

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 273
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF AUGUST 11, 2025

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
Ms. Jennifer Huwe
Mr. Elliot Mann

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Karen Gabler

5:01 PM - 6:24 PM

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Daniel Bittman, Superintendent
Nate Swenson, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Frannie Becquer, Director of Achievement Equity and Multilingual Learner Programming
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, Director of Finance and Operations

Paul Paetzel, Principal, Edina High School

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Ms. Karen Gabler, Chair

Ms. Cheryl Barry, Clerk

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

DISCUSSION

- A. Priority 1: Safety and Security Assessment Action Plan
- B. Priority 2: A Strategic Plan for the Future of Edina High School

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 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 Birdman moved and Member Mann seconded to approve the agenda. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

Priority 1: Safety and Security Assessment Action Plan: Dr. Bittman presented a proposal for a recommended approach to assessing and enhancing safety and security across its campuses during the 2025-2026 school year.

Priority 2: A Strategic Plan for the Future of Edina High School: Assistant Superintendent Nate Swenson and Principal Paul Paetzel presented a proposal outlining the recommended 2025–2026 strategic planning process for Edina High School.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Dr. Bittman thanked everyone for their work on Back-to-School planning and preparations districtwide.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:24 PM, Member Birdman moved, and Member Mann seconded to adjourn the meeting. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.