



**School Board Regular Meeting  
Monday, July 14, 2025; 7:00 PM  
ECC Room 349**

**I. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order**

**II. Approval of Agenda**

***Meeting Recessed***

- **Public Hearing:** Operating Referendum Renewal  
Presenter: Mert Woodard, Director of Finance and Operations

***Meeting Resumed***

**III. Hearing from Members of the Public**

**IV. Consent Agenda**

- A. Minutes: *June 1-2 retreat; June 9 work session and regular meeting*
- B. Personnel Recommendations
- C. Check Register - June 2025
- D. Electronic Fund Transfers - June 2025
- E. Gifts and Bequests – June 2025
- F. Supplementary Special Education Transportation Contract Awards
- G. 2025 Board Roles, Committees, Liaisons & Representatives
- H. Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) Membership
- I. 2025-2026 Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA) Membership
- J. 2025-2026 Association of Metropolitan School Districts (AMSD) Membership
- K. Elementary Literacy Adoption Update: Benchmark Advance 2026 Edition
- L. Student Support Services Agreement(s)
  - 1. Fraser

**V. Discussion**

- A. State of the District Update  
**Description:** This presentation will provide a comprehensive update on the state of Edina Public Schools, highlighting key accomplishments from the past year and outlining strategic priorities for the 2025–2026 school year. The report includes academic performance, literacy growth, equity initiatives, recognitions, and staff achievements. It also introduces the superintendent’s annual goals and how they align with the district’s 2020–2030 Strategic Plan.  
**Presenter(s):** Dr. Daniel Bittman, Interim Superintendent
- B. Policy Review (113, 414, 415, 533, 806)  
**Description:** These policies were reviewed with an eye toward clarity and alignment with District practice and state and federal statutes.

**Presenter(s):** Board Policy Committee

**VI. Action**

**A. Operating Referendum Renewal**

**Description:** In 2023, the State amended its Referendum Revenue statute, allowing School Boards to renew existing operating referendums without voter approval. Edina's current referendum authority was approved by voters on November 7, 2017, for taxes payable from 2018 through 2027. In 2020, voters approved \$2,075.07 per pupil, with annual inflationary increases through 2027. For taxes payable in 2025, Edina's certified per pupil authority is \$2,260.63, generating \$21,447,478.46—about 13.62% of the District's FY2026 General Fund revenue. The projected per pupil amount for 2027 is \$2,375.57.

**Presenter(s):** Mert Woodard, Director of Finance & Operations

**Recommendation:** Adopt a resolution authorizing the District to renew its existing operating referendum for ten years, beginning with taxes payable in 2028, at the same per pupil amount approved by voters in 2017, adjusted annually for inflation.

**B. Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Plan – Fiscal Years 2027-2036**

**Description:** The Long-Term Facilities Maintenance (LTFM) program requires the School Board to adopt and submit a ten-year facilities plan and a signed assurance of project eligibility each year. District staff, its municipal advisors, and construction partners have reviewed the plan, which remains largely unchanged from last year. For taxes payable in 2026, the administration recommends levying an estimated \$18,842,493 between pay-as-you-go revenue and bonded debt, down from \$21,008,625 in 2025. The administration has structured projects and debt payments to maintain as neutral a tax rate as possible for taxpayers of the District. The District retains the right to levy less than the approved amount before certifying the levy to the Department of Education and County Auditor.

**Presenter(s):** Mert Woodard, Director of Finance & Operations

**Recommendation:** Approve the District administration's recommended ten-year Long-Term Facilities Maintenance plan and execute the related resolution.

**C. 2025-2026 School Board Goals**

**Description:** The 2025-2026 school board goals were developed based on board identification of priorities at the June 1st-2nd board retreat. These goals were additionally discussed at the June 9th board meeting. This work supports best practice in school board operations as well as the Edina Public Schools Strategic Plan, specifically Strategy D: Developing Leaders Throughout the District.

**Presenter(s):** Governance Committee

**Recommendation:** Approve the 2025-2026 School Board goals.

**D. 2025-2026 Superintendent Goals**

**Description:** The 2025-2026 superintendent goals were created based on Superintendent and Board discussion identified upon hiring and discussed at the June Board retreat.

**Presenter(s):** Dr. Daniel Bittman, Interim Superintendent

**Recommendation:** Approve the 2025-2026 Superintendent goals.

**E. Policy Review – Rapid (208)**

**Description:** These policies were reviewed with an eye toward clarity and alignment with District practice and state and federal statutes. There are minimal to no changes.

**Presenter(s):** Board Policy Committee

**Recommendation:** Approve the revised policy as presented.

**F. Policy Review (522, 530, 532)**

**Description**: These policies were reviewed with an eye toward clarity and alignment with District practice and state and federal statutes.

**Presenter(s)**: Board Policy Committee

**Recommendation**: Approve the revised policies as presented.

**VII. Leadership and Committee Updates**

**VIII. Superintendent Updates**

**IX. Adjournment**

**X. Information**

A. Investment Summary - June 2025