INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 273
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

REGULAR MEETING
7:00 PM

Edina Community Center Room 349
5701 Normandale Road, Edina

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Erica Allenburg
Ms. Cheryl Barry
Mr. Michael Birdman
Ms. Jennifer Huwe
Mr. Elliot Mann

ABSENT:

Mr. Dan Arom
Ms. Karen Gabler

PRESIDING OFFICER: Vice Chair Cheryl Barry

7:03 PM - 8:38 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 & Strategic Partnerships
Sonya Sailer, Executive Director of Human Resources
Mert Woodard, Executive Director of Finance and Operations

Andrea Baldwin, EVP Counselor and parent of LKC participants
Mark De Young, Assistant Principal, Concord Elementary
Dr. Cheryl Gunness, Community Engagement & Purpose Learning Supervisor
Laura Phongsavath, Early Learning and Family Center Manager

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Karen Gabler

Ms. Karen Gabler, Chair

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Erica Allenburg

Ms. Erica Allenburg, Clerk

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

HEARING FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

PRESENTATION
A. Permanent School Fund

REPORT
A. 2026 Summer Programming - Community Education & Strategic Partnerships

CONSENT
A. Minutes: *August 10 work session and regular meeting*
B. Personnel Recommendations
C. Check Register - August 2026
D. Electronic Fund Transfers - August 2026
E. Gifts and Bequests – August 2026
F. Adult Meal Pricing Requirements - 2026-2027
G. Historic Document Resolution

DISCUSSION
A. Board Compensation Analysis
B. Policy Review (213, 524, 538)

ACTION
A. Proposed 2026-2028 Collective Bargaining Agreement Between Independent School District 273 and the Minnesota School Employees Association (MSEA)
B. Intent to Issue General Obligation Capital Notes, Facilities Maintenance and Refunding Bonds, Series 2027A
C. Policy Quick Review (113, 402, 423, 425, 507.5, 510, 521, 613, 621, 713)

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

INFORMATION
A. Investment Summary - August 2026

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 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 Mann moved and Member Allenburg seconded to approve the agenda. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

Laura Phongsavath and Andrea Baldwin shared information about Little Kids Club (LKC), highlighting the growth, impact, and successes of the summer program. Their presentation showcased meaningful experiences provided for students and families, including enrichment opportunities, community partnerships, middle school volunteers, and strong family feedback, while also looking ahead to opportunities for continued growth and expansion.

PRESENTATION

Vice Chair Barry and Superintendent Bittman shared information about the Permanent School Fund and related constitutional amendment that will be on the ballot this November.

REPORT

Dr. Anne Marie Leland, Dr. Cheryl Gunness, and Mark De Young shared information about summer programming, including Little Kids Club, Ready Set K, Kids Club, Youth Enrichment camps and classes, and Targeted Services, and more.

CONSENT

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

The resolutions were:

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DISCUSSION/REPORT

Board Compensation Analysis: Board member compensation was discussed.

Policy Review (213, 524, 538): Policy Committee members presented the following policies for discussion.

- Policy 213 School Board Committees
- Policy 524 Electronic Technology Acceptable Use
- Policy 538 Student Travel

ACTION

Proposed 2026-2028 Collective Bargaining Agreement Between Independent School District 273 and the Minnesota School Employees Association (MSEA): Member Mann moved and Member Birdman seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Intent to Issue General Obligation Capital Notes, Facilities Maintenance and Refunding Bonds, Series 2027A: Member Birdman moved and Member Mann seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Policy Quick Review (113, 402, 423, 425, 507.5, 510, 521, 613, 621, 713): Member Birdman moved and Member Alleburg seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously. Member Birdman moved and Member Huwe seconded to amend Policy 423 to include state statute clarification.All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

- Policy 113 Data Requests
- Policy 402 Disability Nondiscrimination
- Policy 423 Employee-Student Relationships
- Policy 425 Staff Development and Mentoring
- Policy 507.5 School Resource Officers
- Policy 510 Open Enrollment
- Policy 521 Student Disability Nondiscrimination Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act
- Policy 613 Graduation Requirements
- Policy 621 Literacy and the READ Act
- Policy 713 Student Transportation

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Member Birdman shared that the first District 287 "Get On The Bus" tour is coming up in October.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Dr. Bittman reiterated information about the Permanent School Fund, asking people to educate themselves about it and remember that there are no tax impacts. He also shared that he is visiting every building/site staff meeting and PTO meetings this fall. And, September is School Board

Recognition Month – we thank our board members for their time and work supporting students, families, the district and the community.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:38 PM, Member Birdman moved, and Member Huẇe seconded to adjourn the meeting. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.