

**Discovery Public School
126 - 8th Street N.W.
Faribault, MN 55021
Regular Meeting
July 21, 2022 @ 4:30pm**

The mission of Discovery Public School of Faribault is to meet the current and future needs of middle and high school students by providing a stable and consistent environment in which each student builds necessary social, academic, personal, and career skills for a satisfying and productive life.

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 4:35 p.m. by Russ Kennedy. Russ Kennedy (Chair), S. Sam Macklay (Secretary), Dan Weisser (Ex-Officio), Cody Hanson, and Sharon Hansen were present. Kari-Ann Schmidt attended remotely, via “Google Meet”, connecting at 4:41 p.m.*
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** *Russ K. asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Sam M. made a motion to approve the amended agenda. The motion was seconded by Sharon H. The motion carried (4-0).*
3. (a) **Approval of the June 16, 2022 Minutes:** *Sharon H. made a motion to approve the June 16, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (4-0).*
3. (b) **Approval of the June 16, 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes:** *Cody H. made a motion to approve the June 16, 2022 Annual Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Sam M. The motion carried (4-0).*
4. **Monthly Financial Statement (Supplemental Information):** *Brenda Kes explained in an email (included in the meeting packet) that June financial statements are so preliminary that BerganKDV will no longer prepare the usual financial statements for the month of June. They did provide supplemental information that included payroll checks, receipts, checks & wire transfers issued, and journal entries. The supplemental information was reviewed by the Board. Sharon H. made a motion to accept the [As of] June 30, 2022 Supplemental Information, as printed in the meeting packet. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (4-0).*
5. **Citizen Participation:** *The Board asked about feedback from Nalani McCutcheon, our liaison from Osprey Wilds, who observed our last two meetings. Dan reported on her verbal feedback and said we will receive a written report about the site visits, in the future.*
6. **Reports:**
 - 6.1 **Director’s Report:** Cash on Hand: \$ 138,572.56 Enrollment: 48 (end of year)
 - Session 1 of Summer School is complete. Majority of students earned Credit. Some were given the opportunity to take work home and finish prior to Session 2. Session 2 starts Monday July 11th. 3 Students are currently enrolled.
 - Teacher Workshop days 8/22 – 8/25. 1st Day of School Tuesday 8/30/22

6.2 Community: No report.

6.3 Finance: (Russ K., Jim S., Dan W.) The Finance Committee has not met recently. Dan and Russ will meet with Brenda in August.

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

We have received our Academic Performance Evaluation from Osprey Wilds for the 2020-21 school year and our summary scores through FY21.

Our lowest areas are Math Growth, Reading Proficiency, Math Proficiency, and Attendance

We expect Math Growth to improve since we had positive results for 2021-2022. Reading Growth did not meet for FY22, but we have been strong in that area, so our overall score in that area shouldn't drop too much.

Math and Reading Proficiency scores have always been low. We continue to work towards proficiency with our students by improving their growth each year.

Attendance is another area we have tried to improve. We need to develop better strategies for improving attendance in our students, but given the fact that most of our students come to us with poor attendance at prior schools, this area is an uphill battle.

We are approaching our goals in our Mission Related Outcomes, which is the percentage of students on-track to graduate, and Post-Secondary Readiness. Our scores in these areas took a hit during the pandemic due to distance learning. We expect to rebound on these before our contract is up for renewal.

Our areas of strength are Reading Growth, Science Growth and Proficiency, and Other Proficiency or Growth (Writing). Our Reading Growth scores did dip below 50% for FY22, but have been strong for the past few years. Science is expected to continue to be strong, as well as our Writing scores.

6.5 Environmental Education: (~~Alli Peterson~~, Jim S., Sharon H.)

We have submitted our final Environmental Literacy Plan Summary to Osprey Wilds. We will make plans for the upcoming school year with teachers when they return from summer break.

Since Alli Peterson resigned from the DPS faculty, the Board will need to appoint someone to take her place on the Environmental Education Committee, in the near future.

Russ Kennedy reported that he is building an "eagle pole" on his property, in the hope of attracting a nesting pair of raptors.

7. Discussion Items:

7.1 School Board Training: None. OW New Board Member Training will occur on 8/2/22, virtually. All Board members are welcome to attend, at no cost.

7.2 Insurance Question from the June 16th Regular Meeting: "Why is \$2217 being sent to Employers Preferred Ins. Co. in addition to the \$10065 paid out to The Hanover Insurance Group?" Answer: Employers Preferred is for Workers' Compensation Insurance while the Hanover Insurance Group handles our "umbrella coverage". Both amounts are for the whole year. In past years we paid the Hanover Insurance in two installments.

7.3 Van Sold to Harley's Auto Salvage: We received \$375. The JUNKING CERTIFICATE OF TITLE was included in the meeting packet. Insurance coverage has been dropped.

7.4 Goliath Basketball Hoop Purchase: The old basketball goal (stand, backboard, and hoop) was no longer serviceable. A new unit was purchased and installed for \$1500.

7.5 Osprey Wilds Academic Performance Evaluation (2020-21 SY): The evaluation was included in the meeting packet. The Board reviewed and discussed the results. Attendance is a concern.

7.6 DPS-BA Co-op: Dan confirmed that we will have one or more students who want to participate in MSHSL sports with the Bethlehem Academy football and basketball teams. Dan and Russ will make sure all the paperwork is up to date and inform our students of practice, and weight room schedules.

7.7 Teacher Re-Licensure: Some of the employment agreements that we approved last month had stipulations that the teachers in question get out-of-area waivers or higher level licenses. The waivers have been approved by MDE but we are still waiting for Tier II approval for two staff members. Dan is confident that these teachers will be approved before school starts but wants us to be aware that we would have to advertise for those positions and use some substitute teachers if they are not licensed.

8. Action Items:

8.1 Kristen Pecha Contract: This contractor is required for student(s), identified by the IEP team, that are physically impaired or have other health disabilities. The Board reviewed the contract, printed in the meeting packet. Her maximum rate is \$100/hr. and she is limited to 8 hours. *Sharon H. made a motion that Discovery Public School of Faribault enter into agreement with Kristen Pecha, P/HD/OHD/TBI Consultant, to provide consultative services and evaluation as identified by the IEP team and documented in the student's IEP, from September 1, 2022 until June 30, 2023. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (5-0).*

8.2 Designation of DPS's Identified Official with Authority (IOWA) for SY 2022-2023: *Sharon H. made a motion to designate Dan Weisser as our Identified Official with Authority (IOWA) for the MDE External User Access Recertification System. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (5-0).*

9. Adjournment: The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2022 at 4:30pm. *Russ K. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (5-0).*

Respectfully submitted: Sam Macklay, Secretary