INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 273
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 12, 2026

REGULAR MEETING
7:00 PM

Edina Community Center Room 349
5701 Normandale Road, Edina

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Mr. Elliot Mann (until 7:54 PM)

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Karen Gabler

7:00 PM - 9:47 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

Kathy Rendleman, Executive Director, Edina Education Fund
Rayso Samatar, EHS student and Edina Education Fund student board member

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Ms. Karen Gabler, Chair

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Ms. Erica Allenburg, Clerk

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DISTRICT 273 EDINA, MINNESOTA OCTOBER 12, 2026

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PRESENTATION
A. Edina Education Fund
B. MN Kids Rise Video

HEARING FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

PUBLIC HEARING
A. Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness (CACR) and Achievement & Integration (A&I)

CONSENT
A. Minutes: *September 14 work session and regular meeting*; *September 22 work session*
B. Personnel Recommendations
C. Check Register - September 2026
D. Electronic Fund Transfers - September 2026
E. Gifts and Bequests – September 2026
F. FY26 Edina Education Fund Gifts

DISCUSSION
A. Bond Scope
B. Policy Review (201, 202, 203, 217, 701, 703, 707)

ACTION
A. Proposed 2026-2028 Collective Bargaining Agreement Between Independent School District 273 and the Service Employees International Union, Local 284, Buildings, Grounds, and Maintenance Employees
B. School Board Member Compensation
C. Policy Review (213, 524, 538)

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

INFORMATION
A. Investment Summary - August 2026
B. Expenditure Summary - September 2026
C. Enrollment Summary - September 2026

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D. Policy 702 Fund Balances – referred to Finance Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 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 Birdman seconded to approve the agenda. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION

Edina Education Fund: Executive director Kathy Rendleman, and student board member Rayso Samatar provided an overview of the Edina Education Fund's vision, mission, and work to support programs and services in Edina Public Schools.

MN Kids Rise Video: Member Allenburg shared information about the Minnesota School Boards Association's (MSBA) statewide effort to lift up the promise of every Minnesota student and the public schools that help them rise.

Member Allenburg motioned and Member Arom seconded to recess the meeting at 7:28 PM.

Meeting Recessed at 7:28 PM

PUBLIC HEARING

Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness (CACR) and Achievement & Integration (A&I) Public Hearing: In accordance with statutory requirements, Director of Teaching and Learning Jody De St. Hubert presented an update on the District's Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness (CACR) goals.

Meeting Resumed at 7:50 PM

Member Arom motioned and Member Birdman seconded to reopen the meeting at 7:50 PM.

CONSENT

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

The resolutions were:

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Member Mann arrived at 7:54 PM.

DISCUSSION/REPORT

Bond Scope: Dr. Bittman presented information to follow up on the September 14 work session discussion about a possible referendum.

Policy Review (201, 202, 203, 217, 701, 703, 707): Policy Committee members presented the following policies for discussion. These policies will move forward for Action next month.

- Policy 201 Legal Status of the School Board
- Policy 202 School Board Officers
- Policy 203 Operation of the School Board
- Policy 217 Legislative Involvement
- Policy 701 Establishment, Adoption, and Modification of School District Budget
- Policy 703 Accounting
- Policy 707 Purchasing

ACTION

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

School Board Member Compensation: Board chair Gabler recused herself from this vote. Member Allenburg moved and Member Arom seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye by roll call.

Policy Review (213, 524, 538): Member Huwe moved and Member Arom seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:47 PM, Member Barry moved, and Member Huwe seconded to adjourn the meeting. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

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