INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 273
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF OCTOBER 20, 2026

WORK SESSION
5:00 PM

Edina Community Center
ECC 350

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Karen Gabler

5:01 PM - 8:04 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
Dr. Anne Marie Leland, Director of Community Education and Strategic Partnerships
Sonya Sailer, Executive Director of Human Resources
Mert Woodard, Executive Director of Finance and Operations

Jennifer Christ, Student Information Coordinator
Paul Domer, Principal, Concord Elementary School
Kim Isley, Assistant Director, Early Learning and Family Center
Paul Paetzel, Principal, Edina High School

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Karen A. Gabler

Ms. Karen Gabler, Chair

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Erica Allenburg

Ms. Erica Allenburg, Clerk

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

DISCUSSION

A. Continuous School Improvement Plan Process
B. 2026-2027 Enrollment and Class Size Report
C. Preliminary Discussion - FY2027 Revised Budget
D. Legislative Platform Discussion
E. Polling Place Requirements
F. Review and Comment Requirements
G. School Board Member Handbook

LEADERSHIP UPDATES

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 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.

DISCUSSION

Continuous School Improvement Plan Process: Staff presented an overview of the continuous improvement plan process for the 2026-2027 school year.

2026-2027 Enrollment and Class Size Report: Staff presented enrollment and class size information as of October 1, 2026.

Preliminary Discussion - FY2027 Revised Budget: Director Woodard presented updated budget information as of October 1, 2026.

Legislative Platform Discussion: Board members discussed legislative advocacy and priorities for the 2026-2027 school year.

Polling Place Requirements: Director Woodard presented an overview of requirements associated with combining polling places and potential changes to the district's polling place configuration.

Review and Comment Requirements: Director Woodard presented an overview of requirements applicable to seeking voter approval for proposed facility investments, if the Board moves forward with a future bond referendum.

School Board Member Handbook: Board members discussed a draft handbook that has been developed as a reference guide.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:04 PM, Member Birdman moved, and Member Huwe seconded to adjourn the meeting. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.