

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 273
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

REGULAR MEETING
7:00 PM

Edina Community Center Room 349
5701 Normandale Road, Edina

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

7:03 PM - 8:58 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
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

Ross Bintner, Engineering Services Manager, City of Edina
Dr. Cheryl Gunness, Community Engagement & Purpose Learning Supervisor

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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: August 11 work session and regular meeting; August 19 retreat
- B. Personnel Recommendations
- C. Check Register - August 2025
- D. Electronic Fund Transfers - August 2025
- E. Gifts and Bequests - August 2025
- F. Required Minimum Adult Meal Prices - 2025-26
- G. Resource Officer Amended Agreement

DISCUSSION

- A. Concord Flood Risk Reduction Infrastructure Project
- B. Preliminary Certification of Property Taxes Payable in 2026
- C. 2025 Summer Programming - Community Education & Strategic Partnerships Department
- D. Policy Review (208, 516.5, 524, 713 - moved from Rapid Review)

ACTION

- A. Policy Review - Rapid (418, 501, 515, 516, 802)

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

INFORMATION

- A. Expenditure Summary - August 2025

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 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 WITH CHANGE

Member Mann moved and Member Allenburg seconded to approve the agenda with the following change: move Policy 713 from Rapid Review for Action to Discussion. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bittman introduced Francisca Stand Strong, new American Indian education coordinator.

EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

In honor of School Board Recognition Month, Dr. Bittman presented certificates to board members in appreciation for their work on behalf of the district.

Cabinet members each shared highlights from their department's back-to-school work.

HEARING FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

One Edina community member spoke about tax increment financing (TIF) and the impact on school funding.

CONSENT

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

The resolutions were:

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DISCUSSION

Concord Flood Risk Reduction Infrastructure Project: Director Woodard and Mr. Binter, engineering services manager for the City of Edina, presented information about the Concord flood risk reduction infrastructure project.

Preliminary Certification of Property Taxes Payable in 2026: Director Woodard shared information about the proposed tax levy payable in 2026.

2025 Summer Programming - Community Education & Strategic Partnerships Department: Dr. Leland and Dr. Gunness shared an overview of 2025 summer programming.

Policy Review (208, 516, 516.5, 524, 713): Policy Committee members presented the following policies for discussion.

- Policy 208 Development, Adoption, and Implementation of Policies
- Policy 516 Student Medication
- Policy 516.5 Overdose Medication
- Policy 524 Electronic Technologies Acceptable Use
- Policy 713 Student Transportation - *moved from Rapid Review*

ACTION

Policy Review - Rapid (418, 501, 515, 802): Member Mann moved and Member Allenburg seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

- Policy 418 Alcohol- and Drug-Free Workplace and School Environment
- Policy 501 School Weapons Policy
- Policy 515 Protection and Privacy of Student Records
- Policy 802 Disposition of Obsolete Equipment and Material

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Member Arom shared that the Legislative Action Committee (LAC) had its first meeting of the year and welcomed new members. They are working on platform development and legislative outreach.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Dr. Bittman thanked board members Arom and Birmand for their work with the LAC, and shared that the committee is looking forward to a number of guest speakers including representatives from AMSD, MSBA, MNASA, and AASA. He also thanked board members again for their work.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:58 PM, Member Mann moved, and Member Arom seconded to adjourn the meeting. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.