

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 273
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 10, 2021

REGULAR MEETING
7:00 PM

ECC Room 348 and Remote Locations

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

ABSENT:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Erica Allenburg

7:00 PM – 9:27 PM

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. John W. Schultz, Superintendent (in person)
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 (in person)
Nicole Tuescher, Director of Human Resources and Admin Services (attended remotely)
Mary Woitte, Director of Communications (attended remotely)


Jenn Carter, Assistant Principal, Edina High School (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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APPROVAL OF MODIFIED AGENDA BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

EXCELLENCE IN ACTION—Elementary EVA (removed from agenda)

RECOGNITION OF WINTER ATHLETES

HEARING FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

CONSENT ITEMS APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

- A. Minutes: April 12 regular and work session; April 22, 26, 27 and 28 special meetings; and May 3, 4, and 5 interview special meetings
- B. Personnel Recommendations
- C. Expenditures Payable, April
- D. ISD 287 LTFM Member District Approval
- E. Special Education Buses Lease
- F. Que Tal Transportation Agreement
- G. 2021-22 Best Buy Webstore Contract
- H. Interior Finish Upgrades to Countryside, Highlands and Concord Elementaries
- I. Highlands Field Trips
 1. Continuous Progress, Fall 21
 2. Continuous Progress, Spring 22
 3. Discovery 5, Spring 22
 4. Continuous Progress, Winter 22

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- A. ~~Highlands DNR/Environment Proposal~~ (removed from agenda)
- B. Youth Service Development Plan

ADDITIONAL HEARING FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- C. Travel Based Learning
- D. Phase 1 of Comprehensive Literacy Plan
- E. Policy Review – Rapid (901, 902)
- F. Policy Review (625, 626)

ACTION ITEMS APPROVED BY MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE

A. Ninth Grade Earth Science Curriculum and Resources

ACTION ITEM APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

B. 2021 General Obligation Facilities Maintenance (LTFM) Bonds

C. Policy Review (218, 413)

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 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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Chair Allenburg modified the agenda by postponing both the Elementary EVA Excellence in Action item, and the Highlands DNR/Environmental Proposal discussion item.

APPROVAL OF MODIFIED AGENDA BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

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

RECOGNITION OF WINTER ATHLETES

EHS Assistant Principal and Athletics Director Troy Stein introduced coaches for three state champion teams: Kristen Zweg (Gameday Competitive Cheerleading), Jared Scribner (Girls Alpine Ski), and Scott Johnson (Boys Swim and Dive). They in turn introduced their team leaders, student athletes Angela Korsh, Madeline Schnell, Harper Yang, Anna Busyn and Sophia Schuster, who offered personal highlights of the year in their particular sport. Girls Hockey coaches and competitors – also state champions - were unable to attend, but their accomplishment was also noted and applauded.

HEARING FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Director Toop read from an email to the Board from Nicole Schnell regarding the district's pandemic-related communications. Tim Colvin spoke as a member of SEIU, regarding members' increased risks and duties during the pandemic year and the group's employment contract. George Rerat spoke about his attempts to gain information about the bond referendum. Anna Hernandez spoke on behalf of herself and additional community members in support of the technology levy and bond. Karen Gabler of the Vote Yes EPS committee also spoke in support of the technology levy and bond. Bob Ryder requested that the district consider naming the transportation facility in honor of David White.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED BY MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE

Member Wallen-Friedman moved and Member Michaelson seconded to approve the consent agenda. Members Allenburg, Greene, Jones, Michaelson, Shaw and Wallen-Friedman voted Aye by roll call vote. Member Fox was temporarily absent and did not vote. The resolutions were:

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REPORT AND DISCUSSION

Youth Service Development Plan: Director Burke and Ms. Gunness provided an overview of Community Education Services' updated Youth Service Development Plan. Discussion touched on the creation of point positions for key services; elevating student voice; and the importance of both internal and external partnerships.

ADDITIONAL HEARING FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Chair Allenburg apologized for overlooking two individuals who wished to speak to the Board. Patrica Martinez and Kelly Gibbons both spoke about work done by the district's custodians and bus drivers and their employment contract.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION, cont.

Travel Based Learning: Dr. Smasal presented three proposals for international travel during the summer of 2022. Board members requested data on components and costs of comparable international and regional travel opportunities.

Phase 1 Literacy Plan: Director De St. Hubert and Dr. Hauck walked through the Comprehensive Literacy Plan, Phase 1. Discussion touched on data collection and metrics, timelines and cycles, decision-making models and systems, resource reviews and funding. Teaching and Learning will follow up with fall metrics and budgets.

Policy Review – Rapid: There were no questions regarding edits made to either policy 901 Community Education Services, or 902 Use of School District Facilities and Equipment.

Policy Review: Edits were suggested to improve clarity of purpose for both policy 625 Addition/Deletion of Interscholastic Athletic Programs, and 626 Independent Provider Activity Programs.

ACTION ITEM APPROVED BY MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE

Ninth Grade Earth Science Curriculum and Resources: Member Wallen-Friedman moved and Member Shaw 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: Member Michaelson expressed reservations about the State's new science requirements and standards.

ACTION ITEMS APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

2021 General Obligation Facilities Maintenance (LTFM) Bonds: Member Fox moved and Member Michaelson seconded to approve the motion. All Members voted Aye by roll call vote. Motion passed.

Policies 218 and 413: Member Wallen-Friedman moved and Member Michaelson seconded to approve the motion. All Members voted Aye by roll call vote. Motion passed. The approved policies were: 218 Operation of the School Board During a Pandemic, and 413 Harassment and Violence Prohibition Students and Employees.

Chair Allenburg noted a special meeting has been added at 5:00 PM on May 17 to approve the new superintendent contract.

Superintendent Schultz confirmed that the Secondary Grade Reporting Recommendations approved in January are in effect for the entire 2020-2021 school year. He noted that the district is aware of changing state mitigation requirements. He also noted that the district is partnering with a local clinic and local physicians to provide a vaccination clinic at the middle schools on Friday if vaccine approval for younger children goes through.

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