

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 273
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF APRIL 21, 2026

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

5:02 PM - 8:20 PM

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Daniel Bittman, Superintendent
Nate Swenson, Assistant Superintendent
Sonya Sailer, Executive Director of Human Resources
Mert Woodard, Director of Finance and Operations

Patrick Bass, Principal, Valley View Middle School
Tami Jo Cook, Assistant Principal, South View Middle School

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Ms. Karen Gabler, Chair

Ms. Erica Allenburg, Clerk

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

DISCUSSION

- A. Preliminary Budget - Fiscal Year 2027 (DRAFT)
- B. Spanish Dual Language: Program Overview and Middle School Placement
- C. Board Year-end Letter

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

CLOSED SESSION: Security Update. Closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 13D.05, subdivision 3(d), for the board to receive security briefings and reports; to discuss issues related to security systems; to discuss emergency response procedures; and to discuss recommendations regarding public services, infrastructure and facilities.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 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 Birdman moved and Member Arom seconded to approve the agenda. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

Preliminary Budget - Fiscal Year 2027 (DRAFT): Discussion of preliminary budget for FY2027.

Spanish Dual Language: Program Overview and Middle School Placement: Dr. Bittman provided an overview of information related to the middle school placement of the Spanish Dual Language program.

Board Year-end Letter: Board members discussed possible end-of-year staff appreciation ideas.

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Member Mann mentioned the South View Bettlejuice performances that continue through this weekend.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Dr. Bittman shared about the State of the Community program he participated in

At 7:00 PM, Member Birdman moved and Member Mann seconded to close the meeting. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously. Board members moved to the superintendent's conference room.

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At 8:19 PM Member Arom moved and Member Mann seconded to reopen the meeting. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:20 PM, Member Mann moved, and Member Huwe seconded to adjourn the meeting. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

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