

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 273
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF DECEMBER 4, 2023

WORK SESSION
5:00 PM

Edina Community Center
ECC 350 and 338

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

ABSENT:

Ms. Erica Allenburg
Mr. Dan Arom
Mr. Michael Birdman
Ms. Karen Gabler
Ms. Julie Greene
Ms. Janie Shaw (arrived at 5:19pm)

Ms. Regina Neville

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Erica Allenburg

5:02 PM - 8:03 PM

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Stacie Stanley, Superintendent
Sonya Sailer, Director of Human Resources
Mert Woodard, Director of Finance and Operations

Cheryl Barry, Board member-elect
Jennifer Huwe, Board member-elect

Trevor Helmers, Attorney, Squires, Waldspurger & Mace, P.A. (virtual)

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Ms. Erica Allenburg, Chair

Ms. Karen Gabler, Clerk

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

DISCUSSION

- A. Board Committees and Roles

CLOSED SESSION

- A. Attorney-Client Privilege
- B. Employee Negotiations
- C. Superintendent Mid-Year Review

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 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 Greene moved and Member Arom seconded to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

Board Committees and Roles: Chair Allenburg led a discussion of board liaison, committee assignments, and leadership assignments for 2024. Board members-elect Barry and Huwe participated in the discussion.

At 5:27 PM, Chair Allenburg requested a motion to move to closed session; Member Birdman moved and Member Greene seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Only current board members participated in the closed session discussions.

CLOSED SESSION

Attorney-Client Privilege: Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.05, subdivision 3(b), to engage in discussions with the School Board's legal counsel related to litigation that has been threatened against the District. The School Board seeks legal advice on the status of the matter, alleged claims against the District, the District Attorney's analysis of the same, and the District's options for responding to such claims.

At 6:13 PM, Member Birdman moved and Member Greene seconded to reopen the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

At 6:14 PM, Member Greene moved and Member Shaw seconded to close the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Employee Negotiations: Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 13D.03, the Board is authorized to vote to move into closed session to consider strategy for labor negotiations, including negotiation strategies or developments or discussion and review of labor negotiation proposals, conducted pursuant to sections 179A.01 to 179A.25. The Board will vote to move into closed session to discuss labor negotiations and strategy for the District's negotiations with the following bargaining units: teachers.

At 6:51 PM, Member Greene moved and Member Shaw seconded to reopen the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

At 6:54 PM, Member Birdman moved and Member Gabler seconded to close the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Mid-Year Review: Overview of progress toward goals.

At 7:53 PM, Member Shaw moved and Member Greene seconded to open the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Student members of the Legislative Action Committee (LAC) will be attending the regular December board meeting for discussion about LAC priorities.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Surveys have been sent to high school parents regarding the principal search.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:03 PM, Member Shaw moved, and Member Arom seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.