

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 273
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE RETREAT OF JUNE 1-2, 2025

RETREAT
5:00 PM

Edina Chamber of Commerce
7201 Metro Blvd, Edina

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

ABSENT:

Day 1

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

Day 2

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
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Day 1 5:06 PM - 8:26 PM
Day 2 5:07 PM - 9:28 PM

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Daniel Bittman, Interim Superintendent

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Ms. Karen Gabler, Chair

Ms. Cheryl Barry, Clerk

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

DISCUSSION - Day 1

- A. Welcome & Agenda Overview
- B. Superintendent Report and Assessment
- C. Board Ad Hoc Committee Report
- D. Communication

DISCUSSION - Day 2

- A. Superintendent Search Process
- B. Board Goals and Priorities
- C. Committee and Liaison Roles
- D. Future Funding and Priorities
- E. Review Action Items and Next Steps

ADJOURNMENT

The June 1 meeting recessed at 8:26 PM, and adjourned on June 2 at 9:28 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 - Day 1

Member Birdman moved and Member Arom seconded to approve the agenda. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Day 2

At 5:07 PM, board members returned from recess.

DISCUSSION - Day 1

Welcome & Agenda Overview: Reviewed agenda and purpose of the retreat.

Superintendent Report and Assessment: Dr. Bittman shared key observations from first weeks in the district, including preliminary assessments of strengths, challenges, and priorities.

Board Ad Hoc Committee Report: Ad Hoc committee members shared their report and recommendations.

Communication: Discussion of communication roles and preferences.

DISCUSSION - Day 2

Superintendent Search Process: Discussion of process, transition, and timeline.

Board Goals and Priorities: Goals for 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 were reviewed and discussed.

Committee and Liaison Roles: Review of committee and liaison roles.

Future Funding and Priorities: Discussion of current status of proposed bond referendum topics, process, timeline, board role, and decision points.

Review Action Items and Next Steps: Discussion of task ownership, follow-up communication, next retreat dates.

RECESS / ADJOURNMENT

Day 1 – At 8:26 PM, Member Mann moved, and Member Allenburg seconded to recess the meeting. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Day 2 – At 9:28 PM, Member Huwe moved, and Member Arom seconded to adjourn the meeting. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.