

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 273
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 11, 2005

REGULAR MEETING
7:03 P.M.

Edina Community Center
5701 Normandale Road
Room 349

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Brian Hedberg
Mr. Jeff Johnson
Ms. Bert Ledder
Mr. Peyton Robb
Mr. Tim Walsh

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Colleen Feige
Mr. Randy Meyer

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Tim Walsh

7:03 P.M. – 8:39 P.M.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Kenneth Dragseth, Superintendent
Dr. Chace Anderson, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Jay Willemsen, Director of Business Services
Ms. Sue Gutbrod, Director of Human Resources
Ms. Penny Kodrich, Director of Special Services
Mr. Doug Johnson, Director of Community Education Services and Facilities
Ms. Laura Tueting Nelson, Director of Communications and Public Affairs

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HEARING FROM MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE

- “Edina Unplugged” – Sarah Miller, Connecting With Kids

PRESENTATION

- “Life Skills Are Forever” – Highlands Elementary School Teachers David Sponheim and Lisa Hopkins and Students Patricia Leach, Ben Flom, Ben Monchamp, Lauren Grofsky, Tara Basting, Emily Gardner, Zach Gardner, Claire Little, Mckenna Little, Ted Goltzman, Meg Goltzman

REPORT

- K-12 Curriculum Review – Dr. Jenni Norlin-Weaver, Director of Teaching and Learning

ACTION ITEMS APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

1. Personnel Recommendations
2. Expenditures Payable on October 11, 2005
3. Declaration of Edina Unplugged Day
4. Construction Bond Change Order

CONSENT

1. Community Education Services Personnel Recommendations
2. Gift from Lake Harriet Masons
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Chair Walsh announced that there will be a Board workshop on Friday, October 14, at 9:00 A.M.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 P.M. The minutes and resolutions are on file at the district office, 5701 Normandale Road, and are open to public inspection

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“Edina Unplugged” – Sarah Miller provided information about this upcoming Connecting With Kids youth asset-building initiative on March 13, 2006, designed to encourage family time by discouraging TV and other electronic equipment, as well as outside activities. She also shared that a fundraising event will be held at Noodles & Co., Edina, on November 1, 2005, with 50% of the profits from that day donated to Connecting With Kids.

PRESENTATION

“Life Skills Are Forever” – Principal Peter Hodne introduced teachers David Sponheim and Lisa Hopkins from Highlands Elementary School. The teachers noted that life skills support the district’s ICCAR values. Students Patricia Leach, Ben Flom, Ben Monchamp, Lauren Grofsky, Tara Basting, Emily Gardner, Zach Gardner, Claire Little, Mckenna Little, Ted Goltzman, Meg Goltzman shared stories they had written illustrating two life skills: friendship and responsibility. They also sang a welcoming song presented at a school potluck to welcome new families to Highlands.

REPORT

K-12 Curriculum Review – Dr. Jenni Norlin-Weaver, director of teaching and learning, shared that this is round two of a four-year curriculum review cycle, focusing on English/Language Arts K-12. The arts include music, visual arts and theater. The mission statement and objectives for each area were noted. Recommended and implemented improvements, as well as student achievement, were also noted. Some concerns about high school electives were shared. Ms. Eileen Johnson, teaching and learning specialist, and Mary Kirchhof, literacy leader, shared what the curriculum committee did, and detailed the Houghton Mifflin language arts program. Ms. Johnson provided information on the secondary language arts review and the goals of a quality program. She noted that a complete program, like the Houghton Mifflin program for grades one through five, does not exist at the secondary level, so they are required to select materials from a variety of sources. Ms. Martha Cosgrove, area leader/language arts, shared information on the language arts program at the high school level. Ms. Johnson also shared what is being done in staff development.

ACTION ITEMS APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

Personnel Recommendations: It was moved by Member Robb and seconded by Member Johnson that the resolution in Volume 77, Report 115, pages 206-208, be approved. All members voted Aye.

Expenditures Payable on October 11, 2005: It was moved by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Hedberg that the resolution in Volume 77, Report 116, page 209, be approved. All members voted Aye.

Declaration of Edina Unplugged Day: It was moved by Member Ledder and seconded by Member Robb that the resolution in Volume 77, Report 117, page 210, be approved. All members voted Aye.

Construction Bond Change Order: It was moved by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Robb that the resolution in Volume 77, Report 118, page 211, be approved. All members voted Aye.

CONSENT ITEMS BEFORE THE BOARD

It was moved by Member Ledder and seconded by Member Johnson that the resolutions in Volume 77, Reports 119 through 128, be approved. All members voted Aye. These reports are:

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