

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 273
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 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 - 8:31 PM

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Stacie Stanley, Superintendent
Nate Swenson, Assistant Superintendent
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, Director of Human Resources
Mert Woodard, Director of Finance and Operations

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Ms. Karen Gabler, Chair

Ms. Cheryl Barry, Clerk

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

HEARING FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

CONSENT

- A. Minutes: *January 6 Organizational, work session, and regular meetings; January 21 work session*
- B. Personnel Recommendations
- C. Check Register - January 2025
- D. Electronic Fund Transfers - January 2025
- E. Gifts and Bequests – January 2025
- F. Cornelia Restroom Project Bids
- G. Student Support Services Agreements
 - 1. Accurate Home Care, LLC

DISCUSSION

- A. Achievement and Integration FY 2026 Budget
- B. Elementary Literacy Curriculum Adoption Recommendation: Benchmark Advance
- C. EPS Academic Calendars for 2026-2027 and 2027-2028
- D. Policy Review (513, 521, 524, 604, 617, 619, 623, 632)

ACTION

- A. Proposed 2024-2026 Collective Bargaining Agreement Between Independent School District 273 and the Service Employees International Union, Local 284, Representing Buildings, Grounds, and Maintenance Employees
- B. Policy Review (514, 520, 526)
- C. Mutual Termination of Employment Agreement with Dr. Stacie Stanley

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

INFORMATION

- A. Enrollment Mobility
- B. Expenditure Summary - January 2025

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

Chair Gabler shared words of thanks from the board to Vice Chair Allenburg for her five years of service as chair.

EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

EHS teachers Amanda Schutz and Katie Bour shared a presentation about their sheltered creative writing class, which brought its self-authored books to Countryside to share with young readers. This class is the first of its kind at the high school and is co-taught by English teacher Bour and EL teacher Schutz. Staff were joined by one of their students who spoke about his experience.

CONSENT

Member Alleburg 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

Achievement and Integration FY 2026 Budget: Review proposed annual Achievement & Integration budget.

Elementary Literacy Curriculum Adoption Recommendation: Benchmark Advance: Review background information and discuss initial reactions to the elementary literacy adoption recommendation of Benchmark Advance.

EPS Academic Calendars for 2026-2027 and 2027-2028: Staff presented proposed academic calendars for 2026-2027 and 2027-2028.

Policy Review (513, 521, 524, 604, 617, 619, 623, 632): Policy Committee members presented the following policies for discussion. These policies will move forward for approval at the next regular meeting.

- 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

ACTION

Proposed 2024-2026 Collective Bargaining Agreement Between Independent School District 273 and the Service Employees International Union, Local 284, Representing Buildings, Grounds, and Maintenance Employees: Member Mann moved and Member Arom seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Policy Review (514, 520, 526): Member Allenburg moved and Member Arom seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

- Policy 514 Bullying Prohibition
- Policy 520 Student Surveys
- Policy 526 Student Hazing Prohibition

Mutual Termination of Employment Agreement with Dr. Stacie Stanley: Member Birdman moved and Member Mann seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Member Birdman shared that he would be participating in District 287's Get on the Bus Tour at the Richfield's South Education Center.

Member Arom shared about the recent LAC Breakfast which went well and was well attended. The next LAC event is the Day at the Capitol on March 24.

Chair Gabler shared that the posting for the interim superintendent would be online this week, and the posting will close Feb. 21. She also shared information about Willard Ikola, famed Edina hockey coach, who passed away recently.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Dr. Stanley shared information about the enhanced BRRRG (budget reduction, reallocation, revenue generation) process which kicks off with the first community task force meeting this week. She also shared that the district will receive additional grant money to add to the grant money already awarded for electric buses. Finally she shared information about the current art display in the boardroom from Countryside, Highlands, and Creek Valley elementary students.

ADJOURNMENT

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