

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 273
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 13, 2026

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
Mr. Elliot Mann

Ms. Jennifer Huwe

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Karen Gabler

7:04 PM - 7:59 PM

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Daniel Bittman, Superintendent
Nate Swenson, Assistant Superintendent
Jody De St. Hubert, Director of Teaching and Learning
Daphne Edwards, Director of Marketing and Communications
Jennifer Froehlich, Director of Student Support Services
Dr. Anne Marie Leland, Director of Community Education and Strategic Partnerships
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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DISTRICT 273 EDINA, MINNESOTA JULY 13, 2026

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

HEARING FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

CONSENT

- A. Minutes: *June 8 work session and regular meeting; June 16 work session; June 26 retreat*
- B. Personnel Recommendations
- C. Check Register - June 2026
- D. Electronic Fund Transfers - June 2026
- E. Gifts and Bequests - June 2026
- F. Audit Services - Fiscal Year 2026
- G. Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA) 2026-2027 Membership
- H. Association of Metropolitan School Districts (AMSD) 2026-2027 Membership
- I. BrightWorks 2026-2027 Membership
- J. Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) 2026-2027 Membership
- K. Edina e-Learning Day Plan 2026-2027
- L. Mid-year Board Liaison Re-Assignments

DISCUSSION

- A. School Board Goals 2026-2027
- B. Superintendent Goals 2026-2027
- C. Policy Review (208, 503, 520, 601, 616, 626)

ACTION

- A. Student Handbooks for 2026-2027
- B. Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Plan - Fiscal Years 2028-2037
- C. Proposed 2026-2028 Collective Bargaining Agreement Between Independent School District 273 and the Edina Administrative Council (EAC)
- D. Proposed 2026-2028 Collective Bargaining Agreement Between Independent School District 273 and the Service Employees International Union, Local 284, Transportation Employees - *to be walked in*
- E. Policy Review (410, 539, 618, 629, 902)

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

INFORMATION

- A. Investment Summary - June 2026
- B. Summary of Edina Public School District Year-End Superintendent Evaluation

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM. The minutes and resolutions are open to public inspection on the district website, and on file at the district office, 5701 Normandale Road.

Ms. Karen Gabler, Chair

Ms. Erica Allenburg, Clerk

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT

Member Allenburg requested to remove the Edina e-Learning Day Plan 2026-2027 from the consent agenda; Member Birdman moved and Member Allenburg seconded; all members voted Aye by roll call.

Member Birdman moved and Member Mann seconded to approve the consent agenda without the Edina e-Learning Day Plan 2026-2027 item. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

The resolutions were:

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Member Allenburg requested clarification on the Edina e-Learning Day Plan 2026-2027 item and Dr. Bittman shared that the Edina e-Learning Day Plan is related to inclement weather.

Member Mann moved and Member Arom seconded to approve the Edina e-Learning Day Plan 2026-2027 item. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

School Board Goals 2026-2027: School Board goals for 2026-2027 were discussed.

Superintendent Goals 2026-2027: Superintendent goals for 2026-2027 were discussed.

Policy Review (208, 503, 520, 601, 616, 626): Policy Committee members presented the following policies for discussion. These policies will move forward for approval at the next regular meeting.

- Policy 208 Development, Adoption, and Implementation of Policies
- Policy 503 Student Attendance
- Policy 520 Student Surveys
- Policy 601 Educational Competencies, Academic Standards, and Instructional Curriculum
- Policy 616 School District System Accountability
- Policy 626 Independent Provider Activity Programs

ACTION

Student Handbooks for 2026-2027: Member Birdman moved and Member Arom seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Plan – Fiscal Years 2028-2037: Member Mann moved and Member Allenburg seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Proposed 2026-2028 Collective Bargaining Agreement Between Independent School District 273 and the Edina Administrative Council (EAC): Member Arom moved and Member Mann seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Proposed 2026-2028 Collective Bargaining Agreement Between Independent School District 273 and the Service Employees International Union, Local 284, Transportation Employees: Member Birdman moved and Member Mann seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

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- Policy 410 Family Medical Leaves
- Policy 539 Internships and Shadowing
- Policy 618 Assessment, Grading and Reporting of Student Progress
- Policy 629 Student Fundraising
- Policy 902 Use of School District Facilities and Equipment

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Member Birdman thanked everyone who participated in the Edina 4th of July Parade.

Chair Gabler pointed out the summary of the superintendent evaluation in the Information section of the board packet.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Dr. Bittman mentioned the Regional Mayors meeting that he attended earlier in the day, and on-going planning for 2026-2027.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:59 PM, Member Birdman moved, and Member Mann seconded to adjourn the meeting. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.