

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 273
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUGUST 18, 2008

REGULAR MEETING
7:03 P.M.

Edina Community Center
5701 Normandale Road
Room 349

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Idith Almog
Mr. Brian Hedberg

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Randy Meyer

7:03 – 7:50 P.M.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Ric Dressen, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Jay Willemsen, Director of Business Services
Mr. Doug Johnson, Director of Community Education Services and Community Relations
Dr. Jenni Norlin-Weaver, Director of Teaching and Learning
Dr. Michael Burke, Director of Media and Technology Services
Dr. Gwen Jackson, Director of Administrative Planning and 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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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
DISTRICT 273 EDINA, MINNESOTA
August 18, 2008

7:03 P.M. Chair Meyer called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Education. Members present: Cella, Johnson, Ledder, Meyer, Robb. Members absent: Almog, Hedberg. Staff present: Dressen, Willemsen, Johnson, Norlin-Weaver, Burke, Jackson, Kocher. Member Ledder moved and Member Johnson seconded the approval of the minutes of the special meeting of July 21, 2008; the minutes of the meeting of July 21, 2008; and the special meeting of August 13, 2008. All members voted Aye.

HEARING FROM MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE

- Canine Drug Detection – Jon Demars Victorsen

REPORT

- Summer Training and Preschool Workshop Plans – Dr. Jenni Norlin-Weaver, Director of Teaching & Learning; and Dr. Ric Dressen, Superintendent

CONSENT ITEMS APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

1. Personnel Recommendations
2. Community Education Services Personnel Recommendations
3. Expenditures Payable on August 4, 2008
4. Expenditures Payable on August 18, 2008
5. Bond Fund Expenditures Payable on July 29, 2008
6. Bond Fund Expenditures Payable on August 6, 2008
7. Alternative Facilities Bond Expenditures Payable on July 29, 2008
8. Alternative Facilities Bond Expenditures Payable on August 6, 2008

ACTION ITEMS APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

1. Board of Education Agenda, 2008-2009
2. Board Committee Appointments, 2008-2009
3. Edina Public Schools Action Initiatives 2008-2009
4. Master Agreement – Independent School District 273 and the Edina Administrative Council 2008-2010
5. Personnel Policies and Practices – Independent School District 273 and Community Education Services Employees
6. 6000 Series Policies – Instruction, Renumbered Phase

7. New Policy 6148 – Instruction; Athletics, Fine Arts and Activities – Participation and Academic Eligibility
8. New Policy 6149 – Instruction, Student Activity Programs
9. Purchase of Proquest Online Resources
10. Sewer/Plumbing Repair at the Bus Garage
11. Waste Abatement Grant Agreement
12. Landscaping at the Edina Community Center

DISCUSSION

1. New Series 400 Policies – Personnel, Phase I
2. New Series 500 Policies – Students, Phase VI
3. New Policy 1335 – Community Relations, Equal Access to School Facilities
4. Revised Policy 1330 – Community Relations, Use of School Facilities and Equipment
5. Revised Policy 6201 – Instruction, Community Education Services Governance
6. Revised Policy 6216 – Instruction, Community Education Financial Support

LEADERSHIP UPDATE

1. *Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook* – A Handbook for Students and Their Families
2. Leadership News

ANNOUNCEMENT

Member Robb shared that Rep. Mindy Greiling is seeking input on educational funding at a meeting on September 11 at Eisenhower Community Center in Hopkins.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 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

Ms. Bert Ledder, Clerk

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF JULY 21, 2008

7:03 P.M. Chair Meyer called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Education. Members present: Cella, Johnson, Ledder, Meyer, Robb. Members absent: Almog, Hedberg. Staff present: Dressen, Willemsen, Johnson, Norlin-Weaver, Burke, Jackson, Kocher. Member Ledder moved and Member Johnson seconded the approval of the minutes of the special meeting of July 21, 2008; the minutes of the meeting of July 21, 2008; and the special meeting of August 13, 2008. All members voted Aye.

HEARING FROM MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE

Canine Drug Detection – Jon Demars Victorsen, a parent, shared information with the Board about canine drug detection and encouraged the Board to consider facilitating it at Edina High School.

REPORT

Summer Training and Preschool Workshop Plans – Jenni Norlin-Weaver, Director of Teaching and Learning, reviewed the staff training that took place over the summer. Superintendent Dressen noted that the expenses for much of the training were covered by grants.

CONSENT ITEMS BEFORE THE BOARD

It was moved by Member Cella and seconded by Member Johnson that the resolutions in Volume 80, Reports 53 through 60, pages 101-118 be approved. All members voted Aye. These reports are:

- 53 Personnel Recommendations
- 54 Community Education Services Personnel Recommendations
- 55 Expenditures Payable on August 4, 2008
- 56 Expenditures Payable on August 18, 2008
- 57 Bond Fund Expenditures Payable on July 29, 2008
- 58 Bond Fund Expenditures Payable on August 6, 2008
- 59 Alternative Facilities Bond Expenditures Payable on July 29, 2008
- 60 Alternative Facilities Bond Expenditures Payable on August 6, 2008

ACTION ITEMS APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

Board of Education Agenda, 2008-2009: It was moved by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Robb that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 61, pages 119-121, be approved. All members voted Aye.

