

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 273
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF JANUARY 21, 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

5:00 - 8:04 PM

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Stacie Stanley, 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 Communications and Marketing
Dr. Anne Marie Leland, Director of Community Education and Strategic Partnerships
Jody Remsing, Director of Student Support Services
Sonya Sailer, Director of Human Resources
Mert Woodard, Director of Finance and Operations

Paul Paetzel, Edina High School Principal
Bethany Van Osdel, Assistant Director of Teaching & Learning (virtual)

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Ms. Karen Gabler, Chair

Ms. Cheryl Barry, Clerk

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

DISCUSSION

- A. Elementary Literacy Curriculum Adoption Recommendation: Benchmark Advance
- B. Achievement & Integration FY 2026 Budget
- C. DISCOVER Operational Costs
- D. Superintendent Search Update

ACTION

- A. Board Communication to Public

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 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 Barry moved and Member Mann seconded to approve the agenda. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

Elementary Literacy Curriculum Adoption Recommendation: Benchmark Advance: Review background information and discuss initial reactions to the elementary literacy adoption recommendation of Benchmark Advance.

Achievement & Integration FY 2026 Budget: Review proposed annual Achievement & Integration budget.

DISCOVER Operational Costs: Overview of the operational costs for DISCOVER in Edina Public Schools.

Superintendent Search Update: Update on the superintendent search process; Governance committee members shared information from MSBA and district legal counsel about hiring an interim superintendent, application and interview processes, and timelines. They discussed desired characteristics and qualifications for the next superintendent, and information for a job posting. They also discussed the early termination of Dr. Stanley's contract.

ACTION

Board Communication to Public: Member Birdman moved and Member Allenburg seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Member Arom reminded everyone about the LAC breakfast this Friday, 7:30am, ECC 348, all are welcome.

Chair Gabler shared that the Zephyrus wants to interview a board member about the superintendent search. Member Arom volunteered.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:04 PM, Member Allenburg moved, and Member Huwe seconded to adjourn the meeting. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.