

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 273  
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF MAY 19, 2026

WORK SESSION  
5:00 PM

Edina Community Center  
ECC 350

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

ABSENT:

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

Mr. Dan Arom

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Karen Gabler

5:00 PM - 6:38 PM

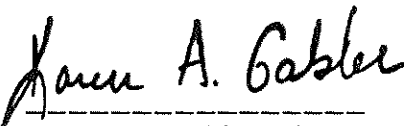
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Daniel Bittman, Superintendent  
Jody De St. Hubert, Director of Teaching and Learning  
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  
Nate Swenson, Assistant Superintendent  
Mert Woodard, Director of Finance and Operations

Amie Bergersen, Early Learning and Family Center PTO President  
Kim Isley, Assistant Director of Early Learning  
Laura Phongsavath, Early Learning Center Manager  
Deb Richards, Talent Development Coordinator

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Ms. Karen Gabler, Chair



Ms. Erica Allenburg, Clerk

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

DISCUSSION

- A. Year End Update: Elementary Acceleration Plan
- B. Early Learning and Family Center Final Report
- C. Workers' Compensation Renewal - Fiscal Year 2027
- D. Property, Casualty, and Liability Insurance Renewal - Fiscal Year 2027
- E. Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Update - Spring 2026

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 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

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

DISCUSSION

Year End Update: Elementary Acceleration Plan: Staff shared an overview of the elementary talent development acceleration review.

Early Learning and Family Center Final Report: Staff shared an overview of recommendations for the early learning and family center.

Workers' Compensation Renewal - Fiscal Year 2027: Director Woodard shared an update on Workers' Compensation insurance renewal.

Property, Casualty, and Liability Insurance Renewal - Fiscal Year 2027: Director Woodard shared an update on property, casualty, and liability insurance renewal.

Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Update - Spring 2026: Director Woodard shared an update on facilities maintenance and projects planned for this summer and next.

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Member Barry shared that she will be sending out a form regarding Dr. Bittman's review next week, with the evaluation taking place at the second work session in June.

Chair Gabler shared that there is a MSBA Chat Room scheduled for this Friday morning with their Government Relations staff to learn about the final takeaways from the session; and the Board's end of the year video for all staff will be out soon.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES

Dr. Bittman shared that his end-of-year video will be out soon; he would like to plan a joint meeting with representatives of the City; there will be a recap of the legislative session in his weekly Update; the end of the school is finishing strong, and summer programming will be intense.

## ADJOURNMENT

At 6:38 PM, Member Birdman moved and Member Huwe seconded to adjourn the meeting. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.