

Discovery Public School
126 - 8th Street N.W.
Faribault, MN 55021
Regular Meeting
July 16, 2026 @ 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 Sharon Hansen. Sharon Hansen (Vice-Chair), Cody Hanson, Chris Whitmire, Brandon Katzung Hokanson, Ally Luthe, and Dan Weisser (Ex-Officio) were present.*
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** *Cody H. made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ally L. The motion carried (5-0).*
3. **Approval of the June 18, 2026 Regular Meeting minutes:** *Cody H. made a motion to approve the June 18, 2026 Regular Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Brandon K. The motion carried (5-0).*
4. **Monthly Financial Statement:** *The board reviewed the supplemental financial statement as printed in the packet. The supplemental statement is provided due to final payments not yet concluded. An email from Creative Planning included in the packet provided clarification. Cody H. made a motion to accept the [As of] June 30, 2026 Financial Reports, as printed in the meeting packet. Brandon K. seconded the motion. The motion carried (5-0).*
5. **Citizen Participation:** None.
6. **Reports:**

6.1 Director’s Report:

*Enrollment: 44

*DPS created a 15 second Ad that will run locally at Digital Billboard locations in town (7 locations). Pictures and messages can be changed during the school year.

*Session 2 of Summer School is currently in session. Dan Weisser is teaching. We have 4 students attending, and all are on track to gain Credit at this time!

6.2 Community: Nothing to report.

6.3 Finance: (Russ Kennedy, Dan Weisser, Adam Hewitt – *Creative Planning*)

Finance Meeting (7/14/26)

*Committee members present: Dan Weisser, Adam Hewitt (not an official meeting)

Discussion Notes

*Enrollment - 44

*Dan shared with Adam his End of Year Check in with Osprey Wilds, and concerns regarding Fund Balance and Enrollment

*Next Year's Budget and Fund Balance will continue to be monitored closely by the School Board.

Budget notes

- Unemployment Insurance Benefits

- Enrollment/Advertising

- with steady enrollment DPS should be fine moving forward (if 50 or above)

- recommended Fund Balance (20% - 25%) OW requirement

- Current Fund Balance with revised budget - 8.2% (still better than expected)

- Budget will continue to be revisited at Board and Finance Meetings

6.4 Academic Committee: (Dan Weisser, Sharon Hansen)

Date: 7/16/2026 Dan Weisser, Sharon Hansen

Session 1 of Summer School is complete. Seven students received full credit. For Session 2, four students are participating and all are on track to get credit.

6.5 Environmental Education: (Sharon Hansen, Garret Bitker)

The committee did not meet this month.

7. Discussion Items:

7.1 School Board Training: OW Sounding Board: Model Board Performance Evaluation and Training Self Assessment

*Brandon Katzung Hokanson completed his required Board Training in June by attending the virtual training offered by Osprey Wilds.

The board discussed the OW Sounding Board included in the packet in preparation for conducting our own performance evaluation and training self assessment.

7.2 Director Evaluation:

None

7.3 Advertising (Digital Billboard)

Discovery has purchased advertising through the Digital Billboard program. Our brief ad (15 seconds) will be displayed at seven location around Faribault. We can change it as needed throughout the year.

7.4 Cardiac Emergency Response Plan (Rough Draft)

The board discussed the emergency response plan. Dan found CPR Training for staff through the Faribault Chamber of Commerce at no cost. They will provide the training during Workshop Week. The board also discussed the pros and cons of leasing versus purchasing an AED.

7.5 Parent-Student Handbook (p 31)

The board discussed changes to the language around Open Lunch (per our new incentive program for students) and the vaping policy.

7.6 New SPED Director w/ Indigo Education

Indigo Education will be replacing Kori Ryan with a new Sped Director for the upcoming school year.

8. Action Items:

8.1 Designation of the Identified Official with Authority (IOWA) for SY26-27: *Ally L. made a motion to designate Dan Weisser as the Identified Official with Authority (IOWA) for the 2026-27 school year. The motion was seconded by Chris W. The motion carried (5-0).*

8.2 OW School Board Assessment and Evaluation: The board conducted a self assessment and evaluation using the OW provided tool. *Cody H. made a motion to accept the Board Training Self-Assessment and Evaluation conducted at the meeting. The motion was seconded by Brandon K. The motion carried (5-0).*

8.3 DPS Lottery and Admission Policy: The DPS Lottery and Admission Policy was updated according to MDE guidelines with recommendations from OW. *Cody H. made a motion to approve the revised DPS Lottery and Admission Policy. The motion was seconded by Ally L. The motion carried (5-0).*

8.4 DPS Bylaws: *Brandon K. made a motion to approve the revised DPS Bylaws. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (5-0).*

8.5 Spectrum Business Internet Proposal: Internet at the school has been slow for a few years, and Consolidated was unable to make the needed improvements for the school to function well. Dan researched available options and secured a proposal from Spectrum. *Cody H. made a motion to accept the Spectrum Business Internet Proposal. The motion was seconded by Brandon K. The motion carried (5-0).*

9. Adjournment: Board members were reminded that our next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 20, 2026 at 4:30pm. *Sharon H. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:24 pm. The motion was seconded by Chris W. The motion carried (5-0).*

Respectfully submitted: Sharon Hansen