

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 273  
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 8, 2021

REGULAR MEETING  
7:00 PM

Remote Locations

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

ABSENT:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Erica Allenburg

7:03 PM – 9:55 PM

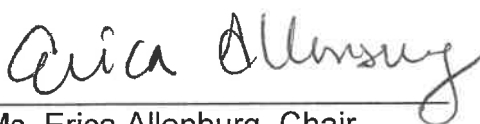
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

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)  
Donna Roper, Director of Research and Evaluation (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)  
Shawn Dudley, Principal, Valley View Middle School (attended remotely)

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Ms. Erica Allenburg, Chair

  
Ms. Ellen Jones, Clerk

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DISTRICT 273 EDINA, MINNESOTA FEBRUARY 8, 2021

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

EXCELLENCE IN ACTION – South View Middle School Advisory Circles, Dr. Anderson

READING OF COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

MODIFICATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT ITEMS APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

- A. Minutes: 1/11/21 work session and regular meeting; 1/19/21 work session; 1/25/21 special meeting
- B. Personnel Recommendations
- C. Expenditures Payable – January 2021
- D. ~~2021 Potential Bond Review and Comment~~ *moved to Action*
- E. Additional Secondary Course Drop
- F. American Indian Parent Advisory Council Report
- G. Gift from Concord PTO

DISCUSSION

- A. Community Survey
- B. 2021 Technology and Bond Ballot Language
- C. Budget Proposal
- D. Policy Review (437, 903, 905, 906, 907)

ACTION ITEMS APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

- \* 2021 Potential Bond Review and Comment - *from Consent*
- A. Policy Review (410, 414-15, 430, 434, 435)
- B. Board Letters to Community

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 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 BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

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

EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

Dr. Tim Anderson, Principal of South View Middle School, provided background on the continuous improvement work of EPS middle school advisors, along with an overview of the opportunities his advisory staff have created for students to connect and build community - even during a pandemic. His brief video presented SVMS staff and students, with their descriptions of, and enthusiasm for, the four key advisory elements of circles, learner stories, learner-led conferences, and monitoring and support.

READING OF COMMUNITY INPUT

Director Toop read from emails received by the Board. John Nash had concerns about reopening the elementary schools in light of the more transmittable virus mutation. Sam Aburime and Elizabeth Beer requested the district wait until all teachers were vaccinated before reopening schools. Anne Hill asked what teachers needed to feel safe enough to return to teaching five days a week. Bill Dean asked for a target date for a full return to school, naming the day after spring break. Tom Kluis was pleased elementary students are back in school and wanted the same for middle schoolers. Lynn Franz noted that her child is thriving in distance learning. Sarah Howard noted her appreciation for prioritizing making music safely, and for the EHS band staff. Margaret Kershner spoke about assessments as key to helping teachers help their students.

AGENDA MODIFICATION

Member Michaelson requested that "2021 Potential Bond Review and Comment" be removed from the consent agenda and placed as the first action item.

CONSENT ITEMS APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

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

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### DISCUSSION ITEMS

Community Survey: Peter Leatherman provided an overview of the community and parent survey performed January 7-26, 2021. Mr. Leatherman briefly went over methodology and demographics before exploring the overall positive results in more depth. Highlights included continued strong support for District teaching staff, academic quality, community involvement, technology quality, fiscal management, and communications.

2021 Technology and Bond Ballot Language: The Board discussed three language options for the May referendum: technology levy renewal; technology levy renewal with increase for curriculum materials and special education services; and technology levy renewal with increase, plus a bond for facilities maintenance projects not covered by LTFM funds.

2021-22 Budget Proposal: Superintendent Schultz provided an overview of the 2021-22 budget proposal, aligning with the parameters set by the Board last month. Additional broad category details were provided by Director Toop.

Policy Review: Member Michaelson provided information on the updated policies listed below, and received no questions from the Board.

- Policy 437 – Resignation, Termination or Nonrenewal of Activity Position
- Policy 903 – Visitors to School District Buildings and Property
- Policy 905 – Advertising minor changes
- Policy 906 – Community Notification of Predatory Offenders
- Policy 907 – Reward for Solving a Crime

### ACTION ITEMS APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

2021 Potential Bond Review and Comment: Member Fox moved and Member Wallen-Friedman seconded to approve the motion. All Members voted Aye by roll call vote. Motion passed.

Policy Review: Member Michaelson moved and Member Wallen-Friedman seconded to approve the motion. All Members voted Aye by roll call vote. Motion passed. Policies included:

- Policy 410 - Leaves, Family and Medical Leave
- Policy 414 - Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse  
*(merged with policy 415 – removed from canon)*
- Policy 415 - Reporting Suspected Maltreatment of a Minor or Vulnerable Adult  
*(merged with policy 414 - new title)*
- Policy 430 - Student Teacher and Teacher Intern Supervision *(rescinded)*
- Policy 434 - Substitute Teachers *(rescinded)*
- Policy 435 - Employee Evaluation and Improvement

## ACTION ITEM APPROVED BY MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE

Board Community Letters: Member Wallen-Friedman moved and Member Greene seconded to approve the motion. Members Allenburg, Fox, Green, Shaw and Wallen-Friedman voted Aye by roll call vote. Members Jones and Michaelson voted Nay by roll call vote. Motion passed.

Comments: The Board discussed the content and timing of these letters before voting.

Chair Allenburg provided an update on the superintendent search actions to date and plans moving forward. Superintendent Schultz provided a statement from Nick Kelley (Bloomington Public Health) in support of the District's move to hybrid for secondary students on February 16 (see agenda). The Superintendent also provided a statement regarding clarification to an enrollment figure in the annual report (see agenda). Member Fox noted the COVID Testing ad hoc committee will provide an update at the February 11 Board special meeting. Member Michaelson noted the Board will be voting on Superintendent Schultz's release from contract at a future meeting.

At 9:55 PM, there being no objection, Chair Allenburg adjourned the meeting.

