

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 273  
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF MAY 5, 2025

WORK SESSION  
5:00 PM

Edina Community Center  
ECC 350 and Virtual

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

ABSENT:

Ms. Erica Allenburg  
Ms. Cheryl Barry  
Mr. Michael Birdman (virtual)  
Ms. Karen Gabler  
Ms. Jennifer Huwe  
Mr. Elliot Mann

Mr. Dan Arom

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Karen Gabler

5:00 PM - 6:39 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  
Dr. Anne Marie Leland, Director of Community Education and Strategic Partnerships  
Sonya Sailer, Executive Director of Human Resources  
Mert Woodard, Director of Finance and Operations

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Ms. Karen Gabler, Chair

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Ms. Cheryl Barry, Clerk

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

DISCUSSION

- A. Spanish Dual Language (SDL) Update
- B. Proposed Staff Year End Letter from Board

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 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 Allenburg seconded to approve the agenda. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

Spanish Dual Language (SDL) Update: Assistant Superintendent Swenson and Director Becquer presented an update on the Spanish Dual Language program.

Proposed Staff Year End Letter from Board: Board members discussed the annual end-of-year communication to send to all staff.

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Member Birdman shared that the District 287 Long Term Facilities Maintenance item coming for Action at the regular meeting was recently approved by the District 287 board.

Member Barry shared that the legislative session will be ending soon and that there is a call for action on education finance and people can call or write legislators.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Dr. Bittman thanked board members and staff for their engagement, and acknowledged what a busy time of year it is for everyone in schools.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:39 PM, Member Barry moved, and Member Mann seconded to adjourn the meeting. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.