Board Committee Appointments, 2008-2009: It was moved by Member Robb and seconded by Member Cella that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 62, pages 122-124, be approved. All members voted Aye.

Edina Public Schools Action Initiatives 2008-2009: It was moved by Member Ledder and seconded by Member Cella that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 63, pages 125-129, be approved. All members voted Aye.

Master Agreement – Independent School District 273 and the Edina Administrative Council 2008-2010: It was moved by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Cella that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 64, page 130, be approved. All members voted Aye.

Personnel Policies and Practices – Independent School District 273 and Community Education Services Employees: It was moved by Member Robb and seconded by Member Cella that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 65, page 131, be approved. All members voted Aye.

Comment: Superintendent Dressen noted that both contracts fall within the guidelines established by the Board.

6000 Series Policies – Instruction, Renumbered Phase: It was moved by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Robb that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 66, page 132, be approved. All members voted Aye.

New Policy 6148 – Instruction; Athletics, Fine Arts and Activities – Participation and Academic Eligibility: It was moved by Member Cella and seconded by Member Johnson that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 67, page 133, be approved. All members voted Aye.

New Policy 6149 – Instruction, Student Activity Programs: It was moved by Member Ledder and seconded by Member Johnson that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 68, page 134, be approved. All members voted Aye.

Comments: Member Robb noted that the activities fees are included in the policy. Superintendent Dressen and Members Cella and Ledder noted that the language of the policy is consistent with Minnesota State High School League language and district practice.

Purchase of Proquest Online Resources: It was moved by Member Robb and seconded by Member Johnson that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 69, page 135, be approved. All members voted Aye.

Comments: Chair Meyer inquired as to how the district tracks how often the online reference materials are used to see if the cost is warranted. Dr. Michael Burke, Director of Media and Technology Services, indicated that the reference materials are integrated into the social studies curriculum. Member Ledder inquired if there is student access from home. Dr. Burke stated that there is no access from home due to licensing issues.

Sewer/Plumbing Repair at the Bus Garage: It was moved by Member Cella and seconded by Member Robb that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 70, page 136, be approved. All members voted Aye.

Comments: Chair Meyer inquired about the timeline for the repairs. Mr. Jay Willemsen, Director of Business Services, answered that the project may still be in progress after school has started, but it will not affect the running of the buses.

Waste Abatement Grant Agreement: It was moved by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Ledder that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 71, page 137, be approved. All members voted Aye.

Comments: Mr. Willemsen noted that this is a continuation of a grant received last year. The program involves composting food waste. The district is adding new schools to the program for 2008-2009. Mr. Willemsen stated that even if the grants run out, the district will want to continue the waste abatement program. The district hopes to add Edina High School by the end of this school year or the beginning of next. Superintendent Dressen shared that the program is also a good learning experience for the students.

Landscaping at the Edina Community Center - It was moved by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Ledder that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 72, page 138, be approved. All members voted Aye.

Comment: Mr. Willemsen noted that Member Robb is assisting with the landscaping project. He is seeking parent and student volunteers to volunteer time on a Saturday to spread mulch, which would be more cost-effective than having a contractor do the work.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BEFORE THE BOARD

New Series 400 Policies – Personnel, Phase I: It noted that Policy 406, Public and Private Personnel Data, was revised and is included.

New Series 500 Policies – Students, Phase VI: Superintendent Dressen noted that this is the last group of series 500 policies to be acted upon for the 2008-2009 school year. The series 500 policies will replace the series 5000 policies, which will be rescinded in September. Member Ledder noted that there may be some additional revisions to the appendices for Policy 538 – Field Trips/Travel at the next Board Policy Committee meeting.

New Policy 1135 – Community Relations, Equal Access to School Facilities

Revised Policy 1330 – Community Relations, Use of School Facilities and Equipment

Revised Policy 6201 – Instruction, Community Education Services Governance

Revised Policy 6216 – Instruction, Community Education Financial Support

LEADERSHIP UPDATE

Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook: Superintendent Dressen stated that the handbook will be available online and available for families. Print copies will also be available in the schools.

Enrollment Update: Dr. Gwen Jackson, Director of Human Resources and Administrative Services, shared that new resident families in the district are enrolling in Edina Public Schools, as well as new nonresident families. There is now a waiting list for nonresident students.

Edina Alternative Compensation Plan: Superintendent Dressen shared that the Edina Alternative Compensation Plan will be implemented for the 2008-2009 school year.

Edina Test Results: Superintendent Dressen shared that Edina Public Schools has had positive test results overall. He noted the growth in ACT test scores and strong Advanced Placement (AP) test scores. He shared that the district had been notified it had not made adequate yearly progress (AYP), and that the district is very serious about the challenge and is looking to the intervention programs put in place last year to help. Dr. Thel Kocher, Director of Research and Evaluation, noted that the MCA science scores will be public at midnight on August 18. He shared that Edina's scores are well above the state average.

GRAD Test: Member Robb shared that he and Member Ledder attended the Minnesota School Board Association Conference the previous week. It was noted that the new GRAD test requirements on the grade 11 math test include ramifications.

Construction Update: Mr. Willemssen shared that \$5,000,000 of construction projects are coming to an end. Major window replacement projects continue, but will not interfere with the staff returning to work.

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