

**Discovery Public School**  
**126 - 8th Street N.W.**  
**Faribault, MN 55021**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**February 24, 2022 @ 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), Sharon Hansen, Cody Hanson, and Dan Weisser (Ex-Officio) were present. Jim Severson (Vice-Chair), Kay Hammer, Kari-Ann Schmidt, and Steven (Sam) Macklay (Clerk/Treasurer) joined via Google Meet.*
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** *Cody H. made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Kay H. The motion carried (7-0).*
3. **Approval of the January 20, 2022 minutes:** *Sam M. made a motion to approve the January 20, 2021 minutes. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (7-0).*
4. **Monthly Financial Statement:** *The financial statement was reviewed by the board. A question was asked about a payment to AFLAC. Dan explained that this is a payment for insurance that is deducted from paychecks of staff that have policies with AFLAC. A question was also asked about the projected rent payments of \$3040 for February through June of 2022 on Page 13 of the financial statement. Brenda identified that it was an error and made a note to correct it. Sam M. made a motion to accept the [As of] January 31, 2022 Financial Statements, as submitted in the school board packet. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (7-0).*
5. **Citizen Participation:** None.
6. **Reports:**

**6.1 Director’s Report:**                      \* Cash on Hand: \$232, 500.53    \*Enrollment: 54

\*Enrollment is stable at this time, added a couple new students

\*We are currently holding our Annual Pennies 4 Patients Fundraiser. Teachers/Staff are raising money in classes to donate to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

\*Parent-Teacher Conferences were on 2/17/22. We had an average turnout for Spring Conferences, about 1/3 of parents attended.

**6.2 Community:** No new information.

**6.3 Finance:** (Russ K., Jim S., Dan W.) Dan and Russ met with Brenda on Wednesday, February 22, 2022. Dan and Russ were concerned that the ADM was only 48. Enrollment seems higher. Brenda concluded that the reason the ADM is running a little low could be because of PSEO enrollment. Those students are only counted as part time students. The Free and Reduced lunch count was also discussed. It is about 10 students fewer than last year. With our size, this will have a negative impact on the budget. We confirmed that no errors were made in the process.

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

We have 9 students that plan to take the ACT on April 5, 2022, three seniors and six juniors. One of the seniors is a retake from last year.

As of Quarter 2, we have 28 of 36 (77.8%) high school students on track to graduate. Our goal for this is in Indicator 1: Mission Related Outcomes. The goal is From FY19 to FY21, the aggregate percentage of students in grades 9-12 who will be on-track to graduate will be equal to or greater than 70%. We are currently on track to exceed this goal with greater than 75% of students on track to graduate.

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

Students have begun their aquaponics project. This is part of our strategy for Indicator 5: Action of our ELP. The evaluation method for this indicator is:

Students in Environmental Global Studies will develop an action plan to improve the environment in their community. The action plan will be graded on a rubric. Seventy percent of the students who complete the action plan will earn a score of 70% or greater.

Students have been studying food in different cultures, and how this impacts and is impacted by the environment in which they live. The aquaponics project is part of this unit of study. They have begun starting seeds and setting up the aquaponics tanks that will house their seedlings when they sprout. Living in Minnesota where food can typically be grown only in the summer, developing indoor gardening methods is an action they are taking to extend the growing season and grow food year round.

## **7. Discussion Items:**

### **7.1 School Board Training: Finance/Brenda Kes; Bergan KDV**

Brenda shared a thorough review of all the variables that are considered in the budget model. It was determined that we will look to revise our 2021-2022 budget at our May meeting.

### **7.2 COVID-19 UPDATE**

Covid cases in Rice County have decreased significantly.

### **7.3 DPS Face Mask Requirement**

Faribault Public Schools have updated their mask policy to say that masks will be recommended but optional. DPS decided to follow the same guidelines as FPS, so we have also gone to a mask-optional policy.

## **8. Action Items:**

**8.1 South West Central Service Cooperative Contract 2022-23:** Dan discussed our need for Behavioral Analyst Services with our Special Education Director. She felt that it would be beneficial to continue these services with the same number of hours. *Sharon H. made a motion to accept the SWWC contract for 2022-23. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (7-0).*

9. **Adjournment:** Board members were reminded that our next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2022 at 4:30pm. *Russ K. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (7-0).*

*Respectfully submitted: Sharon Hansen*