

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 273
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 16, 2009

REGULAR MEETING
7:09 P.M.

Edina Community Center
5701 Normandale Road
Room 349

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Randy Meyer

7:09 – 8:50 P.M.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Ric Dressen, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Jenni Norlin-Weaver, Director of Teaching and Learning
Dr. Gwen Jackson, Director of Administrative Planning and Services
Mr. Doug Johnson, Director of Community Education Services and Community Relations
Ms. Penny Kodrich, Director of Special Services
Dr. Thel Kocher, Director of Research and Evaluation

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Mr. Randy Meyer, Chair

Ms. Bert Ledder, Clerk

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OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
DISTRICT 273 EDINA, MINNESOTA
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RECOGNITION

- State Champions – Edina High School Girls' Alpine Ski Team

PRESENTATION

- Awesome Fitness Club – Normandale Elementary School Teacher John Hannemann and 4th and 5th Grade Students

REPORT

- 2009-2010 Planning Update – Dr. Ric Dressen, Superintendent

CONSENT

1. Personnel Recommendations
2. Expenditures Payable on March 9, 2009
3. Bond Fund Expenditures Payable on March 2, 2009
4. Alternative Facilities Bond Expenditures Payable on March 2, 2009
5. Alternative Facilities Bond Expenditures Payable on March 5, 2009
6. Commendation of Edina High School 2008-2009 Girls' Alpine Ski Team
7. Gifts from Cornelia Elementary School
8. Gift from Target
9. Gift from Normandale Elementary School PTO
10. Gift from Creek Valley Elementary School PTA
11. Gift from Barnes and Noble
12. Gift from B. Dalton
13. Gifts from Countryside Elementary School PTO

ACTION ITEMS APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

1. 2009-2010 Capital Fund Budget
2. Revised Policy 3323 – Business, Soliciting Prices (Bids and Quotations)

ACTION ITEM AMENDED AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

New 400 Series Policies – Personnel, Phase IV

DISCUSSION ITEM MOVED TO ACTION AGENDA AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

2008-2009 Community Education Services Fund (04) Budget Adjustments

LEADERSHIP UPDATE

1. Family Preference of Teachers
2. Board Committee Minutes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Meyer noted Normandale's Awesome Fitness Club members had donated a copy of the book, *Spark*, to each Board member. Since they are valued at more than \$5 each, the books will be donated to the district's professional library after Board members have read them. Member Robb noted that he had attended the Minnesota Music Educators Association convention, and that he and Member Ledder had attended a town hall meeting with legislators. He shared that there is ongoing discussion in the Legislature about the required GRAD testing.

CLOSED SESSION

2009-2010 Negotiation Plans

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 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

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RECOGNITION

State Champions – Edina High School Girls' Alpine Ski Team – Chair Meyer and Superintendent Dressen congratulated the team on their recent state championship. Superintendent Dressen introduced coaches Dave Nelson and Kevin Shields. Mr. Nelson shared information about the successful season and state championship and then introduced the team members.

PRESENTATION

Awesome Fitness Club – John Devine, principal, Normandale Elementary School, introduced John Hannemann, physical education teacher. Mr. Hannemann shared that the Awesome Fitness Club, which started in October 2008, is available to students before school two to five days a week. He noted that for the past two years, Normandale has achieved state champion status in the Presidential Fitness Award for schools with a student population of 500 or more. Fourth and fifth grade students demonstrated activities that they do in the fitness club. Mr. Hannemann shared that research has shown, and he concurs, that an emphasis on fitness directly impacts academic success. It is more effective to have the club meet before school rather than later in the day. The students presented Board members with a copy of the book, *Spark*, which was the inspiration for the fitness club. Chair Meyer inquired about the amount of time the club meets and how many students participate. Mr. Hannemann noted that the club meets for 30 minutes daily. Currently, the club is open to fourth and fifth graders with 18 students registered. The club will be open to third graders during the third trimester. Member Ledder inquired as to why the students attend the club. Comments as to why they attend include because it is fun, it helps them wake up or burn off extra energy, and it gives them additional physical education time.

REPORT

2009-2010 Planning – Superintendent Dressen shared the district's mission and vision and its commitment to E-85 education and personalized learning. He noted that the initiatives for 2009-10 include learning beyond the classroom, aligning K-12 programs and services, enhancing the school improvement process, and excelling in leadership and service. He noted that the district would soon learn the impact of stimulus funding and that student enrollment is growing. He also shared the impact of the current economic situation and the potential for delay in the 2009 Minnesota legislative session. Superintendent Dressen reviewed the Budget Reduction, Reallocation and Revenue Generation (BRRRG) process, including the timeline and recommendations. He noted that the community education services budget has been impacted by the economy and that the CES Board is managing its fund balance.

CONSENT ITEMS BEFORE THE BOARD

It was moved by Member Cella and seconded by Member Johnson that the resolutions in Volume 80, Reports 326 through 338, pages 603-619 be approved. All members voted Aye. These reports are:

- 326 Personnel Recommendations
- 327 Expenditures Payable on March 9, 2009
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ACTION ITEMS APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

2009-2010 Capital Fund Budget: It was moved by Member Ledder and seconded by Member Robb that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 339, page 620, be approved. All members voted Aye.

Revised Policy 3323 – Business, Soliciting Prices (Bids and Quotations) – It was moved by Member Almog and seconded by Member Cella that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 340, pages 621-623, be approved. All members voted Aye.

ACTION ITEM AMENDED AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

New 400 Series Policies – Personnel, Phase IV – It was moved by Member Hedberg and seconded by Member Robb that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 341, page 624, be amended as follows:

Change on page 624.10, section III. C. to read, “*Both* staff members... and Further, *both* staff members...”. All members voted Aye to amend the resolution.

Member Johnson moved and Member Cella seconded that the amended resolution be approved. All members voted Aye.

DISCUSSION ITEM MOVED TO ACTION AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

2009-2010 Community Education Services Fund (04) Budget Adjustments – It was moved by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Hedberg that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 342, pages 625-626, be moved to the action agenda. All members voted Aye.

It was moved by member Johnson and seconded by Member Hedberg to approve the resolution. All members voted Aye.

Comment: Doug Johnson, director of community education services and community relations, provided background information on the CES budget. He noted the community education services financial situation is closely tied to the market situation. The current budget had been put together in October and November 2007, prior to the current economic challenges. Mr. Johnson noted that this year's budget is actually in good shape, but adjustments are being made in anticipation of next year's situation.

LEADERSHIP UPDATE

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Dressen noted that Minneapolis Public Schools is considering withdrawing from West Metro Education Program (WMEP) but has recently decided to study the issue more to see if the program meets the district's needs. Dr. Dressen shared that WMEP, of which Edina is a member, will work with Minneapolis Schools on this issue. Superintendent Dressen shared that the district is searching for a principal for South View Middle School and an assistant principal at Edina High School. He also wished Kim Nelson, physical education teacher and football coach, Edina High School, well as he leaves the district to further his coaching career.

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There being no one present to address the Board, it was moved by Member Ledder and seconded by Member Cella that the meeting be closed at 7:50 P.M. and reconvene for a closed session at 7:55 P.M. All members voted Aye.

CLOSED SESSION

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

Upon conclusion of the closed session at 8:49 P.M., Chair Meyer reopened the meeting.

At 8:50 P.M., it was moved by Member Hedberg and seconded by Member Cella that the meeting be adjourned. All members voted Aye.