

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 273  
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 12, 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 (attended remotely)  
Ms. Janie Shaw (attended remotely)  
Mr. Leny Wallen-Friedman (attended remotely)

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Erica Allenburg

7:02 PM – 9:41 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)  
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)  
Troy Stein, Assistant Principal and Athletics Director, Edina High School (attended remotely)

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Ms. Erica Allenburg, Chair

  
Ms. Ellen Jones, Clerk

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DISTRICT 273 EDINA, MINNESOTA APRIL 12, 2021

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

EXCELLENCE IN ACTION – EHS Girls Basketball Care Package Project

READING OF COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT ITEMS APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

- A. Minutes: 3/8/21 regular meeting; 3/8 and 3/16 work sessions; 3/25 special meeting
- B. Personnel Recommendations
- C. Rescind Non-Renewal of Probationary Teacher
- D. Expenditures Payable – March 2021
- E. Election Judges
- F. Hennepin County Youth Sports Grant Application, Concord Elementary
- G. Delegation of Board Clerk Duties

PRESENTATION

- A. May Referendum Presentation

DISCUSSION

- A. 2021 Positive Bond Review and Comment
- B. LTFM Bond
- C. Physical Earth Science Course Design and Curriculum

ACTION ITEMS APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

- A. LTFM Bond
- B. Purchase of Buses

ACTION ITEM APPROVED BY MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE

- C. Equity Consortium Proposal

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 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 Shaw moved and Michaelson seconded to approve the meeting agenda. All Members voted Aye by roll call vote.

EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

Girls Basketball Coach Jaime Gaard Chapman introduced four of her team leaders – Allison Murphy, Katherine Goetzmann, Mya Dawson, and Maren Fullerton – who described the origins, purpose, and initial outcomes of their racial justice efforts under the phrase “It’s Bigger than Basketball.” Team members, supported by their coaches and Activities Director Troy Stein, have worked in partnership with the EPS Black Student Union since January to focus attention on racial justice issues.

READING OF COMMUNITY INPUT

Director Toop read from emails received by the Board. Heather Tietz requested clarification on science pathways for secondary students. Sarah Hromada asked about the scope of the district’s literacy plan. Vote Yes for EPS committee members Karen Gabler, Thuy Ahn Fox, Eleni Glerum, Shari Rosen and Nicki Williams requested community support for the vital May tech levy and bond referendum.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

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

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PRESENTATION

May Referendum: Superintendent Schultz and Director Buettner provided details of the District’s request to renew the 10-year technology levy and approve a facilities bond.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

2021 Positive Bond Review and Comment: Director Toop provided an overview of the proposed four-projects bond, and the Minnesota Department of Education's positive Review and Comment on the projects.

Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Bonds: Director Toop and Ms. Zesbaugh provided background on and next steps for the LTFM Bonds, which include financing for a portion of the FY22 and FY23 deferred maintenance projects.

Physical Earth Science Course Design and Curriculum: Director De St. Hubert introduced Gavin McLean, Katrina Stern and Deb Richards of the science design team. They described what a typical unit will look like with the proposed curriculum; why this particular curriculum was chosen over other candidates; new state standards, and how the course fits into the science department as a whole. Board discussion touched on pathways and on/off ramps; physics, mathematics and engineering; extended learning and pacing; and course pairings and credit by assessment. The science design team hopes to offer a discussion on sequencing in late fall, with recommendations by December.

### ACTION ITEMS APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

LTFM Bond: Member Wallen-Friedman moved and Member Greene seconded to approve the motion. All Members voted Aye by roll call vote. Motion passed.

Purchase of Buses: Member Wallen-Friedman moved and Member Michaelson seconded to approve the motion. All Members voted Aye by roll call vote. Motion passed.

### ACTION ITEM APPROVED BY MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE

Equity Consortium Proposal: Member Shaw moved and Member Wallen-Friedman seconded to approve the motion. The following Members voted Aye by roll call vote: Allenburg, Fox, Greene, Jones, Shaw, Wallen-Friedman. The following Member voted Nay by roll call vote: Michaelson. Motion passed.

Comments: The Governance Committee noted they hope to have a pilot meeting with two school districts on May 18. They will look at scope of the World's Best Work Force Committee to ensure no duplication of work.

Member Wallen-Friedman provided details of the superintendent search schedule. Chair Allenburg provided April 20 work session agenda topics. Superintendent Schultz provided information on current COVID information, the MDH quarantine decision tree, district learning models, and the student testing program.

At 9:41 PM, there being no objection, Chair Allenburg adjourned the meeting.