

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 273  
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 26, 2009

REGULAR MEETING  
7:03 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

7:03 – 8:09 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  
Ms. Penny Kodrich, Director of Special Services

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Mr. Randy Meyer, Chair

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Ms. Bert Ledder, Clerk

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
DISTRICT 273 EDINA, MINNESOTA  
January 26, 2009

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### RECOGNITIONS

- State Champions – Edina High School Girls' Tennis Team
- National Board Certification® – Bianca Suglia, Grade 5 Teacher, Normandale Elementary School
- TIES 2008 Exceptional Teacher Award – Dean Dahl, Grade 6 Teacher, South View Middle School; and Jon Zetah, Grade 3 Teacher, Cornelia Elementary School

### REPORTS

- Fall MAP Test Results – Dr. Thel Kocher, Director of Research & Evaluation
- 2009-10 Planning – Dr. Ric Dressen, Superintendent

### CONSENT

1. Personnel Recommendations
2. Community Education Services Personnel Recommendations
3. Expenditures Payable on January 26, 2009
4. Alternative Facilities Bond Expenditures Payable on January 14, 2009
5. Edina Family Center Alternative Compensation Goal Revision
6. Commendation of Bianca Suglia
7. Commendation of Dean Dahl and Jon Zetah
8. Commendation of Edina High School 2008-2009 Girls' Tennis Team
9. Commendation of Edina High School 2008-2009 Girls' Soccer Team
10. Commendation of Edina High School 2008-2009 Girls' Swimming and Diving Team
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13. Gifts from Countryside Elementary School PTO
14. Gift from Skin Care Doctors, P.A.
15. Gift from Noodles & Company
16. Gift from Edina High School Volleyball Club
17. Gift from Cynthia Ann Coughlin
18. Gift from Concord Elementary School PTO

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#### ACTION ITEMS APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

1. 2008-2009 Board Committee Appointments, Liaisons and Representatives
2. 2009-2010 Budget Reductions
3. 2009-2010 Early Childhood through Grade 12 School Calendar
4. 2009-2010 Edina High School Late Start/Early Dismissal Schedule
5. School Start/End Times for 2009-2010
6. Pay Equity Implementation Report
7. Property/Liability Insurance
8. Vehicle Insurance
9. Edina Community Center Gym Entrance Ceiling
10. New 400 Series Policies – Personnel, Phase III
11. Revised Appendix II for Policy 6149 – Instruction, Student Activity Programs

#### ACTION ITEM TABLED

New Policy 6156 – Instruction, Out-of-School Tutoring

#### INFORMATION

Appendix II for Policy 509 – Students, Resident Enrollment

#### LEADERSHIP UPDATE

Superintendent's Report

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Robb noted that he and Member Ledder had attended the recent Minnesota School Board Association (MSBA) Conference. Member Robb shared that he had attended a recent Association of Metropolitan School District (AMSD) event with Dr. Thel Kocher, Director of Research and Evaluation, and Dr. Jenni Norlin-Weaver, Director of Teaching and Learning. Dr. Robert Bruininks, President of the University of Minnesota, was a featured speaker.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 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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State Champions – Edina High School Girls' Tennis Team – Superintendent Dressen congratulated the girls' tennis team on their state championship. He introduced Steve Paulson, coach, who introduced the team members to the Board.

National Board Certification® – Superintendent Dressen introduced Bianca Suglia, grade 5 teacher, Normandale Elementary School, and congratulated her on receiving National Board Certification®. He noted that she was one of only nine teachers in Minnesota this year to receive the certification. Ms. Suglia shared her enthusiasm and value of the program and commented on its impact in her classroom instruction.

TIES 2008 Exceptional Teacher Award – Dr. Mike Burke, director of media and technology services, noted that every year, TIES recognizes educators who use technology to enhance student instruction and work. He introduced Dean Dahl, grade 6 teacher, South View Middle School; and Jon Zetah, grade 3 teacher, Cornelia Elementary School, who were honored by TIES at a banquet in December. Dr. Burke and Superintendent Dressen congratulated Mr. Dahl and Mr. Zetah on their work.

### REPORTS

Fall MAP Test Results – Dr. Thel Kocher, director of research & evaluation, shared that this was the second year of testing, in the fall, which makes comparisons more accurate. He noted that Edina elementary students score higher than the national averages in reading and math, and when compared with other west metro school districts that Edina does better in grades 3-5. He shared there is no appreciable difference among the Edina elementary schools, and there is similar growth between the middle schools.

