

Unadopted Minutes
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Albany Area Schools – ISD #745
District Office Board Room
August 12, 2026

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Member Sands at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Henkelman, Ronning, Rueter, Sand, Sands

Late:

Absent: Hansen, Dirkes

3. Public Forum

None

4. Agenda – Additions and Deletions

Additions

8.8 Motion to approve an increase to the 2026-2027 adult lunch price to \$5.30 as required by the Minnesota Department of Education.

8.9 Motion to approve an Addendum for Route Reduction Rates to the School Bus Transportation Contract with 4.0 School Services.

5. Approvals

5.1 Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Ronning, seconded by Henkelman, to approve the July 8, 2026, Regular School Board Meeting minutes and the July 22, 2026, Work Session minutes as presented. Supported by all present.

5.2 Cash Flow Reports

Motion by Rueter, seconded by Sand, to approve the June 2026 Cash Flow Reports as presented. Supported by all present.

5.3 Acceptance of Gifts and Donations

Member Ronning introduced the Resolution Accepting Donations and moved for its adoption.

The School Board of Albany Area Schools, ISD 745, gratefully accepts the following donations as identified below:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Designated Purpose (if any)</u>
Albany Mutual Telephone	\$500.00	26-27 BEAT Performing Arts Series
Everything Signs	\$500.00	26-27 BEAT Performing Arts Series
Lange Trenching	\$500.00	26-27 BEAT Performing Arts Series
Freeport State Bank	\$500.00	26-27 BEAT Performing Arts Series
Albany Lions Club	\$2,500.00	26-27 BEAT Performing Arts Series
St. Cloud Optimist Club	\$1,000.00	26-27 Girls Flag Football
Albany Youth Basketball Association	\$900.00	Basketball Carts
Albany Dance Boosters	\$2,586.13	Dance Kick Costumes

Blattner Holding Company, LLC	\$5,000.00	26-27 BEAT Performing Arts Series
Albany American Legion	\$1,000.00	26-27 BEAT Performing Arts Series
Lumber One Avon	\$500.00	26-27 BEAT Performing Arts Series
Gene Haas Foundation	\$2,000.00	Supermileage
Albany Band Boosters	\$4,373.00	Marching Band Bussing

Member Henkelmann seconded the resolution, and upon the vote being taken thereon,

The following voted in favor of: Dirkes, Henkelman, Ronning, Rueter, Sand, Sands

And the following voted against: None

Absent: Hansen, Dirkes

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

6. Consent Agenda

Kids Company:

Carson Zulawski- Kids Company Aide

Nora Mergen- ALE, Kids Company Site Leader

Kids Company Transfers:

Nora Mergen- Kids Co Aide to Kids Co Program Lead 08.07.26

Rachel Rausch- Kids Co Program Lead to Kids Co Assistant Site Leader. 06.01.2026

Ashlee Brang- Kids Company Site Leader to Kids Company Assistant.

Leave of Absences:

One

Resignations/Retirement:

Aileen Swenson- Middle School Math Teacher 07.10.26

Ashlee Brang- ELC Paraprofessional 07.07.26

Brittany Mastin- AVE, Teacher 08.07.26

Christine Miedema- ALE, Paraprofessional 07.27.26

Pam DeGeest- ALE, Teacher 08.10.26

Matthew Feldewerd- DW, Building Maintenance Assistant 07.21.26

Victoria Shay- ALE, Social Worker 08.11.26

Payroll Agreement:

Jason Thelen- Boys Soccer Camp

Isaiah Folsom-Football Camp

Dan Anderson-Football Camp

Jake Gagne-Football Camp, Boys Basketball Camp

Todd Kuhn- Girls Basketball Camp, Football Camp

Brian Bierbaum- Football Camp

Jim Mader-Football Camp

Mike Kleinschmidt- Football Camp

Zachary Dingman-Football Camp

Brian Hines- Volleyball Camp
Al Amdahl - Football Camp
Aaron Boyum-Girls Basketball Camp, Football Camp
Victoria Bick- Girls Basketball Camp
Kate Simon- Dance Camp
Breanna Ostendorf- Dance Camp
Ashton Olson- Boys Basketball Camp
Joel Bauer- Boys Basketball Camp
Steve Schiffler- Boys Basketball Camp
Grant Johnson- Boys Basketball Camp
Kayla Hommerding- Girls Soccer Camp
Scott McLachlan- Girls Soccer Camp
Karla Schneider- Girls Swimming and Conditioning Camp
Erin Harren- Girls Swimming and Conditioning Camp
Dana Cartier- Gymnastics Camp
Zach Eggert- Gymnastics Camp
Callie Blaeser- Ump
Natalie Blonigen- Ump
Wade Evenson-Ump, Field Prep
Emmett Rushmeyer- Field Prep
Mya Justin- BEAT Tech
Aaron Schwenzfeier- HSPL Fundamentals
Shelby Horning- Pitching Help
Orlando Villareal- Volleyball Camp
Megan Schneider- Volleyball Camp
Scott Heinen- Volleyball Camp

