

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 273  
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2026

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 - 8:31 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

Lisa Masica, Principal, Cornelia Elementary

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Ms. Karen Gabler, Chair

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Ms. Erica Allenburg, Clerk

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

PUBLIC HEARING

HEARING FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

CONSENT

- A. Minutes: *March 9 work session and regular meeting; March 24 retreat*
- B. Personnel Recommendations
- C. Termination and Non-Renewal of Probationary Teachers
- D. Agreement to Extend Probationary Period
- E. Employment Agreements for Additional Full-time Equivalency (FTE)
- F. Resignation Agreement and Release of Claims - Woolsey, Michael
- G. Memorandum of Understanding Between Edina Public Schools and Education Minnesota/Edina ("EME") relating to the Edina Virtual Pathway Program 2026-2027
- H. Teacher Evaluation and Alternative Compensation Program Memorandum of Understanding: Reauthorization
- I. Check Register - March 2026
- J. Electronic Fund Transfers - March 2026
- K. Gifts and Bequests - March 2026
- L. Capitals of Scandinavia International Travel Experience Adjustments

DISCUSSION

- A. Professional Development Update
- B. MN READ Act Update
- C. Scheduling a Future Board Discussion on Long-Term Financial Planning

ACTION

- A. K-12 Mathematics Curriculum Review Process
- B. Achievement and Integration 2027-2029 Plan
- C. Policy Review (614, 621, 633, 901, 904)

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

INFORMATION

- A. Enrollment Mobility - March 2026

- B. Expenditure Summary - March 2026
- C. Investment Summary - March 2026

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 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.

EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

Edina Athletic Director Troy Stein and others presented about the partnership between Edina High School athletics and Premier Sport Psychology. This collaboration provides mental health, wellness, and sport performance support and educational opportunities for student-athletes, their parents, and coaches. Funding for this program is provided by the Edina Athletic Booster Club (EABC) and the Edina Ed Fund.

CONSENT

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

The resolutions were:

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DISCUSSION

Professional Development Update: Director De St. Hubert presented an update on professional development, outlining the strategic alignment framework and detailing the 2025-2026 "Big Rocks" focus areas: Culturally Proficient School Systems (CPSS) and Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS).

MN READ Act Update: Director De St. Hubert presented an update on the MN READ Act implementation including curriculum adoption, assessments, and professional development.

Scheduling a Future Board Discussion on Long-Term Financial Planning: Plans for a special meeting to focus on long-term financial planning were discussed.

### ACTION

K-12 Mathematics Curriculum Review Process: Member Mann moved and Member Birdman seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Achievement and Integration 2027-2029 Plan: Member Mann moved and Member Arom seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Policy Review (614, 621, 633, 901, 904) Member Birdman moved and Member Mann seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

- Policy 614 Assessment Plan
- Policy 621 Literacy and the READ Act
- Policy 633 Research Requests
- Policy 901 Community Education Services
- Policy 904 Distribution or Display of Materials on School District Property

### LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Members Arom and Birdman shared about the Legislative Action Committee's Day at the Capitol.

Chair Gabler and Member Birdman talked about the POPS Concert - saying it was truly Edina defining excellence.

Member Mann shared about the upcoming Spring musical, Beetlejuice Jr., at South View.

### SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Dr. Bittman echoed many of the events already shared by Board members, in addition to the EHS Community Service Letters ceremonies, a Countryside PTO meeting, the upcoming Give and Go Gala, and the artwork on display in the Boardroom.

### ADJOURNMENT

At 8:31 PM, Member Allenburg moved, and Member Arom seconded to adjourn the meeting. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.