

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 273
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 9, 2008

PUBLIC HEARING
7:05 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING
7:20 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

MEMBER ABSENT:

Mr. Peyton Robb

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Randy Meyer

7:05 – 8:03 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. Penny Kodrich, Director of Special Services
Dr. Michael Burke, Director of Media and Technology Services
Mr. Doug Johnson, Director of Community Education Services and Community Relations
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
December 9, 2008

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PUBLIC HEARING

Tax Levy for 2008 Payable 2009 (Taxes for 2009–2010 School Year)
The Public Hearing closed at 7:20 P.M.

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RECOGNITION

- TIES 2008 Technology Leadership Team Award – Wayne Hornicke, Scott Johnson, Molly Schroeder, Michael Walker and Peggy Wickland

CONSENT

1. Personnel Recommendations
2. Community Education Services Personnel Recommendations
3. Expenditures Payable on November 24, 2008
4. Expenditures Payable on December 9, 2008
5. Bond Fund Expenditures Payable on November 7, 2008
6. Bond Fund Expenditures Payable on November 21, 2008
7. Alternative Facilities Bond Expenditures Payable on November 7, 2008
8. Alternative Facilities Bond Expenditures Payable on November 18, 2008
9. Commendation of Wayne Hornicke, Scott Johnson, Molly Schroeder, Michael Walker and Peggy Wickland
10. Gifts from the Concord Elementary School PTO
11. Gift from the Creek Valley Elementary School PTA
12. Gift from the Edina Football Association
13. Gift from the Edina Girls' Soccer Corner Kick Club
14. Gift from the Edina High School Boys' Swimming and Diving Team
15. Gift from the Edina Soccer Association
16. Gifts from the Edina Athletic Booster Club

ACTION ITEMS APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

1. New Courses at Edina Secondary Schools, 2009-2010

2. Courses to Be Dropped at Edina Secondary Schools, 2009-2010
3. Course Name Changes at Edina Secondary Schools, 2009-2010
4. Course Description Changes at Edina Secondary Schools, 2009-2010
5. Course Name and Description Changes at Edina Secondary Schools, 2009-2010
6. Master Agreement – Independent School District 273 and the Minnesota School Employees Association on Behalf of the Edina Paraprofessionals
7. Door and Hardware Bid
8. Employee Benefits Consultant
9. Edina School Readiness Scholarship and Transportation Funding
10. Revised Policy 3518.1 – Business and Noninstructional Operations, Crisis Emergency Management
11. Revised Policy 205 – School Board, Open Meetings and Closed Meetings
12. Edina High School Competition Cheerleading Team Trip to Orlando, Florida

ACTION ITEM AMENDED AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

New Policy 3520 – Business and Noninstructional Operations, Emergency School Closing

DISCUSSION

1. 2009-2010 Early Childhood Through Grade 12 School Calendar
2. School Start/End Times for 2009-2010 and 2010-2011
3. New Policy 6156 – Instruction, Out-of-School Tutoring
4. New Policy 6159 – Instruction, Online Learning Options
5. New 400 Series Policies – Personnel, Phase III
6. Revised Policy 404 – Personnel, Employment Background Checks
7. Revised Policy 414 400 – Personnel, Employment Procedures
8. Revised Policy 418 – Personnel, Alcohol- and Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free School
9. Revised Appendix II for Policy 6149 – Instruction, Student Activity Programs

INFORMATION

1. Revised Appendices I, IV and V for Policy 6149 – Instruction, Student Activity Programs

LEADERSHIP UPDATE

1. District Finance Update
2. Personalized Learning Study

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 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

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PUBLIC HEARING

Tax Levy for 2008 Payable 2009 (Taxes for 2009–2010 School Year): Mr. Willemssen, Director of Business Services, shared the requirements of the Truth in Taxation Hearing. If necessary, a continuation hearing is scheduled for December 16, 7:00 P.M., Edina Community Center Room 349. A final levy certification is set for December 19, 7:30 A.M., Edina Community Center Room 200. Mr. Willemssen shared a comparison of levies, noting that they have held relatively steady over the last five years. He noted that the total levy increased by approximately \$1.7 million and included new expenditures related to the alternative compensation plan and the Long-Term Collaborative Study (LCTS).

Audience members were invited to come forward to address the Board regarding the tax levy. There being no one present to address the Board, Member Cella moved and Member Ledder seconded to close the Public Hearing at 7:20 p.m. All members voted Aye.

7:20 P.M. Chair Meyer called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Education. Members present: Almog, Cella, Hedberg, Johnson, Ledder, Meyer. Member absent: Robb. Staff present: Dressen, Willemssen, Norlin-Weaver, Kodrich, Burke, Johnson, Kocher. Member Johnson moved and Member Almog seconded the minutes of the regular meeting of the meeting of November 10, 2008. All members voted Aye.

RECOGNITION

TIES 2008 Technology Leadership Team Award – Superintendent Dressen introduced the technology team of Wayne Hornicke, Scott Johnson, Molly Schroeder, Michael Walker and Peggy Wickland. He and Chair Meyer thanked them for their leadership and presented them with certificates. Superintendent Dressen noted that the team will go on to compete in the national competition.

CONSENT ITEMS BEFORE THE BOARD

It was moved by Member Cella and seconded by Member Johnson that the resolutions in Volume 80, Reports 183 through 198, pages 337-358 be approved. All members voted Aye. These reports are:

- 183 Personnel Recommendations
- 184 Community Education Services Personnel Recommendations
- 185 Expenditures Payable on November 24, 2008
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ACTION ITEMS APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

New Courses at Edina Secondary Schools, 2009-2010: It was moved by Member Almog and seconded by Member Johnson that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 199, page 359, be approved. All members voted Aye.

