

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 273
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF MARCH 9, 2026

WORK SESSION
5:00 PM

Edina Community Center
ECC 350 and Virtual

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

ABSENT:

Ms. Erica Allenburg (virtual)
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 - 7:00 PM

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

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

Mark Carlson, K-12 Science and Mathematics Coordinator
Chris Holden, Normandale Elementary Principal
Amy Reed, Creek Valley Elementary Principal

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Ms. Karen Gabler, Chair

Ms. Erica Allenburg, Clerk

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

DISCUSSION

- A. K-2 Cornerstone STEAM Recommendation
- B. Marketing Update

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

CLOSED SESSION

- A. Employee Negotiations. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 13D.03, the Board is authorized to vote to move into closed session to consider strategy for labor negotiations, including negotiation strategies or developments or discussion and review of labor negotiation proposals, conducted pursuant to sections 179A.01 to 179A.25. The Board will vote to move into closed session to discuss labor negotiations and strategy for the District's negotiations with the following bargaining units: administrative support professionals (EPASS), bus drivers and route programmers (SEIU Transportation), custodians and groundskeepers (SEIU Buildings, Grounds, and Maintenance), paraprofessionals (MSEA), and principals (EAC).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 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 Birdman moved and Member Mann seconded to approve the agenda. All members voted Aye by roll call. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

K-2 Cornerstone STEAM Recommendation: Staff presented information about pausing the development and implementation of K-2 Cornerstone STEAM projects.

Marketing Update: Director Edwards shared an update on marketing and communications efforts.

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Chair Gabler reminded board members about the upcoming retreat on March 24. She also shared information about other board members who will be speaking for the board at upcoming events like the annual retirement ceremony and commencement.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Dr. Bittman shared that he had a great day at the Capitol with MSBA and MASA representatives.

At 6:17 PM, Member Birdman moved and Member Mann seconded to close the meeting. All members voted Aye by roll call. The motion passed unanimously. Board members moved to the superintendent's conference room.

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At 6:59 PM Member Barry moved and Member Mann seconded to reopen the meeting. All members voted Aye by roll call. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:00 PM, Member Mann moved, and Member Huwe seconded to adjourn the meeting. All members voted Aye by roll call. The motion passed unanimously.

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