

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 273
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF JULY 13, 2026

WORK SESSION
5:00 PM

Edina Community Center
ECC 350

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

ABSENT:

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

Ms. Jennifer Huwe

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Karen Gabler

5:01 PM – 7:00 PM

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Daniel Bittman, Superintendent
Nate Swenson, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Anne Marie Leland, Director of Community Education and Strategic Partnerships
Nathaniel Lindley, Director of Media and Technology Services
Sonya Sailer, Executive Director of Human Resources
Mert Woodard, Director of Finance and Operations

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Ms. Karen Gabler, Chair

Ms. Erica Allenburg, Clerk

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

DISCUSSION

- A. Potential Referendum & Future Funding (primarily related to Safety & Security)

LEADERSHIP UPDATES

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 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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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

DISCUSSION

Potential Referendum & Future Funding (primarily related to Safety & Security): Follow-up discussion from May presentation, including technology levy and staffing, strategic and facilities planning, and timeline and fiscal planning.

At 6:18 PM, Member Gabler moved and Member Arom seconded to close the meeting. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously. Board members moved to the superintendent's conference room.

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At 6:59 PM Member Mann moved and Member Birdman seconded to reopen the meeting. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:00 PM, Member Barry moved, and Member Arom seconded to adjourn the meeting. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.