Comment: Chair Meyer noted that all the course changes presented were discussed at the November 10 meeting.

Courses to Be Dropped at Edina Secondary Schools, 2009-2010: It was moved by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Cella that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 200, page 360, be approved. All members voted Aye.

Course Name Changes at Edina Secondary Schools, 2009-2010: It was moved by Member Hedberg and seconded by Member Almog that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 201, page 361, be approved. All members voted Aye.

Course Description Changes at Edina Secondary Schools, 2009-2010: It was moved by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Cella that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 202, page 362, be approved. All members voted Aye.

Course Name and Description Changes at Edina Secondary Schools, 2009-2010: It was moved by Member Hedberg and seconded by Member Ledder that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 203, page 363, be approved. All members voted Aye.

Master Agreement – Independent School District 273 and the Minnesota School Employees Association on Behalf of the Edina Paraprofessionals: It was moved by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Almog that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 203a, page 363a, be approved. All members voted Aye.

Comments: Superintendent Dressen stated that the agreement is within the parameters established by the Board. Dr. Gwen Jackson, Director of Human Resources and Administrative Services, noted that the district has started to use interest-based bargaining techniques.

Door and Hardware Bid: It was moved by Member Ledder and seconded by Member Cella that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 204, pages 364-366, be approved. All members voted Aye.

Employee Benefits Consultant: It was moved by Member Hedberg and seconded by Member Johnson that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 205, page 367, be approved. All members voted Aye.

Comment: Mr. Jay Willemsen noted that Corporate Health Systems has provided the district with insurance analysis and administration for approximately 13 years. This is the first increase in two years. The contract has been reviewed and approved by the Board Finance Committee.

Edina School Readiness Scholarship and Transportation Funding: It was moved by Member Ledder and seconded by Member Almog that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 205a, page 367a, be approved. All members voted Aye.

Comment: Superintendent Dressen noted that this is a joint venture between Edina Public Schools, the City of Edina and Hennepin County to provide transportation to early childhood programs for income-eligible families.

Revised Policy 3518.1 – Business and Noninstructional Operations, Crisis Emergency Management: It was moved by Member Ledder and seconded by Member Hedberg that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 207, page 372, be approved. All members voted Aye.

Revised Policy 205 – School Board, Open Meetings and Closed Meetings: It was moved by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Ledder that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 208, page 373, be approved. All members voted Aye.

Edina High School Competition Cheerleading Team Trip to Orlando, Florida: It was moved by Member Hedberg and seconded by Member Johnson that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 209, page 374, be approved. All members voted Aye.

ACTION ITEM AMENDED AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

New Policy 3520 – Business and Noninstructional Operations, Emergency School Closing: It was moved by Member Cella and seconded by Member Ledder that the resolution in Volume 80, Report 206, pages 368-371, be amended as follows:

Delete “and a secondary school principal” in part II. General Statement of Policy, subsection D. All members voted Aye to amend the resolution.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS BEFORE THE BOARD

2009-2010 Early Childhood Through Grade 12 School Calendar: Dr. Jackson noted that the calendar committee had looked at recommendations from the district’s time

study committee and had considered the lateness of Labor Day in 2009. The committee provided two options to the teachers to vote on and presented the options and decision to the Joint Policy Committee. Member Ledder noted that she and Member Robb had attended the Minnesota School Board Association's district assembly and that a resolution regarding a flexible calendar was well-received by members throughout the state.

School Start/End Times for 2009-2010 and 2010-2011: Dr. Jenni Norlin-Weaver, Director of Teaching and Learning, noted that a committee of elementary principals and transportation department staff had considered three options. Given the current budget situation, the committee recommends that the district stay with the current schedule. Superintendent Dressen stated that a letter would be sent to parents explaining the situation. He noted that additional information will be gathered prior to the recommendation being presented to the Board for action.

New Policy 6156 – Instruction, Out-of-School Tutoring: Chair Meyer noted that this policy will be further reviewed by Board members.

New Policy 6159 – Instruction, Online Learning Options: Chair Meyer noted that this policy will be further reviewed by Board members.

New 400 Series Policies – Personnel, Phase III: Member Cella noted that the policies had been reviewed by legal counsel.

Revised Policy 404 – Personnel, Employment Background Checks: Dr. Jackson shared that the district now requires background checks and fingerprints for all new employees. She shared that background checks are also required every five years for volunteers in a supervisory role.

Revised Policy 444 400 – Personnel, Employment Procedures: Member Cella shared that the language now reflects current practice.

Revised Policy 418 – Personnel, Alcohol- and Drug-Free Workplace/~~Drug-Free School~~: Member Ledder noted that since this is a personnel policy, it now refers solely to personnel, not students.

Revised Appendix II for Policy 6149 – Instruction, Student Activity Programs: Member Cella noted that language regarding middle school and high school sports was clarified. Superintendent Dressen shared that since this appendix includes student fees, it must be approved by the Board.

LEADERSHIP UPDATE

District Finance Update: Superintendent noted that the Board had met in a work session earlier in the evening and discussed the 2009-2010 school year. He shared that discussion will continue as to how to maximize available resources.

At 8:03 P.M., it was moved by Member Hedberg and seconded by Member Johnson that the meeting be adjourned. All members voted Aye.