The following checks were issued in paying claims: Wire transfers and checks 113107 - 113301

Expenditures:

01	General Fund	\$1,664,862.72
02	Food Services	\$7,676.67
04	Community Services	\$77,926.20
06	Building Construction	\$1,800.00
07	Debt Redemption	\$730,346.88

Motion by Sand, seconded by Ronning, to approve the August 2026 Consent Agenda as presented.
Supported by all present.

7. Reports

7.1 Student Representatives

7.2 Purple Pride

8. Business

8.1 Introduction of New School Resource Officer

Austin Jacobs introduced himself as Albany Area Schools' new School Resource Officer.

8.2 Enrollment Report

None

8.3 Amend the 2026-2027 School Calendar With Revised Start Date for Grades 6-12

Motion by Henkelman, seconded by Ronning, to amend the 2026-2027 School Calendar as presented, showing the first day of school for grades 6-12 will be September 1, with this day being an early release.

Supported by all present.

8.4 School Board Policy Approval

8.4.1 516 Student Medication and Telehealth

8.4.2 625 Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence

Motion by Rueter, seconded by Henkelmann, to approve School Board Policies 516 and 625 as presented.

Supported by all present.

8.5 School Board Policies - First Read

8.5.1 208 Development, Adoption and Implementation of Policies

8.5.2 402 Disability Nondiscrimination Policy

8.5.3 423 Employee-Student Relationships

8.5.4.507.5 School Resource Officers

8.5.5 509 Enrollment of Nonresident Students

8.5.6 521 Student Disability Nondiscrimination

8.5.7 709 Student Transportation Safety Policy

8.5.8 901 Community Education

8.6 Approve Contract with Rapp Strategies

Todd Rapp presented information about his communications firm out of the Twin Cities. His company would assist with messaging for the referendum to relay to the public.

Motion by Ronning, seconded by Henkelmann, to approve the contract with Rapp Strategies as presented.

In favor: Henkelman, Ronning, Sand, Sands

Against: Rueter

8.7 Approve the Elimination of the General Maintenance Position and Redistribution of Responsibilities

Motion by Rueter, seconded by Henkelmann, to approve the elimination of the General Maintenance Position and Redistribution of Responsibilities as presented. Supported by all present.

8.8 2026-2027 Adult Lunch Pricing Change

To meet Minnesota Department of Education requirements, our district must increase the price of adult lunches from \$5.25 to the minimum of \$5.30.

Motion by Rueter, seconded by Henkelman, to change the adult lunch pricing as presented. Supported by all present.

9. Committee Reports

Superintendent Mark Redemske would like to set a meeting with Finance and Facilities at 4:30 pm on August 26, 2026, before the School Board Work Session.

10. Superintendent Report

The District is close to reaching an agreement with CBIZ.

Podcasts are being used to communicate with our community. To date, podcasts have been with Cassie Novak on Community Education, Aaron Schwentzfeier on the weight room program, Scott Buntje and Key Harren on upcoming Activities Department happenings and the use of the new Bound software, and John Kleppe on the summer Marching Band season.

Craig Waldvogel secured a \$31,000 cybersecurity grant through the Minnesota Department of Education. This is the second year in a row Mr. Waldvogel has received the maximum amount awarded through this grant.

The FFA Alumni donated \$10,000 toward our transition to using bulk milk from Stoney Creek Dairy in our cafeterias.

A \$22,505.04 transportation billing error is being corrected.

11. Adjournment

Agenda completed at 6:44 p.m. A motion to adjourn was made by Member Ronning, seconded by Member Rueter. Supported by all present.

Motion made by Member Ronning, seconded by Member Henkelman, to reopen the meeting to vote on the 4.0 Bus Service Addendums to reduce route reductions.

8.9 Motion to approve an Addendum for Route Reduction Rates to the School Bus Transportation Contract with 4.0 School Services.

Motion to approve made by Rueter, seconded by Henkelmann. Supported by all present.

Agenda completed at 6:49 p.m. A motion to adjourn was made by Member Ronning, seconded by Member Sand. Supported by all present.

Amy Sand, Clerk