

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 273
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL WORK SESSION OF FEBRUARY 16, 2021

SPECIAL MEETING
5:00 PM

Remote Locations

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

ABSENT:

Ms. Erica Allenburg (attended remotely)
Mr. Matthew Fox (attended remotely) (5:00-7:24 PM)
Ms. Julie Greene (attended remotely) (6:15-8:54 PM)
Ms. Ellen Jones (attended remotely)
Mr. Owen Michaelson (attended remotely)
Ms. Janie Shaw (attended remotely)
Mr. Leny Wallen-Friedman (attended remotely)

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Erica Allenburg

5:02 PM – 8:54 PM

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. John W. Schultz, Superintendent (attended remotely)
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

Andrew Beaton, Principal, Edina High School (attended remotely)
Chris Holden, Principal, Normandale Elementary School (attended remotely)
Josh Jansen, Elementary EVA Coordinator (attended remotely)
Michael Pretasky, Asst Principal & Fine Arts Director, Edina High School (attended remotely)

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Ms. Erica Allenburg, Chair


Ms. Ellen Jones, Clerk

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 273 EDINA, MINNESOTA
FEBRUARY 16, 2021

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MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

ACTION

- A. Superintendent Search Process and School Exec Connect
- B. Agreement with School Exec Connect

DISCUSSION

- A. Enrollment Update and Magnet School Programming

ACTION

- C. Technology Ballot Language
- D. Bond Ballot Language
- E. Polling Places

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 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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MODIFICATION OF AGENDA AND APPROVAL BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

Chair Allenburg added two action items to the agenda: Superintendent Search Process and School Exec Connect, and Agreement with School Exec Connect. She then shifted the original three action items to follow the one discussion item. Member Wallen-Friedman moved and Member Shaw seconded to approve the modified agenda. Members Allenburg, Fox, Jones, Michaelson, Shaw and Wallen-Friedman voted Aye by roll call vote. Motion passed.

ACTION ITEMS APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

Superintendent Search Process and School Exec Connect: Member Shaw moved and Member Jones seconded to approve the superintendent search process proposed by School Exec Connect and as modified by the Board. Members Allenburg, Fox, Jones, Michaelson, Shaw and Wallen-Friedman voted Aye by roll call vote. Motion passed.

Agreement with School Exec Connect: Member Wallen-Friedman moved and Member Shaw seconded to approve the agreement with School Exec Connect. Members Allenburg, Fox, Jones, Michaelson, Shaw and Wallen-Friedman voted Aye by roll call vote. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION

Enrollment Update and Magnet School Programming: Administration provided an overview of the planning and proposals related to magnet school programming. Ms. Reinhart, demographer, provided the Board a projection based on current factors influencing district enrollment. The Board directed the Administration to continue to develop next steps around the following ideas, returning for action on March 8:

- Approving one additional K section of French Immersion for the Fall of 2021.
- Approving a request for EHS to seek online provider accreditation with MDE
- Approving a request to maintain elementary EVA as a learning pathway in the fall of 2021 and beyond.

The Board also directed administration to provide further planning on the following items:

- Approving a request to begin a design process for a magnet program theme for Elementary EVA.

- Approving a request to design a Spanish Immersion program including the desired implementation year.
- Approving a request to prepare a board proposal for the expansion of STEAM and or other magnet programming options in elementary schools launching in the Fall of 2022.
- Examining high school enrollment decline and proposing initiatives to address the decline.

ACTION ITEM APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

Technology Levy Ballot Language: Member Wallen-Friedman moved and Member Greene seconded to approve the suggested ballot language. Members Allenburg, Greene, Jones, Michaelson, Shaw and Wallen-Friedman voted Aye by roll call vote. Motion passed.

ACTION ITEM APPROVED BY MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE

Bond Ballot Language: Member Wallen-Friedman moved and Member Shaw seconded to approve the suggested ballot language. Members Allenburg, Greene, Jones, Shaw and Wallen-Friedman voted Aye by roll call vote. Michaelson voted Nay by roll call vote. Motion passed.

ACTION ITEM APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

Polling Places: Member Greene moved and Member Michaelson seconded to approve the revised polling places as provided by the City Elections Clerk. Members Allenburg, Greene, Jones, Michaelson, Shaw and Wallen-Friedman voted Aye by roll call vote. Motion passed.

At 8:54 PM, there being no objection, Chair Allenburg adjourned the meeting.