Board reviewed the Snow Plow Contract (printed in the meeting packet). *Sam M. made a motion to approve the Snow Plow Contract 2021-2022 between Discovery School and Filan Lawn Service, commencing November 1, 2021 and terminating on October 31, 2022. 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 December 16, 2021 at 4:30pm. Dan will check with Kay Hammer. *Russ K. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (6-0).*

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