

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 273
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE RETREAT OF MARCH 24, 2026

RETREAT
5:00 PM

Edina Chamber of Commerce
7201 Metro Blvd, Edina

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 Karen Gabler

5:02 PM - 8:44 PM

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Daniel Bittman, Superintendent
Nate Swenson, Assistant Superintendent
Mert Woodard, Director of Finance and Operations

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Ms. Karen Gabler, Chair

Ms. Erica Allenburg, Clerk

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

DISCUSSION

- A. Future School Funding
- B. Superintendent Onboarding

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 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

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

DISCUSSION

Future School Funding: Board members reviewed and discussed current and future budgeting needs, realities and priorities, as well as a possible referendum including preliminary internal and external data and information, planning and timelines.

Superintendent Onboarding: Board members and Dr. Bittman discussed expectations and roles to ensure common understanding of the overall goals and direction of the district.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:44 PM, Member Allenburg moved, and Member Mann seconded to adjourn the meeting. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.