

Discovery Public School
126 - 8th Street N.W.
Faribault, MN 55021
Regular Meeting
February 20, 2025 @ 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), Sharon Hansen, Cody Hanson, Ally Luthe, and Dan Weisser (Ex-Officio) were present.*
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** *Sharon H. made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (4-0).*
3. **Approval of the January 16, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes:** *Ally L. made a motion to approve the January 16, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (4-0).*
4. **Monthly Financial Statement:** *The supplemental packet was reviewed by the board. Sharon H. made a motion to accept the [As of] January 31, 2025 Financial Statements as submitted in the school board packet. The motion was seconded by Ally L. The motion carried (4-0).*
5. **Citizen Participation:** None.
6. **Reports:**
 - 6.1 **Director’s Report:**
 - *Enrollment: 53
 - *Trout Unlimited is planning to come to DPS and teach some students about Ice Fishing. This is scheduled for Tuesday 2/25, many students seem to be excited and interested.
 - *DPS had Parent-Teacher conferences on Thursday 2/6. The turnout was average for the 2nd set of conferences (usually less parents than the 1st).
 - *DPS is currently completing their annual Pennies 4 Patients fundraiser. All money raised will be donated to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.
 - 6.2 **Community:** none
 - 6.3 **Finance:** (Russ K., Jim S., Dan W.)
 - *Travis recommends inquiring about a Line of Credit at Bank just in case our Cash Flow drops and it is necessary over Summer (\$10,000 - \$15,000) – Dan has reached out to First United Bank to start the process.

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

- Quarter 2 ended on January 17, 2025 and credits have been updated. Per our mission related goal with Osprey Wilds: Measure 1.1 [CCR]: From FY24 to FY28, the aggregate percentage of students in grades 9-12 who will be on-track to graduate will be equal to or greater than 70%.
- As of Q2, 32 out of 41 high school students (78%) are on track to graduate.
- Out of curiosity I also calculated the on track percentage for students who have been at DPS and completed the Freshman Seminar class. Including this year's 9th grade students, 29 of 31 students who participated in Freshman Seminar (93.5%) are on track to graduate.

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

- Our ice fishing expedition was postponed due to the extremely cold weather last week. It has been rescheduled for Tuesday, February 25th.
- We have 300 baby trout that are growing fast. They will be released in April.
- For our Environmental Literacy Plan (ELP) with OW: Indicator 2 Knowledge, our evaluation method is: Seventy five percent of middle school students will complete a pretest and posttest to measure learning before and after the unit. The mean score from pretest to posttest will increase by at least 10%.
 - Results: The mean score on the composting test went from 5.67 to 6.25, which is an increase of 10.2%.
- For Indicator 5 Action, or evaluation method is: Students in Social Studies (11th-12th grade) will take action by writing to at least two government officials or organizations. The letters/emails will be graded on a 100 point rubric. Seventy percent of the students who complete the written action plan will earn a score of 70% or greater.
 - Results: Of the 11th and 12th grade students who completed the project, 100% (14/14) earned a score of 70% or greater.
- We met both of these goals in our ELP.

7. Discussion Items:

7.1 School Board Training: OW Sounding Board – “Public Comment”

The board discussed the reading printed in the packet.

7.2 Director Evaluation: None

7.3 DPS Student Agency – Voice Data Analysis Summary:

Coaches from RCE (Regional Center for Excellence) have been meeting with Dan and Sharon as part of our improvement plan. They offered to survey students to get data about how students perceive our school that we can use to find ways to improve student outcomes. The summary data is included in the board packet. They will also provide us with suggestions on areas where we can focus our efforts.

8. Action Items:

8.1 Jim Severson, School Board Resignation: Jim Severson (vice chair) tendered his resignation from the school board via email. It was suggested that the board appoint Brooke Rindahl (parent) to serve the remainder of his term. *Sharon H. made a motion to accept Jim's resignation and appoint Brooke Rindahl (parent) to serve the remainder of his term. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (4-0).*

8.2 Filan Lawn Services Summer Contract: Dan explained that we had Filan apply weed spray to the sidewalk, parking lot, and basketball court last spring for an additional charge of \$125. We used the Premier

Program for last year. *Sharon H. made a motion to approve the Filan Lawn Services Summer Contract for the Premier Program plus the additional charge to apply weed spray to the sidewalk, parking lot, and basketball court for an additional \$125. The motion was seconded by Ally L. The motion carried (4-0).*

8.3 Cobra Repayment Plan – Jim Severson: Jim S. has been repaying the school for Cobra benefits from the year he retired. He still owes a small amount (\$453.48). Travis considers this expense to be immaterial. *Sharon H. made a motion forgive the remainder of Jim Severson’s Cobra repayment in the amount of \$453.48. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (4-0).*

8.4 Appoint School Board Vice Chair: *Russ K. made a motion to appoint Sharon Hansen to serve as vice chair for the remainder of the fiscal year. 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 March 20, 2025 at 4:30pm. *Russ K. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (4-0).*

Respectfully submitted: Sharon Hansen