

Discovery Public School
126 - 8th Street N.W.
Faribault, MN 55021
Regular Meeting
August 17, 2023 @ 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 Russ Kennedy. Russ Kennedy (Chair), Jim Severson (Vice-Chair), Sharon Hansen, Cody Hanson, and Dan Weisser (Ex-Officio) were present.*
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** *Sharon H. made a motion to approve the agenda with the changes of moving item 7.2 DPS-BA COOP (Student Expectations) to Acton Items, item number 8.4, and the addition of a new Discussion Item 7.2 Pilot Substitute Teacher Program. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (4-0).*
3. **Approval of the July 13, 2023 minutes:** *Sharon H. made a motion to approve the July 13, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (4-0).*
4. **Monthly Financial Statement:** *The financial statement was reviewed by the board. Jim S. made a motion to accept the [As of] July 31, 2023 Financial Statements, as submitted in the school board packet. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (4-0).*
5. **Citizen Participation:** None.
6. **Reports:**
 - 6.1 **Director’s Report:** * Cash on Hand: \$132,774.78 *Enrollment: Approximately 50
 - *Session 2 of Summer School completed
 - *DPS placed flyers at Fareway Foods to advertise
 - *DPS Teacher Workshop Week 8/21 - 8/24
 - *DPS Open House Thursday 8/24 12-5
 - *1st Day of School Tuesday 8/29
 - 6.2 **Community:** Dan noted that there is a lot of road construction around the school. He offered to call Faribault Transportation to make sure busses would be able to get through on the first day of school.
 - 6.3 **Finance:** (Russ K., Jim S., Dan W.) Dan and Russ met with Travis. He informed us that the budget is looking good as long as we get our enrollment to 52, as budgeted.

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

Our testing calendar for the 2023-24 school year has been developed. We will begin NWEA testing on October 3, 2023. MCA testing will begin on April 9, 2024, and the ACT will be offered on April 23, 2024. Our spring NWEA testing will begin on April 30, 2024.

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

Sharon attended the Summer Institute for Climate Change Education on July 17-19, 2023. There were a lot of interesting topics discussed and some new tools for teaching climate change were shared. Overall it was a very good seminar.

Our Environmental Literacy Plan is due September 1, 2023. We will meet as a staff during workshop week to review it and develop our strategies for the coming school year.

7. Discussion Items:

7.1 School Board Training: None

7.2 Pilot Substitute Teacher Program

We plan to apply for short call substitute licenses for two of our paraprofessionals if they are interested.

8. Action Items:

8.1 DPS-OW Renewal Application: The board reviewed our renewal application. *Jim S. made a motion to approve our renewal application with Osprey Wilds. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (4-0).*

8.2 DPS Student/Parent Handbook 2023-24:

The Prohibition of Malicious and Sadistic Conduct Policy was added to our student/parent handbook. *Cody H. made a motion to approve our 2023-24 Student/Parent Handbook with the addition of our new Prohibition of Malicious and Sadistic Conduct Policy. The motion was seconded by Sharon H. The motion carried (4-0).*

8.3 DPS Employee Handbook:

The Prohibition of Malicious and Sadistic Conduct Policy was added to our employee handbook. *Jim S. made a motion to approve our updated Employee Handbook with the addition of our new Prohibition of Malicious and Sadistic Conduct Policy. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (4-0).*

8.4 DPS-BA COOP (Student Expectations):

Dan spoke with the athletic director at Bethlehem Academy (Ed Friesen) about student athlete expectations. It was decided that Discovery would put together a list of expectations for DPS students participating in athletics at BA. Dan presented a list of expectations to the board. Jim suggested one minor change in wording to clarify who would decide the consequences if a player is suspended from school. *Jim S. made a motion to accept the revised Student Athlete Expectations. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (4-0).*

9. Adjournment: Board members were reminded that our next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2023 at 4:30pm. *Russ K. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim S. The motion carried (4-0).*

Respectfully submitted: Sharon Hansen