

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 273
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 9, 2025

REGULAR MEETING
7:00 PM

Edina Community Center Room 349
5701 Normandale Road, Edina

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Dan Arom
Ms. Cheryl Barry
Mr. Michael Birdman
Ms. Jennifer Huwe
Mr. Elliot Mann

ABSENT:

Ms. Erica Allenburg
Ms. Karen Gabler

PRESIDING OFFICER: Assistant Clerk Dan Arom

7:00 PM - 8:55 PM

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Daniel Bittman, Superintendent
Nate Swenson, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Frannie Becquer, Director of Achievement Equity and Multilingual Learner Programming
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

Greg Guswiler, Teaching and Learning Data Programming Analyst
Adriana Mendoza Hernandez, South View Student, Core Planning Team Member
Bethany Van Osdel, Assistant Director of Teaching and Learning
Dr. Dave Webb, Facilitator, Homerun Leadership

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Ms. Karen Gabler, Chair

Ms. Cheryl Barry, Clerk

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

HEARING FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

CONSENT

- A. Minutes: *May 5 work session and regular meeting; May 20 work session*
- B. Personnel Recommendations
- C. Employment Agreement
- D. 2027-2028 Employee Holiday Schedule
- E. Check Register - May 2025
- F. Electronic Fund Transfers - May 2025
- G. Gifts and Bequests – May 2025
- H. Workers' Compensation Insurance Renewal - Fiscal Year 2026
- I. Property, Casualty, Liability, and Cyber Insurance - Fiscal Year 2026
- J. Chartwells
- K. 2025 Metro South Adult Basic Education Joint Powers Agreement
- L. Minnesota International Chinese School Room Rental Agreement
- M. Minnesota Japanese School Room Rental Agreement

DISCUSSION

- A. Strategic Plan Core Planning Overview
- B. Legislative Action Committee (LAC) Recap
- C. Levy Discussion
- D. 2025-2026 Proposed School Board Goals
- E. 2025-2026 Proposed Superintendent Goals
- F. Policy Review (522, 530, 532)

ACTION

- A. Preliminary Budget - Fiscal Year 2026
- B. 2025-2027 Edina Public Schools Assessment Plan
- C. Policy Review – Rapid (516, 538)
- D. Policy Review (503, 515, 529, 531, 605, 609, 610, 611)

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

INFORMATION

- A. Expenditure Summary - May 2025
- B. Investment Summary - May 2025
- C. 2024-2025 Substitute Teacher Fill Rate

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 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

Ms. Cheryl Barry, Clerk

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

Jody De St. Hubert, director of teaching and learning, shared a presentation about the Science of Reading professional development and the systems masters, LETRS facilitators, and cross-department collaborators who have contributed to the overall success.

CONSENT

Member Mann moved and Member Barry seconded to approve the consent agenda. Member Arom recused himself; all other members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

The resolutions were:

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DISCUSSION

Strategic Plan Core Planning Overview: Dr Bittman and Dr. Webb, along with Cabinet members and a student team member shared an overview of this year's Strategic Plan Core Planning work.

Legislative Action Committee (LAC) Recap: Member Arom recapped the work of the Legislative Action Committee's work this year.

Operating Referendum Renewal: Director Woodard presented information about the district's current referendum authority and the Board's authority to possibly extend it.

2025-2026 Proposed School Board Goals: Board goals for 2025-2026 were reviewed and discussed. Board approval is expected in July.

2025-2026 Proposed Superintendent Goals: The superintendent's goals for 2025-2026 were reviewed and discussed. Board approval is expected in July.

Policy Review (522, 530, 532): Policy Committee members presented the following policies for discussion. Board approval is expected in July.

- Policy 522 Title IX Sex Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure and Process
- Policy 530 Immunization Requirements
- Policy 532 Use of Crisis Teams and Peace Officers to Remove Students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) from School Grounds

ACTION

Preliminary Budget - Fiscal Year 2026: Member Birdman moved and Member Barry seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

2025-2027 Edina Public Schools Assessment Plan: Member Mann moved and Member Birdman seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Policy Review – Rapid (516, 538): Member Mann moved and Member Birdman seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

- Policy 516 Student Medication
- Policy 538 Student Travel

Policy Review (503, 515, 529, 531, 605, 609, 610, 611): Member Birdman moved and Member Mann seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

- Policy 503 Student Attendance
- Policy 515 Protection and Privacy of Student Records
- Policy 529 Staff Notification of Violent Behavior of Students
- Policy 531 The Pledge of Allegiance
- Policy 605 Alternative Educational Services
- Policy 609 Religion
- Policy 610 Student Homework
- Policy 611 Home Schooling

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Dr. Bittman thanked everyone for a great end of the school year. Commencement went well and additional changes will be implemented next year based on community feedback.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:55 PM, Member Huwe moved, and Member Birdman seconded to adjourn the meeting. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.