

Discovery Public School
126 - 8th Street N.W.
Faribault, MN 55021
Regular Meeting
July 13, 2023 @ 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.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** *The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Russ Kennedy. Russ Kennedy (Chair), Jim Severson (Vice-Chair), Dan Weisser (Ex-Officio), Cody Hanson, Sharon Hansen, Kari-Ann Schmidt and S. Sam Macklay (Secretary) were present. Sarah Hammer arrived at 4:40 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 agenda. The motion was seconded by Sharon H. The motion carried (6-0).*
3. **A. Approval of the June 15, 2023 Minutes:** *Sam M. made a motion to approve the June 15, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Sharon H. The motion carried (6-0).*
B. Approval of the 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes: *Sharon H. made a motion to approve the 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (5-0). Sam abstained.*
4. **Monthly Financial Statements:** *No statement printed. Travis Berends notified Dan, by email, that the June financials are not a good representation of year-end numbers. Sam M. made a motion to table the approval of the June Financial Statements, until the next Regular School Board meeting. 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: ~\$70,000 Enrollment: ~47
 - Session 1 of Summer School is complete. Five students of the six students enrolled received credit.
 - A new basketball hoop is being installed behind the school so students can play full court.
 - 6.2 **Community:** *None.*
 - 6.3 **Finance:** *(Russ K., Jim S., Dan W.) Dan and Russ plan to meet with Travis to discuss Finances prior to the next Board Meeting. The yearly audit is the next milestone.*
 - 6.4 **Academic Committee:** *(Dan W., Jim S., Sharon H.)*

The second session of summer school is in full swing. We have five students attending the second session. They are all working hard so far.

Measure 8.1 [CCR] – 6 Points: From FY19 to FY23, the aggregate percentage of students in grades 6-12 who achieve a score of at least 3.0 on a five-paragraph essay as measured by the MCA GRAD Writing Rubric will be at least 80%.

Results: On the five-paragraph essay, 93.0% (40/43) earned a 3 or greater on a 5-point rubric.

Measure 9.1 [GRAD] – 3 Points: From FY19 to FY23, the aggregate 6-year graduation rate will be at least 67.0%.

Results: Our 6-year graduation rate for FY22 (results are delayed a year by MDE) is 50% (6/12). This may dip for one more year, but appears to be trending up after that as our 4-year graduation rate for FY22 is 62.5%. That is the cohort of students who will determine our 6-year graduation rate in two years, and we did graduate one more of those students last year.

Measure 9.2 [CCR] – 6 Points: From FY19 to FY23, the aggregate percentage of 12th graders who score at least 70 out of 100 on the school-developed rubric for their Life Plan project will be at least 70%.

Results: On the Life Plan project, 80% (4/5) of students earned at least a 70 out of 100.

Measure 9.3 [CCR] – 6 Points: From FY19 to FY23, the aggregate percentage of 12th graders who earn a Job Skills Certificate will be at least 80%.

Results: Eighty percent (4/5) of students earned a Job Skills Certificate.

Measure 10.1 – 5 Points: From FY19 to FY23 the average of the school's annual consistent attendance rates is at least 10 percentage points greater than the baseline (FY18 – 47.4) OR equal to the state.

Results: Our consistent attendance rate for FY22 was 45.8%. Attendance data is delayed one year for accountability purposes.

6.5 Environmental Education: (Sharon H., Garret Bitker, Jim S.)

Students have been helping Mr. Bitker tend to our school garden this summer. The squash and tomatoes are blooming, and there are some small, green tomatoes and pumpkins growing. Sharon Hansen will be attending the Summer Institute for Climate Change Education next week. Garrett Bitker will be attending the Migratory and Urban Bird Institute.

7. Discussion Items:

7.1 School Board Training: Osprey Wilds Sounding Board: Conflicts of Interest. The article was included in the meeting packet. It was a very informative and thorough explanation of the statutes and the Board members' responsibilities.

7.2 DPS/Osprey Wilds Renewal: Dan and Sharon have been making good progress on the Renewal Application. Rod Haenke will be consulted. They intend to present the completed document to the Board for approval at the August meeting. Dan asked the Board members to carefully review the document before the meeting.

7.3 MSHSL (DPS-BA co-op): The Minnesota State High School League has approved our co-op with Bethlehem Academy for football and basketball. Dan will present his proposed minimum academic requirements for our student athletes, for Board approval, at the next meeting.

8. Action Items:

8.1 New Requirement: Prohibition of Malicious and Sadistic Conduct Policy: Per Minnesota Statute, we are required to establish this policy before August 1, 2023. Our authorizer provided an explanation of the statute, and an example to aid in the drafting of our own policy. *Sharon H. made a motion to approve the Prohibition of Malicious and Sadistic Conduct policy, as printed in the meeting packet. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (7-0).*

8.2 Designation of the Identified Official with Authority (IOwA) for SY 2023-2024: This is a MDE requirement. The form was included in the meeting packet. *Sam M. made a motion that we designate Dan Weiser as the Identified Official with Authority for Education Identity and Access Management, for Discovery Public School of Faribault. The motion was seconded by Jim S. The motion carried (7-0).*

9. Adjournment: The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 17th, 2023 at 4:30pm. *Russ K. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim S. The motion carried (7-0).*

Respectfully submitted: Sam Macklay, Secretary