

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 273  
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE HYBRID REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 12, 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

7:07 PM – 9:45 PM

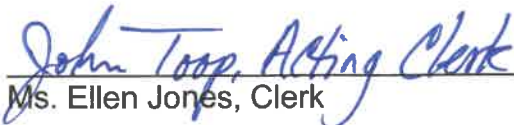
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

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)  
Jody De St. Hubert, Director of Teaching and Learning (attended remotely)  
Jeff Jorgensen, Director of Student Support Services (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)  
Leah Byrd, Co-Coordinator for Early Learning Center (attended remotely)

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Ms. Erica Allenburg, Chair

  
Ms. Ellen Jones, Clerk

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DISTRICT 273 EDINA, MINNESOTA OCTOBER 12, 2020

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

EXCELLENCE IN ACTION – Valley View Middle School WEB Program

HEARING FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC - Reading Community Input

AGENDA MODIFICATION

CONSENT ITEMS APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

- A. Minutes: 9/14/20 Special Meeting; ~~9/14/20 Regular Meeting~~; 9/22/20 Special Meeting
- B. Personnel Recommendations
- C. SAC Guidebook
- D. Expenditures Payable – September 2020
- E. ERC Program Transfer
- F. CVP Program Transfer
- G. Student Support Services Agreements: Accra Consumer Choice; Bayada Home Health Care; ~~Panorama Education~~

ACTION ITEMS APPROVED BY MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE

- A. Student Support Services Agreement: Panorama Education
- B. Minutes: 9/14/20 Regular Meeting

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Learning Models Review
- B. Early Learning Program Report, 2020-21
- C. Policy Review - Rapid – 418, 622
- D. Policy Review – 411, 412, 419, 421, 808

ACTION ITEMS APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

- A. Ratifying General Obligation Alt Facility Refunding Bonds
- B. Policy Review - Rapid – 407, 408

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 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

Ms. Ellen Jones, Clerk

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

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

EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

Valley View Middle School advisors Katie Higgins and Gretchen Brandt were joined by students Indra Khariwala and Ruhi Kurdikar, in providing an overview of the District middle schools' WEB (Where Everybody Belongs) program. The program is simultaneously an orientation and transition program for 6<sup>th</sup> graders, and leadership program for 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

READING OF COMMUNITY INPUT

Director Toop read three representative emails from community parents regarding the District's learning model for first graders.

AGENDA MODIFICATION

Member Wallen-Friedman requested removal of the Panorama Education agreement from the consent agenda. Member Jones requested removal of the September 14, 2020 regular meeting minutes from the consent agenda.

CONSENT ITEMS APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

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

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## ACTION ITEMS APPROVED BY MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE

Student Support Services Agreement: Panorama Education: Member Shaw moved and Member Fox seconded to approve the motion. Members Allenburg, Fox, Greene, Jones, Michaelson and Shaw voted Aye by roll call vote. Member Wallen-Friedman abstained. Motion passed.

Comments: Director Jorgensen provided additional details on the nature of the data collection to be done by Panorama Education.

Minutes: 9/14/20 Regular Meeting: Member Wallen-Friedman moved and Member Shaw seconded to approve the motion. Members Allenburg, Fox, Greene, Shaw and Wallen-Friedman voted Aye by roll call vote. Members Jones and Michaelson voted Nay by roll call vote. Motion passed.

Comments: Member Jones asked to amend the minutes to include the full description of her walked-in motion from the September 14, 2020 meeting. As noted by Member Wallen-Friedman at the end of this meeting, the walked-in language was added directly to the agenda at the conclusion of the September 14 meeting. The minutes were approved as presented.

## REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Learning Models Review: Superintendent Schultz led a review of the District's data and information framework to be used in considering a change to a different learning model (Face to Face, Hybrid, EVA), a topic discussed in depth at the work session immediately prior to this meeting. The plan consists of gathering data on the four key elements of safety, teaching and learning, social/emotional support and sustainability, and balancing the needs of all stakeholders while focusing on the learning needs of all students. Board discussion touched on timelines; ventilation; community transmission data; MDH-required community notice; clear and consistent communication expectations, protocols and delivery; and the distinction between data being used to make the decision and all other data being collected.

Early Learning Program Report, 2020-21: Director Burke and Coordinator Byrd presented an overview of the history, current state, and future of the Early Learning program. Ms. Byrd noted that the program is and has always been registration based, in that what can be offered is dictated by the number of people who sign up. Board discussion touched on integrating EL programs into school sites; interventions and ECSE; cross-training; what is currently offered; outreach and partnerships; and maximizing available space.

Policy Review – Rapid: Member Michaelson presented minimally-revised policies 418 - Alcohol-Drug-Free Environment; and 622 - Copyright Policy. No changes were recommended, and all will move forward for action at the next regular meeting.

Policy Review: Member Michaelson presented policies 411 – Hiring Procedures; 412 – Resignation, Layoff, Termination or Nonrenewal of an Employee; 419 – Tobacco-Free Environment; 421 – Gifts to Employees; and 808 – Naming Facilities and Educational Programs. A few language edits were suggested for 808, and all will move forward for action at the next regular meeting.

## ACTION ITEMS APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

Ratifying General Obligation Alternative Facility Refunding Bonds: Member Wallen-Friedman moved and Member Fox seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye by roll call vote.

Comments: Director Toop and Jodie Zesbaugh of Ehlers & Associates noted that Moody's reaffirmed the District's AAA rating; and that the six bids resulted in excellent results, with approximately \$750,000 in direct savings to District taxpayers. Member Fox acknowledged the high caliber work of the financial team. Member Wallen-Friedman amended the motion to include the following language supplied by Ehlers: "Resolution relating to \$9,085,000 general obligation alternative facilities refunding bonds, series 2020A; ratifying the award of sale, prescribing the form and details and providing for the payment thereof. Be it resolved by the School Board of Independent School District No. 273 (Edina, Minnesota), as follows."

Policy Review - Rapid: Member Wallen-Friedman moved and Member Shaw seconded to approve the committee-suggested revisions to Policies 407 – Employee Right to Know - Exposure to Hazardous Substances; and 408 – Litigation Involving or Subpoena of a School District Employee. All members voted Aye by roll call vote.

Member Wallen-Friedman noted that the complete wording of Member Jones' walked-in motion is included with the September 14, 2020 agenda.

Chair Allenburg noted the Board is making plans for a work session in February to discuss lowering the achievement gap with other districts who have had success in this area. The Board Teaching & Learning Committee will begin the search for peer districts to work with.

Member Michaelson asked about the annual hearing on the World's Best Workforce. Information and direction is still needed from the State before the District can proceed.

The Board plans to discuss enrollment at their October 27 work session, and schedule an additional work session on October 22.

At 9:45 PM, there being no objection, Chair Allenburg adjourned the meeting.

