

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 273  
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF MAY 21, 2024

WORK SESSION  
5:00 PM

Edina Community Center  
ECC 350

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

ABSENT:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Erica Allenburg

5:00 PM - 8:08 PM

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Stacie Stanley, Superintendent  
Dr. Randy Smasal, Assistant Superintendent  
Jody De St. Hubert, Director of Teaching and Learning  
Jody Remsing, Director of Student Support Services  
Mert Woodard, Director of Finance and Operations

Patrick Bass, Valley View Middle School Principal  
Eric Hamilton, Director of Buildings and Grounds  
Indra Khariwala, EPS Student  
Tim O'Neill, EPS Parent  
Paul Paetzel, Edina High School Principal  
Cara Rieckenberg, Highlands Elementary Principal

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Ms. Erica Allenburg, Chair

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Mr. Dan Arom, Clerk

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 273 EDINA, MINNESOTA  
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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

DISCUSSION

- A. Facilities Update
- B. Cell Phone/Smart Watch/Smart Device Work Group Board Update
- C. Feedback Pathways for Education Minnesota - Edina Staff (EME) at a Governance Level
- D. Process Parameters for Budget Discussion

ACTION – *added to the agenda*

- A. End of Year Thank You Letter to Staff

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 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 WITH ADDITION

Member Arom moved and Member Gabler seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of the Action item. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

Facilities Update: Staff provided an update on several projects, including the Countryside Elementary addition and playground, as well as other planned deferred/preventative maintenance projects taking place from the summer of 2024 through summer of 2027.

Cell Phone/Smart Watch/Smart Device Work Group Board Update: Staff and work group members shared information about appropriate use of cell phones and other smart devices and the impact on engagement in learning.

Feedback Pathways for Education Minnesota - Edina Staff (EME) at a Governance Level: Board members discussed pathways for educator feedback.

Process Parameters for Budget Discussion: Board members discussed their expectations and the possible parameters around the process that the administration will use to analyze district budgetary options.

Chair Allenburg left the meeting at 8:05.

ACTION

End of Year Thank You Letter to Staff: Member Arom moved and Member Birdman seconded to approve the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Member Arom shared about Legislative Action Committee (LAC) interviews this week, and that a summary of the legislative session would be provided at a future meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Dr. Stanley shared that Mayor Hovland presented a Commendation for Youth award to Edina High School senior Evangelia Karoussos. Evangelia has served on the LAC and is an active leader in

the Project Earth club. And, she reminded all seniors to stay focused as the school year is rapidly coming to a close.

It was also noted that the Badminton team won the state championship.

### ADJOURNMENT

At 8:08 PM, Member Mann moved, and Member Huwe seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.