

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 273
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 12, 2009

REGULAR MEETING
7:06 P.M.

Edina Community Center
5701 Normandale Road
Room 349

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Idith Almog
Ms. Cathy Cella
Mr. Jeff Johnson
Ms. Bert Ledder
Mr. Randy Meyer
Mr. Peyton Robb

MEMBER ABSENT:

Mr. Brian Hedberg

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Randy Meyer

7:06 – 8:21 P.M.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Ric Dressen, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Jay Willemsen, Director of Business Services
Dr. Jenni Norlin-Weaver, Director of Teaching and Learning
Dr. Gwen Jackson, Director of Administrative Planning and Services
Dr. Michael Burke, Director of Media and Technology Services
Mr. Doug Johnson, Director of Community Education Services and Community Relations

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Mr. Randy Meyer, Chair

Ms. Bert Ledder, Clerk

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
DISTRICT 273 EDINA, MINNESOTA
January 12, 2009

7:06 P.M. Chair Meyer called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Education. Members present: Almog, Cella, Johnson, Ledder, Meyer, Robb. Member absent: Hedberg. Staff present: Dressen, Willemsen, Norlin-Weaver, Jackson, Burke, Johnson. The minutes of the special meeting of December 9, 2008; the minutes of the regular meeting of December 9, 2008; the minutes of the special meeting of December 19, 2008, and the minutes of the special meeting of December 30, 2008, were approved by consent.

ACTION ITEMS APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

1. Annual Election of Chairperson of the Board of Education
2. Annual Election of Officers
3. World Language Course Change at Edina Middle Schools, 2009-2010
4. Mathematics Course Name and Description Changes at Edina High School, 2009-2010
5. Data, Internet and Video Lines and Service
6. Local and Long Distance Telephone Service Provider
7. South View Middle School Electronic Outdoor Sign

CONSENT

1. Personnel Recommendations
2. Community Education Services Personnel Recommendations
3. Expenditures Payable on December 22, 2008
4. Expenditures Payable on January 12, 2009
5. Bond Fund Expenditures Payable on December 19, 2008
6. Alternative Facilities Bond Expenditures Payable on December 10, 2008
7. Alternative Facilities Bond Expenditures Payable on December 19, 2008
8. Reaffirmation of Policies
9. School Board Compensation
10. Designation of Depositories
11. Signatories on General and Building Bond Checking Accounts for 2009
12. Delegation of Authority to Make Electronic Funds Transfers
13. Designation of Responsible Authority and Designation of Data Practices Compliance Officials
14. US Bank One Card
15. Appointment of Legal Counsel
16. Appointment of District Auditor
17. Designation of Official Newspaper

DISCUSSION

2008-2009 Board Committee Appointments, Liaisons and Representatives

INFORMATION

Service Learning Adventure (SALT) to Deerwood/Crosby, Minnesota

LEADERSHIP UPDATE

1. 2008-2009 Leadership Plans
2. Outdoor Facility Update

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Robb noted that he had attended a hearing at the State Capitol regarding shared purchasing pools where districts pool purchases through joint powers agreements in order to realize cost savings. He noted the district is already participating in several of these pools. The recommendation was sent back to committee for additional work. He shared that the Minnesota School Boards' (MSBA) conference is this week and the Association of Metropolitan School Districts' (AMSD) conference will be on January 26.

Member Ledder noted that she had attended the recent monthly Parent Leadership Council meeting where they are struggling with newly-required volunteer background checks.

Member Almog shared that the Edina Education Fund is hosting a "Show and Tell" luncheon on January 26, 11:30 am, and Board members are invited to attend.

CLOSED SESSION

2009-2010 Negotiation Plans

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 P.M. The minutes and resolutions are on file at the district office, 5701 Normandale Road, and are open to public inspection.

Mr. Randy Meyer, Chair

Ms. Bert Ledder, Clerk

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF JANUARY 12, 2009

7:06 P.M. Chair Meyer called to order the Public Hearing of the Board of Education. Members present: Almog, Cella, Johnson, Ledder, Meyer, Robb. Member absent: Hedberg. Staff present: Dressen, Willemsen, Norlin-Weaver, Jackson, Burke, Johnson. The minutes of the special meeting of December 9, 2008; the minutes of the regular meeting of December 9, 2008; the minutes of the special meeting of December 19, 2008, and the minutes of the special meeting of December 30, 2008, were approved by consent.

ACTION ITEMS APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

Annual Election of Chairperson of the Board of Education: Regarding the resolution in Volume 80, Report 233, page 445, it was moved by Member Ledder and seconded by Member Johnson that Member Meyer be elected Chair. All members voted Aye.

Chair Meyer then presided over the rest of the meeting.

