

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 273
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 7, 2024

REGULAR MEETING
7:00 PM

Edina Community Center Room 349
5701 Normandale Road, Edina

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

ABSENT:

Ms. Erica Allenburg
Mr. Dan Arom
Ms. Cheryl Barry
Mr. Michael Birdman
Ms. Karen Gabler
Ms. Jennifer Huwe
Mr. Elliot Mann

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Erica Allenburg

7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Stacie Stanley, Superintendent
Nate Swenson, Assistant Superintendent
Frannie Becquer, Director of Achievement Equity and Multilingual Learner Programming
Jody De St. Hubert, Director of Teaching and Learning
Daphne Edwards, Director of Marketing and Communications
Dr. Anne Marie Leland, Director of Community Education and Strategic Partnerships
Jody Remsing, Director of Student Support Services
Sonya Sailer, Director of Human Resources
Mert Woodard, Director of Finance and Operations

Jenn Carter, Assistant Principal, Edina High School
Sandra Harley, Elementary Literacy Coach and internal LETRS trainer
Kim Isley, Assistant Director, Early Learning Center
Jenny Johnson, Assistant Principal, Edina High School
Shawnee Krueger, Supervisor of Health Services
Paul Paetzel, Principal, Edina High School
Tricia Pettis, Principal, South View Middle School
Dr. Cara Rieckenberg, Principal, Highlands Elementary School
Bethany Van Osdel, Assistant Director of Teaching and Learning

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Ms. Erica Allenburg, Chair

Mr. Dan Arom, Clerk

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

HEARING FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

REPORT

- A. Edina Education Fund

CONSENT

- A. Minutes: *September 9 work session and regular meeting; September 24 work session*
- B. Personnel Recommendations
- C. Check Register - September 2024
- D. Electronic Fund Transfers - September 2024
- E. Gifts and Bequests – September 2024
- F. Edina Education Fund Gifts, 2023-2024
- G. Life, AD&D, LTD Insurance Renewal
- H. Braemar Arena Facility Use Agreement Renewal
- I. Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) Constitutional Amendments

DISCUSSION

- A. FY25 Early Learning Center Update - Fostering Excellence in Early Learning
- B. Middle School Orientation Day, Get Connected, Connect & Assess
- C. Data Metrics Plan Update
- D. PreK-12 Comprehensive Literacy Plan & the Science of Reading Professional Development (LETRS, OL&LA) Update
- E. Graduation Requirements
- F. Policy Review (507, 507.5, 508, 512, 516.5)

ACTION

- A. 2024-2025 School Board Priorities
- B. Recommended Additional District Professional Development Day on the 2024-2025 Calendar
- C. Policy Review (603, 616, 618, 620)

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

INFORMATION

- A. Investment Summary - September 2024
- B. Expenditure Summary - September 2024
- C. 2024-2025 Policy Overview

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 PM. The minutes and resolutions are open to public inspection on the district website, and on file at the district office, 5701 Normandale Road.

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Mr. Dan Arom, Clerk

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Gabler moved and Member Mann seconded to approve the agenda. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

Kathy Iverson from Healthy Professionals for a Healthy Climate, Edina High School student Abby Miller from Project Earth, and others, spoke about their joint efforts to advocate for green buses. Dr. Anne Marie Leland, Director of Community Education and Strategic Partnerships was instrumental in securing the EPA Electric Bus Rebate grant for EPS, resulting in an award of \$400,000 for two electric buses.

REPORT

Edina Education Fund: Executive Director Kathy Rendleman shared information about the Edina Education Fund's vision, mission, funding, programs, and services.

CONSENT

Member Birdman moved and Member Gabler seconded to approve the consent agenda. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

The resolutions were:

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DISCUSSION

FY25 Early Learning Center Update - Fostering Excellence in Early Learning: Staff presented information about the Early Learning Center, including leadership and staffing updates, inclusive philosophy highlights, and new programs.

Middle School Orientation Day. Get Connected. Connect & Assess: Staff presented an overview of Get Connected, and Connect & Assess days from the elementary, middle, and high school levels.

Data Metrics Plan Update: Staff presented an update on the district's Data Metrics plan, a comprehensive assessment monitoring tool used to help assess progress on meeting strategic plan priorities.

PreK-12 Comprehensive Literacy Plan & the Science of Reading Professional Development (LETRS, OL&LA) Update: Staff presented an update on the comprehensive literacy plan, specifically related to the Science of Reading professional development.

Graduation Requirements: Staff and board members continued the discussion around graduation requirements.

At 9:55 PM, Chair Allenburg motioned to extend the meeting beyond 10 PM, as required by policy. Member Birdman seconded the motion, all members voted Aye, and the motion passed unanimously.

Policy Review (507, 507.5, 508, 512, 516.5): Policy Committee members presented the following policies for discussion. These policies will move forward for approval at the next regular meeting.

- Policy 418 Alcohol- and Drug-Free Workplace and School Environment
- Policy 507 Corporal Punishment
- Policy 507.5 School Resources Officers
- Policy 508 Extended School Year for Certain Students with Individualized Education Programs
- Policy 512 School-Sponsored Student Publications and Activities
- Policy 516.5 Overdose Medication

ACTION

2024-2025 School Board Priorities: Member Mann moved and Member Birdman seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Recommended Additional District Professional Development Day on the 2024-2025 Calendar: Member Arom moved and Member Birdman seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Policy Review (603, 616, 618, 620): Member Birdman moved and Member Arom seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

- Policy 603 Curriculum and Program Review and Development
- Policy 616 School District System Accountability
- Policy 618 Assessment, Grading and Reporting of Student Progress
- Policy 620 Receiving Course Credit for Learning

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Member Gabler directed attention to the Policy Overview item included in the information section of the board packet. She also highlighted student journalists from the Whigrean and Zephyrus who recently won awards for their work on the publications.

Member Arom shared that school tours for legislators had been rescheduled for November.

Chair Allenburg acknowledged that late hour and length of meeting, and thanked Dr. Stanley and administrators for all their work.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Dr. Stanley shared an email from a Normandale teacher who wanted to recognize Craig Johnson from the Transportation department for his kindness and exceptional efforts to help during a last minute field trip change of plans.

She also shared an email from a parent who expressed gratitude for Countryside teachers Katy Hammel, Nathan Monseth, and Kathleen Mulrooney who go above and beyond for their students.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:00 PM, Member Gabler moved, and Member Birdman seconded to adjourn the meeting. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.