

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 273  
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2024

REGULAR MEETING  
7:00 PM

Edina Community Center Room 349  
5701 Normandale Road, Edina

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Erica Allenburg  
Mr. Dan Arom  
Ms. Cheryl Barry  
Mr. Michael Birdman  
Ms. Karen Gabler  
Mr. Elliot Mann

ABSENT:

Ms. Jennifer Huwe

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Erica Allenburg

7:01 PM - 9:25 PM

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Stacie Stanley, Superintendent  
Dr. Randy Smasal, Assistant Superintendent  
Frannie Becquer, Director of Achievement Equity and Multilingual Learner Programming  
Jody De St. Hubert, Director of Teaching and Learning  
Daphne Edwards, Director of Marketing and Communications  
Natasha Monsaas-Daly, Director of District Media and Technology Services  
Sonya Sailer, Director of Human Resources  
Mert Woodard, Director of Finance and Operations

Bethany Van Osdel, Assistant Director of Teaching and Learning

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Ms. Erica Allenburg, Chair

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Mr. Dan Arom, Clerk

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DISTRICT 273 EDINA, MINNESOTA JANUARY 8, 2024

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA *with change*

HEARING FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

PRESENTATION – *removed from the agenda*

- A. District 287 Presentation

CONSENT

- A. Minutes: *December 11 special, work session and regular meetings, December 14 special meeting, and December 22 special meeting*
- B. Personnel Recommendations
- C. Check Register - December 2023
- D. Electronic Fund Transfers - December 2023
- E. Gifts and Bequests – December 2023
- F. Machine-Signed Signatures for Calendar Year 2024
- G. School Year 2024-2025 Kids Club Fees
- H. Student Support Services Agreements
  - 1. Settlement Agreement
  - 2. Accurate Home Care

DISCUSSION

- A. Legislative Action Committee (LAC) Platform and Action Plan
- B. Social Studies Guiding Change
- C. 2024-2025 International Travel Recommendations
- D. Fiscal Year 2025 Cost Containment
- E. Policy Review (406, 506, 514, 515, 526, 606.5, 715, 807, 810, 902)

ACTION

- A. Legislative Action Committee (LAC) Platform Approval
- B. 2024-2025 Secondary Course General Change Recommendations
- C. Policy Review (425, 429, 507, 532, 621)

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

## INFORMATION

- A. Enrollment Mobility
- B. Investment Summary - December 2023
- C. Expenditure Summary - December 2023

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 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

Mr. Dan Arom, Clerk

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Chair Allenburg welcomed new board members Cheryl Barry and Elliot Mann, and noted that Jennifer Huwe would be at the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA *with change*

Member Gabler moved and Member Birdman seconded to approve the agenda with one change (removal of the presentation by Intermediate District 287). The motion passed unanimously.

Commendations for former board members Julie Greene, Regina Neville, and Janie Shaw were read and they were presented with plaques to honor their time served on the school board.

HEARING FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Sarah Quayle recognized the work of the school board; Erin Gable spoke about freedom of speech and social studies education; Terri Cribb recognized the board's work and expressed gratitude for board members' work; Isaac Stets spoke about censorship of students; Maria Loucks spoke about security at board meetings and expressed gratitude for board members' service; Sabry Wazwaz spoke about student repression; Bridget Charon spoke about safety; Z Kaplan spoke about student repression; Emily Bierman recognized the work of the school board and her family's experience; Sana Wazwaz spoke about student repression and 1st Amendment rights; Alissa Movern recognized the work of the school board and expressed concern about distractions to learning; Osman Ahmed spoke about protecting free speech for all; Owen Michaelson spoke about the December meeting that was disrupted and expressed support for the board; Maysoon Wazwaz spoke about freedom of speech.

CONSENT

Member Gabler moved and Member Arom seconded to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

The resolutions were:

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## DISCUSSION

Legislative Action Committee (LAC) Platform and Action Plan: Committee Chair Arom spoke about advocacy and legislative priorities.

Social Studies Guiding Change: Ongoing discussion about social studies standards and the timeline for implementation.

2024-2025 International Travel Recommendations: Ongoing discussion about international student travel experiences that have been recommended by staff.

Fiscal Year 2025 Cost Containment: Director Woodard shared updated information about the general fund forecast.

Policy Review (406, 506, 514, 526, 606.5, 715, 807, 810, 902): Policy Committee members and staff presented the following policies for discussion. These policies will move forward for approval at the next regular meeting.

- Policy 406 Public and Private Personnel Data
- Policy 506 Student Conduct and Discipline
- Policy 514 Bullying Prohibition
- Policy 526 Student Hazing Prohibition
- Policy 606.5 Library Materials
- Policy 715 Food and Nutrition Services Program
- Policy 807 Closing of Facilities Due to Hazardous Weather or Other Emergency Conditions
- Policy 810 Security of Students, Employees, Visitors, Buildings and Grounds
- Policy 902 Use of School District Facilities and Equipment

## ACTION

Legislative Action Committee (LAC) Platform Approval: Member Birdman moved and Member Arom seconded to approve the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2024-2025 Secondary Course General Change Recommendations: Member Gabler moved and Member Birdman seconded to approve the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Policy Review (425, 429, 507, 532, 621): Member Birdman moved and Member Gabler seconded to approve the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- Policy 425 Staff Development and Mentoring
- Policy 429 Shared Teaching Contracts
- Policy 507 Corporal Punishment
- Policy 532 Use of Crisis Teams and Peace Officers to Remove Students with IEPs from School Grounds
- Policy 621 Literacy and the READ Act (new)

## SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Superintendent Stanley shared that there will be upcoming BRRRG (Budget Reduction, Reallocation, and Revenue Generation) that the community will be invited to.

## ADJOURNMENT

At 9:25 PM, Member Birdman moved, and Member Mann seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.