

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 273
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2026

SPECIAL MEETING
4:00 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

4:02 PM - 7:06 PM

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Frannie Becquer, Director of Achievement Equity and Multilingual Learner Programming
Jody De St. Hubert, Director of Teaching & Learning
Sonya Sailer, Executive Director of Human Resources

Barb Dorn, Minnesota School Boards Association Executive Search Director

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Ms. Karen Gabler, Chair

Ms. Erica Allenburg, Clerk

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

DISCUSSION

- A. Superintendent Search: Interview

ACTION

- A. Deliberation & Determine Next Steps in Superintendent Search

LEADERSHIP UPDATES

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 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 Arom moved and Member Mann seconded to approve the agenda. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

Superintendent Search: Interview: Board members formally interviewed Dr. Bittman.

ACTION

Deliberation & Determine Next Steps in Superintendent Search: Member Birdman moved and Member Mann seconded to extend the offer of an employment contract for the position of Superintendent of Edina Public Schools to Dr. Bittman. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Member Birdman and Member Mann seconded to approve the community announcement letter. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:06 PM, Member Mann moved and Member Huwe seconded to adjourn the meeting. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.