

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 273  
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 3, 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

7:00 PM - 8:27 PM

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Stacie Stanley, Superintendent  
Nate Swenson, Assistant Superintendent  
Frannie Becquer, Director of Achievement Equity and Multilingual Learner Programming  
Daphne Edwards, Director of Marketing and Communications  
Jody Remsing, Director of Student Support Services  
Sonya Sailer, Director of Human Resources  
Mert Woodard, Director of Finance and Operations

Jamie Hawkinson, Dean, Creek Valley Elementary School  
Bethany Van Osdel, Assistant Director of Teaching and Learning

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Ms. Karen Gabler, Chair

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Ms. Cheryl Barry, Clerk

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DISTRICT 273 EDINA, MINNESOTA MARCH 3, 2025

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

HEARING FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

CONSENT

- A. Minutes: *February 3 work session and regular meeting; and February 18 work session*
- B. Personnel Recommendations
- C. Termination and Non-Renewal of Probationary Teachers
- D. Amended MOU for Alternative Quality Compensation & Teacher Evaluation Programming
- E. Check Register - February 2025
- F. Electronic Fund Transfers - February 2025
- G. Gifts and Bequests – February 2025
- H. 2025 Cornelia Exterior Wall Project Bids
- I. 2025-2026 Board Meeting Calendar
- J. Sale of Used Apple iPads
- K. Approval of Settlement Agreement and Release of Claims - *walked in*

DISCUSSION

- A. K-12 Social Studies Curriculum Adoption
- B. Revised Budget FY2025 & FY2026 Budget Parameters
- C. Policy Review (517, 519, 534, 535)

ACTION

- A. Elementary Literacy Curriculum Adoption Recommendation: Benchmark Advance
- B. Edina Public Schools (EPS) Proposed Academic Calendars for 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 and Adjustments to 2025-2026 Academic Calendar
- C. Achievement and Integration FY 2026 Budget
- D. American Indian Education Program Vote of Concurrence
- E. Policy Review (513, 521, 524, 604, 617, 619, 623, 632)

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

INFORMATION

- A. Enrollment Mobility
- B. Expenditure Summary - February 2025
- C. Investment Summary - January 2025
- D. Investment Summary - February 2025
- E. Student Spaceflight Experiments Program Discontinuation
- F. Short-Term Continuous Radon Monitoring Results - 2025

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM. The minutes and resolutions are open to public inspection on the district website, and on file at the district office, 5701 Normandale Road.

Ms. Karen Gabler, Chair

Ms. Cheryl Barry, Clerk

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD'S  
MARCH 3, 2025 REGULAR MEETING

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

Lynnea West, Normandale Elementary School media specialist, and students presented about design thinking and coding experiences, and their work with Legos.

CONSENT

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

The resolutions were:

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DISCUSSION

K-12 Social Studies Curriculum Adoption: Staff shared information about the curriculum review process and new social studies standards.

Revised Budget FY2025 & FY2026 Budget Parameters: Director Woodard shared updates to the fiscal year 2025 budget based on actual operations, information about budget parameters for FY26, and a revised five-year general fund forecast.

Policy Review (517, 519, 534, 535): Policy Committee members presented the following policies for discussion. These policies will move forward for approval at the next regular meeting.

- Policy 517 Student Recruiting
- Policy 519 Interviews of Students by Outside Agencies
- Policy 534 Emergency Health Situations and District Insurance Limitations
- Policy 535 Education of Homeless Children

## ACTION

Elementary Literacy Curriculum Adoption Recommendation: Benchmark Advance: Member Birdman moved and Member Allenburg seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Edina Public Schools (EPS) Proposed Academic Calendars for 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 and Adjustments to 2025-2026 Academic Calendar: Member Allenburg moved and Member Huwe seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Achievement and Integration FY2026 Budget: Member Birdman moved and Member Allenburg seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

American Indian Education Program Vote of Concurrence: Member Arom moved and Member Huwe seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Policy Review (513, 521, 524, 604, 617, 619, 623, 632): Member Birdman moved and Member Arom seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

- Policy 513 Student Promotion, Acceleration, Retention, and Early Kindergarten Admission
- Policy 521 Student Disability Nondiscrimination
- Policy 524 Electronic Technologies Acceptable Use
- Policy 604 Grade Level Configuration and Enrollment at School Sites
- Policy 617 Class Size and Staffing
- Policy 619 Student Assignment to Teachers and Classes
- Policy 623 Summer School Instruction
- Policy 632 Chemical Use and Abuse

## LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Member Arom reminded everyone about the LAC Day at the Capitol coming up on March 24.

Chair Gabler reminded everyone about the special meeting on Wednesday to interview the preferred interim superintendent candidate.

## SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Dr. Stanley commended the girls hockey team for an excellent season and exciting tournament saying what an incredible job they did. She also mentioned the swimming championships and boys hockey tournament. Good luck to all Hornets. She also shared about the second community budget task force meeting scheduled for Tuesday evening. Task force members will be digging into data on financially and academically comparable districts. And, she highlighted the South View Middle School artwork on display in the boardroom.

## ADJOURNMENT

At 8:27 PM, Member Arom moved, and Member Barry seconded to adjourn the meeting. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.