

Albert Lea Area Schools
Albert Lea Minnesota
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
5:00 PM, August 17, 2026
Brookside Education Center

Members Present: Dave Klatt, Mary Jo Dorman, Angie Hoffman, Neal Skaar, Gary Schindler, Davy Villarreal, and Kim Nelson.

Members Absent: None

Community/Staff Attendance: 14 members present.

Admin present: Superintendent Heil

Motion by Skaar/Dorman to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0

Motion by Nelson/Villarreal to approve the donations as presented. Motion carried 7-0

Motion by Schindler/Nelson to approve the consent items as presented. Motion carried 6-0 with Davy Villarreal abstaining from voting

Reports

Reports were given by the superintendent, school board members, and teacher representative Ann Erickson.

Effective and Efficient Operations

Motion by Hoffman/Skaar to approve a Resolution Terminating Employment of a Non-Licensed Employee as presented. Motion carried 7-0

Jill Pryor and Meredith Gonzalez presented the Project ADAM Cardiac Response Certification

Chair Klatt spoke to the Superintendent's Evaluation Summary as follows: The board met on Monday, July 20, 2026, in closed session at 6:00 pm to conduct our annual performance review for Dr. Steven Heil. In summary, we have found Dr. Heil to be very approachable and visible in our community, along with a great understanding of school finance. Also, he did an outstanding job leading the community discussion on a future building closure and assisted the board in moving forward with this process. Opportunities for growth are to continue building trusting relationships with consistent communications and being more visible in our buildings. He will be working with the board to develop a timeline to reorganize the district's structure and processes. Our job as a board is to develop Dr. Heil as he continues to develop our district.

Chair Klatt presented on the Constitutional Amendment for the Permanent School Trust Fund.

Motion by Nelson/Villarreal to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-0

Meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Chair

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Clerk