

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 273
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 8, 2026

REGULAR MEETING
7:00 PM

Edina Community Center Room 349
5701 Normandale Road, Edina

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

ABSENT:

Ms. Erica Allenburg
Mr. Dan Arom
Ms. Cheryl Barry
Mr. Michael Birdman
Ms. Jennifer Huwe

Ms. Karen Gabler
Mr. Elliot Mann

PRESIDING OFFICER: Vice Chair Cheryl Barry

7:01 PM - 8:14 PM

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Daniel Bittman, Superintendent
Nate Swenson, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Frannie Becquer, Director of Achievement Equity and Multilingual Learner Programming
Daphne Edwards, Director of Marketing and Communications
Dr. Anne Marie Leland, Director of Community Education and Strategic Partnerships
Sonya Sailer, Executive Director of Human Resources
Mert Woodard, Director of Finance and Operations

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Ms. Karen Gabler, Chair

Ms. Erica Allenburg, Clerk

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DISTRICT 273 EDINA, MINNESOTA JUNE 8, 2026

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

HEARING FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

CONSENT

- A. Minutes: May 5 special meeting; May 11 work session and regular meeting; May 19 work session
- B. Personnel Recommendations
- C. 2028-2029 Employee Holiday Schedule
- D. Check Register - May 2026
- E. Electronic Fund Transfers - May 2026
- F. Gifts and Bequests - May 2026
- G. Property, Casualty, and Liability Insurance Renewal - Fiscal Year 2027
- H. Workers' Compensation Insurance Renewal - Fiscal Year 2027
- I. South View Middle School Cafeteria Serving Line Replacement – Equipment Contract Award
- J. New EHS Club Proposal - Asian American Pacific Islander Student Union (AAPISU)
- K. EHS Club Expansion - First Tech Challenge (FTC)
- L. Minnesota Japanese School Room Rental Agreement
- M. Minnesota International Chinese School Room Rental Agreement
- N. Quality Compensation Annual Report 2025-2026

DISCUSSION

- A. Draft student handbooks for 2026-2027
- B. Policy Review (410, 539, 618, 629, 902)

ACTION

- A. Spanish Dual Language - Middle School Placement for 2028-2029
- B. Preliminary Budget - Fiscal Year 2027
- C. Proposed 2026-2028 Collective Bargaining Agreement Between Independent School District 273 and the Edina Professional Association of Support Staff (EPASS)
- D. Policy Quick Review (418, Medication Authorization Form, 530, 620, 636)
- E. Policy Review (113, 506, 806, 810)

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

INFORMATION

- A. Expenditure Summary - May 2026
- B. Investment Summary - May 2026
- C. Enrollment Report - May 2026
- D. 2025-2026 Substitute Teacher Fill Rate

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 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. Karen Gabler, Chair

Ms. Erica Allenburg, Clerk

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JUNE 8, 2026 REGULAR MEETING

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Birdman moved and Member Huwe seconded to approve the agenda. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

Concord Elementary teacher Allison Knoph and 5th grade students shared their experiences working with Starbase - a free STEM curriculum which challenges students to engage in research and hands-on learning to prepare for life on Mars. Through Starbase, they also learned about a variety of Minnesota-based science careers.

CONSENT

Member Arom moved and Member Huwe seconded to approve the consent agenda. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

The resolutions were:

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DISCUSSION

Draft student handbooks for 2026-2027: Draft student handbooks for the 2026-2027 school year were discussed.

Policy Review (410, 539, 618, 629, 902): Policy Committee members presented the following policies for discussion. These policies will move forward for approval at the next regular meeting.

- Policy 410 Family Medical Leaves
- Policy 539 Internships and Shadowing
- Policy 618 Assessment, Grading and Reporting of Student Progress
- Policy 629 Student Fundraising
- Policy 902 Use of School District Facilities and Equipment

ACTION

Spanish Dual Language - Middle School Placement for 2028-2029: Member Birdman moved and Member Arom seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Preliminary Budget - Fiscal Year 2027: Member Arom moved and Member Huwe seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Proposed 2026-2028 Collective Bargaining Agreement Between Independent School District 273 and the Edina Professional Association of Support Staff (EPASS): Member Allenburg moved and Member Birdman seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Policy Quick Review (418, Medication Authorization Form, 530, 620, 636): Member Arom moved and Member Huwe seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

- Policy 418 Alcohol- and Drug-Free Workplace and School Environment
- Medication Authorization Form (appendix to Policies 516 and 538)
- Policy 530 Immunization Requirements
- Policy 620 Receiving Course Credit for Learning
- Policy 636 Workload for Certain Special Education Teachers

Policy Review (113, 506, 806, 810): Member Arom moved and Member Birdman seconded to approve the motion. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

- Policy 113 Data Requests
- Policy 506 Student Conduct and Discipline
- Policy 806 Emergency Management
- Policy 810 Safety and Security of Students, Employees, Visitors, Buildings, and Grounds

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Member Birdman shared about District 287's graduations and work on their strategic plan.

Member Allenburg commented on the Substitute Teacher Fill Rate information item, noting the 99% fill rate.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Dr. Bittman highlighted items that make this an exciting, busy time: graduation, summer Kids Club activities, on-going work on policies, budget, Teaching & Learning, and the focus areas.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:14 PM, Member Birdman moved, and Member Arom seconded to adjourn the meeting. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.