Annual Election of Officers: Regarding the resolution in Volume 80, Report 234, page 446:

Member Robb nominated Member Almog to be elected Vice Chair. Member Johnson seconded the nomination.

Member Almog nominated Member Ledder to be elected Clerk. Member Johnson seconded the nomination.

Member Ledder nominated Member Johnson to be elected Treasurer. Member Cella seconded the nomination.

Member Robb to be appointed as Assistant Treasurer.

Members Hedberg and Cella to be appointed as Assistant Clerks.

All members voted Aye to the nominations.

World Language Course Change at Edina Middle Schools, 2009-2010: It was moved by Member Almog and seconded by Member Cella that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 235, pages 447-448, be approved. All members voted Aye.

Comments: Superintendent Dressen noted that this proposal had been discussed by the Board in December. It is moving forward for action now in order to meet deadlines for course registration material. Dr. Jenni Norlin-Weaver, Director of Teaching and Learning, stated that the proposal comes as the result of a world language study last year in which declining enrollment in German and an interest in Chinese were noted. Member Almog inquired as to how Chinese would be introduced into the schools. Dr. Norlin-Weaver shared that it will be phased in. For now, Chinese I will be offered in grade 6, but not in grades 7-9 because of scheduling and staffing requirements. Staff will assist students who are currently in German in enrolling in a different language.

Mathematics Course Name and Description Changes at Edina High School, 2009-2010: It was moved by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Cella that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 236, pages 449-450, be approved. All members voted Aye.

Comment: Dr. Norlin-Weaver noted that AP Statistics will incorporate the current Functions, Statistics and Trigonometry (FST) course for advanced students. She also noted that colleges have expressed a preference for a secondary emphasis on pre-calculus rather than discrete mathematics. She also noted that a condensed college algebra course is commonly offered to freshmen in college and a comparable course at Edina High School would serve well students who are not interested in pursuing calculus.

Data, Internet and Video Lines and Service: It was moved by Member Robb and seconded by Member Almog that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 237, pages 451-452, be approved. All members voted Aye.

Comment: Dr. Michael Burke, Director of Media and Technology Services, stated that three vendors had responded to the request for proposal. The current vendor is being recommended for two years.

Local and Long Distance Telephone Service Provider: It was moved by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Ledder that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 238, pages 453-454, be approved. All members voted Aye.

Comments: Dr. Burke noted that the district had received three responses to its request for proposal. He noted the substantial decrease in the cost of service. He shared that Integra, the recommended vendor, works with other school districts. The conversion to Integra will begin at the end of May and be completed by July 1.

South View Middle School Electronic Outdoor Sign: It was moved by Member Cella and seconded by Member Johnson that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 239, page 455, be approved. All members voted Aye.

Comments: Mr. Jay Willemssen, Director of Business Services, noted that the cost of the signs had been approved last spring as part of the capital outlay. Chair Meyer inquired as to whether the trend with signs is toward LCDs and whether this sign would become obsolete. Mr. Willemssen shared that the trend is toward LCDs, but that this sign would be functional for several years.

CONSENT ITEMS BEFORE THE BOARD

It was moved by Member Cella and seconded by Member Robb that the resolutions in Volume 80, Reports 240 through 256, pages 456-477 be approved. All members voted Aye. These reports are:

240 Personnel Recommendations

- 241 Community Education Services Personnel Recommendations
- 242 Expenditures Payable on December 22, 2008
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DISCUSSION ITEM BEFORE THE BOARD

2008-2009 Board Committee Appointments, Liaisons and Representatives: Member Ledder noted that Member Cella will replace her as the Board representative with Edina Chemical Health Partners. Member Almog noted that she will be the Board representative on the District Innovation Team. Member Ledder shared community members Susie Baker and Tom Spaeth will continue on the Board Finance Committee and that their terms should end on alternate years. Superintendent Dressen stated that there are three open positions on the Edina Human Rights and Relations Commission and those interested in serving should contact Chair Meyer.

LEADERSHIP UPDATE

2008-2009 Leadership Plans: Superintendent Dressen shared that the Board had met earlier in the evening with the Education Edina/Minnesota governing board regarding teaming and partnership. He noted that they had discussed priorities for the second semester, the challenging financial situation, and the budget development process for 2009-2010. He also noted that the district plans to study how to use time more efficiently this spring. He shared that in the future, Board committee minutes will be shared during the leadership update to the Board.

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There being no one present to address the Board, it was moved by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Cella that the meeting be closed at 7:36 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION

2009-2010 Negotiation Plans: The Board discussed negotiations planning for the 2009–2010 school year.

Upon conclusion of the closed session at 8:21 P.M., Chair Meyer reopened the meeting.

At 8:21 P.M., it was moved by Member Cella and seconded by Member Almog that the meeting be adjourned. All members voted Aye.