

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 273  
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE HYBRID REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

HYBRID REGULAR MEETING  
7:00 PM

Edina Community Center  
5701 Normandale Road  
District Office Conference Room and Remote Locations

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

ABSENT:

Ms. Erica Allenburg  
Mr. Matthew Fox  
Ms. Julie Greene  
Ms. Ellen Jones (attended remotely)  
Mr. Owen Michaelson  
Ms. Janie Shaw  
Mr. Leny Wallen-Friedman (attended remotely)

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Erica Allenburg

7:03 PM – 10:20 PM

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

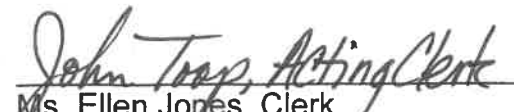
Dr. John W. Schultz, Superintendent  
Dr. Randy Smasal, Assistant Superintendent (attended remotely)  
Steve Buettner, Director of District Media and Technology Services (attended remotely)  
Valerie Burke, Director of Community Education Services (attended remotely)  
Jeff Jorgensen, Director of Student Support Services (attended remotely)  
Jody De St. Hubert, Director of Teaching and Learning (attended remotely)  
John Toop, Director of Business Services (attended remotely)  
Nicole Tuescher, Director of Human Resources and Admin Services (attended remotely)  
Mary Woitte, Director of Communications (attended remotely)

Dr. Timothy Anderson, Principal, South View Middle School (attended remotely)  
Andrew Beaton, Principal, Edina High School (attended remotely)  
Paul Domer, Principal, Concord Elementary School (attended remotely)  
Lisa Masica, Principal, Cornelia Elementary School (attended remotely)  
Leah Byrd, ELC Coordinator  
Troy Stein, Assistant Principal and Athletics Director, Edina High School

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Ms. Erica Allenburg, Chair

  
Ms. Ellen Jones, Clerk

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DISTRICT 273 EDINA, MINNESOTA SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

EXCELLENCE IN ACTION – Robotics Program

HEARING FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC - Reading Community Input

PRESENTATION

- A. Start to the 2020-21 School Year

CONSENT ITEMS APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

- A. Minutes: 8/6/20 Work Session; 8/10/20 Work Session; 8/10/20 Regular Meeting; 8/22/20 Special Meeting; and 8/24/20 Emergency Meeting
- B. Personnel Recommendations
- C. Expenditures Payable – August 2020
- D. Purchase of Staff Laptops
- E. Appointment of Medical Advisor
- F. Student Support Services Agreements: Austin-More, Fraser, Park Nicollet Health Services, and Toneworks

DISCUSSION

- A. Renewal of Technology Levy
- B. Policy Review – 407, 408

ACTION ITEMS APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

- A. Proposed Property Tax Levy PAY 21
- B. End of Year Fund Transfers for Fiscal 19-20
- C. Purchase of Chromebooks
- D. Purchase of Interactive Classroom Panels
- E. Superintendent Goals
- F. Board Goals

At 9:49 PM the Board agreed to extend the meeting until 10:20 PM. The meeting was recessed, and then reconvened at 10:00 PM.

ACTION ITEM APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

G. Policy Review, Rapid – 401, 402, 403, 404, 405

WALKED IN SUGGESTED EDIT TO POLICY 601 FAILED BY MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE

ACTION ITEM APPROVED BY MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE

H. Policy Review – 601

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 PM. The minutes and resolutions are open to public inspection on the district website, and on file at the district office, 5701 Normandale Road.

Ms. Erica Allenburg, Chair

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

Member Wallen-Friedman moved and Member Michaelson seconded to approve the meeting agenda. All Members voted Aye by roll call vote.

EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

Sarah Swann, Edina Senior and member of the Edina Robotics FIRST Team 1816, provided an update on District robotics activities and Team 1816's "State of STEM."

READING OF COMMUNITY INPUT

Director Toop read emails from community members. Heather Tietz and Tony Succio, requested regular updates on the number of COVID diagnoses and quarantined individuals among District students and staff. Rick Aviles requested increased in-person teaching for special education students.

