

Discovery Public School
126 - 8th Street N.W.
Faribault, MN 55021
Regular Meeting
March 20, 2025 @ 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), Dan Weisser (Ex-Officio), Cody Hanson, Sharon Hansen (Vice Chair), S. Sam Macklay (Secretary), Sarah Hammer, Brook Rindahl, and Addie Mazza (Osprey Wilds representative) were present.*
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** *Russ K. asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Sarah H. made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (6-0).*
3. **Approval of the February 20, 2025 Minutes:** *Cody H. made a motion to approve the February 20, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Sharon H. The motion carried (6-0).*
4. **Monthly Financial Statement:** *The Board reviewed and discussed the financial report. The heading of the Ending Balance column on p.2 should be "February 28, 2025". The cost of the Tele Teachers Inc. was brought up. Dan made a very good case justifying the expense but agreed to increase the salary range on the posting for an in-person Special Ed Teacher. Sam M. made a motion to accept the [As of] February 28, 2025 Financial Report, as printed in the meeting packet (with the typo noted). The motion was seconded by Sharon H. The motion carried (6-0).*
5. **Citizen Participation:** *None.*
6. **Reports:**

6.1 Director's Report: Cash Balance: \$139,995 Enrollment: 53

- DPS completed their annual Pennies 4 Patients fundraiser. Staff and students raised \$322.57 which will be donated to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.
- DPS Student Council held a fundraiser at Fareway Foods selling hot dogs and hamburgers, along with other items. They raised \$500 and represented the school very well! This money will go towards a school wide field trip to the Community Center to use the Gym and Pool. Student Council will also get to decide how to use any funds leftover from that field trip.
- Cannon River Stem School is officially set to close at the end of this school year. They reached out about supplies and furniture, Dan mentioned that DPS will be very interested in looking at those items. DPS has also had several families reach out about the possibility of their students attending DPS next year. Dan has started a list, and will set up meetings/tours after Spring Break.

6.2 Community: Dan reported that Bethlehem Academy hired a new football coach. This should be good for our sports co-op with BA. Dan offered to assist with the program.

6.3 Finance: (Russ K., Dan W.) We are looking for someone to join this committee, since Jim Severson resigned from the Board. Dan recently conferred with Travis Berends. Points of discussion were establishing a precautionary line of credit, ADM trends, and a review of the insurance policy renewal costs.

6.4 Academic Committee: (Dan W., Sharon H.) We are looking for someone to join this committee, since Jim Severson resigned from the Board.

Quarter 3 ends tomorrow. I will report on-track results for the first three quarters, next month. As a reminder, we are currently meeting 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.

We have 10 students signed up to take the ACT test on April 8. Students are completing the preliminary tasks this week so they have materials to study over spring break.

MCA testing will begin the same week as the ACT, on Thursday, April 10th.

6.5 Environmental Education: (Sharon H., Garret Bitker) We are looking for someone to join this committee, since Jim Severson resigned from the Board.

Our ice fishing day went well. Many of our students stayed out the entire afternoon. Nobody caught any fish, but the kids enjoyed being outside and playing around on the ice. They also learned some of the skills required for ice fishing.

River Bend Nature Center will be hosting Discovery for an Earth Day event on April 22. Students will be involved in planting trees and some upcycling activities all morning.

We have scheduled our field trip to Whitewater State Park for April 25th. This will be an all-day field trip for the entire school. We will be releasing close to 300 baby trout into a trout stream there, as well as participating in other outdoor activities.

We have gathered data for Indicator 4: Skills. Students completed research and wrote an essay. Results still need to be compiled, but I should have those for the next meeting.

7. Discussion Items:

7.1 School Board Training: None.

7.2 Director Evaluation: None.

7.3 1st United Bank Accounts Transfer to Community Resource Bank: This will happen on 4/12/25, due to a merger. It should have no impact on school operations.

7.4 Line of Credit (2nd Signer): A \$15,000 business line of credit for the school has been approved by the 1st United Bank. Sharon Hansen is the designated “2nd signer”.

7.5 ABDO 990 Report Requests (2nd Signer): Sharon Hansen is the designated “2nd signer”. We indicated that the MN Annual Report should reference the organization address instead of the Board members’ home addresses.

8. Action Items:

8.1 School Psychologist Contract: The Board reviewed the School Psychologist Contract (printed in the meeting packet). The cost is \$85/hour, not to exceed \$35,000 without Board approval. *Sharon H. made a motion that Discovery Public School of Faribault enter into an agreement with Gayle Reuvers, School Psychologist, to provide services for students with a disability or suspected disability and whose IEPs contain documentation of the need for services, from August 15, 2025 through June 15, 2026. The motion was seconded by Sam M. The motion carried (6-0).*

8.2 Navigate Care Consulting Agreement SY24-25: A licensed school nurse consultant is utilized at DPS for health care advice and SPED student evaluations. The Board reviewed and discussed the Agreement (printed in the meeting packet). *Cody H. made a motion to approve the Agreement for Service and Statement of Work with Kristen M Gerber, Owner/Licensed School Nurse, of Navigate Care Consulting LLC, from July 1, 2025 until June 30, 2026. Annual service totals beyond \$2000/year for general education and \$1500/year for special education will require Board approval. The motion was seconded by Sarah H. The motion carried (6-0).*

8.3 Heartman Insurance Renewal: The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed insurance renewal prepared by Grant S. Wilson, representing Heartman Insurance. *Sam M. made a motion that we renew our Package insurance policy, effective 4/23/25 to 4/23/26, (including Umbrella coverage, liability and comprehensive Auto coverage, Commercial coverage, and Worker's Compensation) for a total cost of \$16,249. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (6-0).*

9. Adjournment: The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 4:30pm. *Russ K. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Sarah H. The motion carried (6-0).*

Respectfully submitted: Sam Macklay, Secretary