

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 273  
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF MAY 20, 2025

WORK SESSION  
5:00 PM

Edina Community Center  
ECC 350 and Virtual

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

5:00 PM - 6:25 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  
Jody Remsing, Director of Student Support Services  
Sonya Sailer, Executive Director of Human Resources  
Mert Woodard, Director of Finance and Operations

Mark Carlson, Curriculum Coordinator  
Rod Peterson, Director of Buildings and Grounds

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Ms. Karen Gabler, Chair

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Ms. Cheryl Barry, Clerk

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

DISCUSSION

- A. Programming Update for PreK-5 STEAM
- B. Facilities Projects - Spring 2025
- C. Workers' Compensation Insurance Renewal – Fiscal Year 2026
- D. Property, Casualty, and Liability Insurance Renewal – Fiscal Year 2026
- E. Preliminary Budget – Fiscal Year 2026
- F. Local Wellness Policy

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 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 Mann moved and Member Arom seconded to approve the agenda. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

Programming Update for PreK-5 STEAM: Staff shared an overview of PreK-5 STEAM programming, including discussion about capacity, equity, consistency and cornerstone projects, based on feedback from stakeholders.

Facilities Projects - Spring 2025: this was a Review of summer projects for this year, 2026 and 2027, part of LTFM plan. These Items have been reviewed by the Finance committee.

Workers' Compensation Insurance Renewal – Fiscal Year 2026: Director Woodard presented information about the renewal of Workers' Compensation Insurance.

Property, Casualty, and Liability Insurance Renewal – Fiscal Year 2026: Director Woodard presented information about the renewal of Property, Casualty, and Liability Insurance.

Member Mann left at 5:55pm

Preliminary Budget – Fiscal Year 2026: Director Woodard shared an updated overview of the preliminary fiscal year 2026 budget. The budget for fiscal year 2026 will come back to the Board for approval in June.

Local Wellness Policy: Staff and board members discussed the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act (HHFKA) of 2010 and district policy 533 (Student Wellness).

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Member Arom shared that there will be a Special Legislative Session and encouraged people to contact their legislators.

Chair Gabler reminded Board members about the upcoming Board retreat, June 1 and 2.

## SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Dr. Bittman shared that it's an exhilarating and exhausting time of year – and thanked the Board, Cabinet, and for their engagement.

## ADJOURNMENT

At 6:25 PM, Member Birdman moved, and Member Arom seconded to adjourn the meeting. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

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