PRESENTATION

Start to the 2020-21 School Year: Assistant Superintendent Smasal facilitated a presentation on the first day of school using hybrid and EVA models, as provided by Mary Woitte, Jody De St. Hubert, Eric Hamilton, Mary Heiman, David White, Dan Hutchinson, Steve Buettner, Jeff Jorgensen, Troy Stein, Leah Byrd, Lisa Masica, Paul Domer, Tim Anderson, and Andy Beaton. Departmental updates were provided for each tile on the family dashboard, followed by report-outs at the early learning, elementary, middle, and high school levels. The predominantly successful start was attributed to countless hours of planning and preparations by both District staff and community families. The overall mood of the district today, despite the occasional glitch, was happy.

CONSENT ITEMS APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

Member Wallen-Friedman moved and Member Michaelson seconded to approve the consent agenda. All Members voted Aye by roll call vote. The resolutions were:

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### DISCUSSION ITEMS

Renewal of Technology Levy: Director Buettner provided background information on the current technology levy, due to expire in 2021, and comparisons between technology needs, use and availability ten years ago and today. He noted that technology is key to guiding, enhancing and directing our instruction, as well as managing our heating, keeping us safe, and paying our employees. The largest portions of this budget go to staffing and professional development support, hardware, and software. Director Buettner provided three possible timelines for moving forward with a technology levy renewal. Board discussion touched on election timing and turnouts; COVID necessities; learning materials' ancillary products and tools; levy connection to property values; partnerships with Student Support Services; community surveys; and the Strategic Plan.

Policy Review: Member Michaelson presented the following minimally-revised policies: 407- Employee Right to Know - Exposure to Hazardous Substances; and 408 - Litigation Involving or Subpoena of a School District Employee. There was no discussion on these policies.

### ACTION ITEMS APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

Proposed Property Tax Levy PAY 21: Member Wallen-Friedman moved and Member Greene seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye by roll call vote.

End of Year Fund Transfers for Fiscal 19-20: Member Wallen-Friedman moved and Member Michaelson seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye by roll call vote.

Comment: The fund transfer will not interfere with the equitable delivery of distance learning or social distancing models.

Purchase of Chromebooks: Member Wallen-Friedman moved and Member Shaw seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye by roll call vote.

Purchase of Interactive Classroom Panels: Member Wallen-Friedman moved and Member Michaelson seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye by roll call vote.

Superintendent Goals: Member Wallen-Friedman moved and Member Shaw seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye by roll call vote.

Comment: This item was passed with the understanding that the School Board will revisit the literacy goal at a later date.

Board Goals: Member Wallen-Friedman moved and Member Shaw seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye by roll call vote.

Comment: Two friendly amendments were made to Goal #1 as follows:

- Receive updates on implementation of hybrid and EVA models, **for the purpose of evaluating and reacting to changes in the models.**
- ~~Ensuring correct~~ **Overseeing** safety protocols for students and staff.

At 9:49 PM Member Wallen-Friedman moved and Member Michaelson seconded to extend the meeting past 10:00 PM and finish by 10:20 PM. All Members voted Aye by roll call vote. The meeting was recessed, then reconvened at 10:00 PM.

#### ACTION ITEM APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

Policy Review, Rapid: Member Wallen-Friedman moved and Member Michaelson seconded to approve the suggested revisions to policies 401 - Equal Employment Opportunity; 402 - Disability Discrimination; 403 - Discipline of District Employees; 404 - Employment Background Checks; and 405 - Veterans Preference Act. All members voted Aye by roll call vote.

#### WALKED-IN EDIT FAILED BY MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE

Member Jones' Suggested Edit to Policy 601: Member Jones moved and Member Michaelson seconded to amend Policy 601 with the addition of walked-in language. Members Allenburg, Fox, Greene, Shaw and Wallen-Friedman voted Nay; and Members Jones and Michaelson voted Aye by roll call vote. Motion failed.

#### ACTION ITEM APPROVED BY MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE

Policy Review: Member Wallen-Friedman moved and Member Shaw seconded to approve the committee-suggested revisions to Policy 601 - Educational Competencies Academic Standards and Instructional Curriculum. Members Allenburg, Fox, Greene, Shaw and Wallen-Friedman voted Aye; and Members Jones and Michaelson voted Nay by roll call vote. Motion passed.

At 10:20 PM, there being no objection and time having run out, Chair Allenburg adjourned the meeting.