

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 273
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF SEPTEMBER 8, 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 PM - 6:50 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
Mert Woodard, Director of Finance and Operations

Lisa Barnholdt, Principal of Countryside Elementary
Kim Isley, Assistant Director of Early Learning
Laura Phongsavath, Early Learning Manager
Erin Plasch, Concord Talent Development Teacher
Deb Richards, Talent Development Coordinator
Jessa Veneman, Creek Valley Talent Development Teacher

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Ms. Karen Gabler, Chair

Ms. Cheryl Barry, Clerk

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

DISCUSSION

- A. Area of Emphasis: Early Learning & Family Center Action Plan
- B. Area of Emphasis: Elementary Acceleration Plan
- C. Area of Emphasis: Spanish Dual Language Program Assessment Proposal

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 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 Mann moved and Member Allenburg seconded to approve the agenda. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

Area of Emphasis: Early Learning & Family Center (ELFC) Action Plan: Dr. Leland presented information about the next phase of the ELFC assessment.

Area of Emphasis: Elementary Acceleration Plan: Director De St. Hubert and staff presented an overview of elementary talent development and the review process for the acceleration plan.

Area of Emphasis: Spanish Dual Language Program Assessment Proposal: Dr. Becquer and Principal Lisa Barnholdt presented information about the Spanish Dual Language program and plans for an assessment of the program.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:50 PM, Member Arom moved, and Member Mann seconded to adjourn the meeting. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.