2009-10 Planning – Superintendent Dressen shared that in the district's planning for the 2009-2010 school year, the district is striving to maximize resources – time, talent and funds. He noted that district studies will be conducted in the spring regarding school start and end times and the school calendar. He noted that many changes have occurred over the past years that have impacted the schedules. Superintendent Dressen also shared information about the district's personalized learning initiative, funding challenges and the timeline for the Budget Reduction, Reallocation and Revenue Generation (BRRRG) process.

CONSENT ITEMS BEFORE THE BOARD

It was moved by Member Cella and seconded by Member Johnson that the resolutions in Volume 80, Reports 259 through 278, pages 484-507 be approved. All members voted Aye. These reports are:

- 259 Personnel Recommendations
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Comment: Superintendent Dressen noted that there is a soft freeze on hiring for the second semester.

ACTION ITEMS APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

2008-2009 Board Committee Appointments, Liaisons and Representatives: It was moved by Member Ledder and seconded by Member Robb that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 279, pages 508-510, be approved. All members voted Aye.

Comment: Chair Meyer noted that there are still openings on the Human Rights and Relations Commission and anyone interested should contact him or Member Ledder.

2009-2010 Budget Reductions: It was moved by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Almog that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 280, pages 511-512, be approved. All members voted Aye.

2009-2010 Early Childhood through Grade 12 School Calendar: It was moved by Member Cella and seconded by Member Johnson that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 281, pages 513-514, be approved. All members voted Aye.

2009-2010 Edina High School Late Start/Early Dismissal Schedule: It was moved by Member Ledder and seconded by Member Cella that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 282, page 515, be approved. All members voted Aye.

Comments: Member Robb inquired about the number of spring activities that conflict with AP testing. Superintendent Dressen noted that the district has received input on the calendar from district committees since December and the proposed calendar is the best alternative.

School Start/End Times for 2009-2010: It was moved by Member Robb and seconded by Member Cella that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 283, pages 516-518, be approved. All members voted Aye.

Pay Equity Implementation Report: It was moved by Member Almog and seconded by Member Johnson that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 284, page 519, be approved. All members voted Aye.

Property/Liability Insurance: It was moved by Member Robb and seconded by Member Cella that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 285, page 520, be approved. All members voted Aye.

Vehicle Insurance: It was moved by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Cella that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 286, page 521, be approved. All members voted Aye.

Comments: Mr. Jay Willemsen, director of business services, noted that even though the district's vehicle insurance is not up for renewal until October and the district must pay a penalty, the district is still able to save money on the new policy.

Edina Community Center Gym Entrance Ceiling: It was moved by Member Cella and seconded by Member Almog that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 287, page 522, be approved. All members voted Aye.

New Policy 6156 – Instruction, Out-of-School Tutoring: Member Almog moved and Member Robb seconded a motion to table the resolution. All members voted Aye. The resolution was tabled.

Comments: Member Almog noted that a distinction needs to be made about tutoring for pay. Member Robb noted that the district does not want to discourage any volunteer efforts, so the policy should be clarified.

New 400 Series Policies – Personnel, Phase III: It was moved by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Cella that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 289, page 525, be approved. All members voted Aye.

Revised Appendix II for Policy 6149 – Instruction, Student Activity Programs: It was moved by Member Almog and seconded by Member Cella that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 290, pages 526-528, be approved. All members voted Aye.

Comment: Member Robb noted the family cap of \$600 on student activities.

### LEADERSHIP UPDATE

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Dressen shared that the district has concluded the application process for nonresident students for 2009-2010 and students must be notified by February 15. Dr. Gwen Jackson, Director of Human Resources and Administrative Services noted that open enrollment applications increased by 10 students. Superintendent Dressen shared that the number of nonresident students accepted is dependent on resident enrollment (which is up), class size guidelines and building capacity. Chair Meyer inquired as to the distribution of nonresident enrollments. Dr. Jackson noted that applications were received for all grades, but 135 kindergarten applications (down 12). Chair Meyer noted Appendix II of Policy 509, Students, Resident Enrollment in the Information part of the agenda. Superintendent Dressen noted that this policy lays out the process application process for choice elementary schools (Continuous Progress and French Immersion programs). He shared that this process does not require Board action.

Superintendent Dressen stated that the district is waiting to see what the Minnesota Department of Education will do regarding Advanced Placement exam costs. Dr. Dressen shared that there had been a successful Edina Education Fund luncheon earlier in the day. He noted that the district is finalizing membership for the District Innovations Team.

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