

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

REGULAR MEETING
7:00 PM

Edina Community Center Room 349
5701 Normandale Road, Edina

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

7:00 PM - 8:29 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, K-12 Science and Mathematics Coordinator
Margaret Schlukebier, Valley View Mathematics Teacher

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Ms. Karen Gabler, Chair

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Ms. Erica Allenburg, Clerk

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGE

EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

HEARING FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

CONSENT

- A. Minutes: December 8 special meeting, work session, and regular meeting; December 16 work session; December 17 special meeting
- B. Personnel Recommendations
- C. Check Register - December 2025
- D. Electronic Fund Transfers - December 2025
- E. Gifts and Bequests - December 2025

DISCUSSION

- A. Progress Report on 2025-2026 Board Goals
- B. Secondary Math Courses: Acceleration Math Sequencing

ACTION

- A. International Travel Proposed Change to the Approval Process
- B. 2026-2027 Courses General Add / Change Recommendations
- C. Revised Budget Fiscal Year 2026
- D. Legislative Action Committee Platform
- E. Policy Review (305)
- F. Employment Agreement for Superintendent of Schools - removed from agenda

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

INFORMATION

- A. Enrollment Mobility
- B. Expenditure Summary - December 2025
- C. Investment Summary - December 2025
- D. Mid-Year Superintendent Evaluation Summary
- E. Presale Report - General Obligation Facilities Maintenance Refunding Bonds, Series 2026A Refunding Bonds

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 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

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGE

Chair Gabler requested a motion to remove the Employment Agreement from the agenda; Member Arom moved, and Member Mann seconded the motion to approve the agenda with that change. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

Saira Kaka, a sophomore at Edina High School and varsity band flautist shared a presentation about her summer experience teaching English and music to students at a school in Aurangabad, India.

CONSENT

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

The resolutions were:

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DISCUSSION

Progress Report on 2025-2026 Board Goals: Chair Gabler shared a detailed presentation showing progress on the four identified goals.

Secondary Math Courses: Acceleration Math Sequencing: Director De St. Hubert, Mr. Carlson, and Ms. Schlukebier presented information about the proposed adjustments to secondary math course sequencing.

ACTION

International Travel Proposed Change to the Approval Process: Member Mann moved and Member Birdman seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

2026-2027 Courses General Add / Change Recommendations: Member Mann moved and Member Huwe seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Revised Budget Fiscal Year 2026 Member Allenburg moved and Member Mann seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Action Committee Platform: Member Birdman moved and Member Allenburg seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Policy Review (305): Member Allenburg moved and Member Arom seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

- Policy 305 Administrator Code of Ethics

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Chair Gabler pointed out the Mid-Year Superintendent Evaluation Summary in the Information section of the board packet.

Member Arom reminded everyone about the upcoming Legislative Action Committee (LAC) Breakfast, January 23, 7:30 AM, to be held in room 348 of the district office. All are welcome to attend.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Dr. Bittman shared his continuing gratitude for the board and district leaders during this difficult time, and the on-going partnerships with those helping to coordinate services and resources.

He also reiterated the information about the upcoming LAC Breakfast.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:29 PM, Member Huwe moved, and Member Arom seconded to adjourn the meeting. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.