

Unadopted Minutes
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Albany Area Schools – ISD #745
District Office Board Room
September 9, 2026

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hansen at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Dirkes, Hansen, Henkelman, Ronning, Rueter, Sands

Late:

Absent: Sand

3. Public Forum

Heard a request to have Albany Area Schools consider joining the St Cloud Breakaway skiing team co-op.

Motion by Member Rueter, seconded by Member Ronning, to approve Albany students to join the St Cloud Breakaway skiing co-op. Supported by all present.

4. Agenda – Additions and Deletions

None.

5. Approvals

5.1 Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Member Rueter, seconded by Member Sands, to approve the August 12, 2026, Regular School Board Meeting minutes and the August 26, 2026, Work Session minutes as presented. Supported by all present.

5.2 Cash Flow Reports

Motion by Member Henkelman, seconded by Member Dirkes, to approve the July 2026 Cash Flow Reports as presented. Supported by all present.

5.3 Acceptance of Gifts and Donations

Member Rueter 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>
Blackbaud Giving Fund	\$100.00	Avon Elementary
Initiative Foundation	\$2,000.00	CMBA Tools for Schools/Industrial Arts
Don & Stella Beuning	\$20,000.00	Scholarship
Wells	\$1,000.00	Football Team Coach Bus
Oakmont Capital	\$1,000.00	Football Team Coach Bus
Huskie Booster Club	\$11,500.00	HUDL Streaming
Huskie Booster Club	\$2,300.50	Athletic Hall of Fame Tiles
Huskie Booster Club	\$427.57	Spartan Challenge Bus

Tom and Sue Clemen	\$500.00	26-27 BEAT Performing Arts Series
CentraCare Health Systems	\$500.00	26-27 BEAT Performing Arts Series
Stearns Bank, NA	\$2,500.00	26-27 BEAT Performing Arts Series
Novae, LLC	\$250.00	Robotics
Gene Haas Foundation	\$3,000.00	Robotics
Magnifi Financial	\$1,000.00	Football Team Coach Bus
Ludwig Photography	\$1,000.00	26-27 BEAT Performing Arts Series
Albany Elementary PTO	\$44,484.87	Playground Equipment

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

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

And the following voted against: None

Absent: Sand

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

6. Consent Agenda

AESP:

Courtney Marty, Food Service Aide, DW

Kayla Hellermann, Paraprofessional, High School

Hope Wagner, Paraprofessional, High School

AFT:

Zachary Noreen, Math Interventionist, Middle School

Corie Sovereign, Elementary Teacher, Avon Elementary

Jake Gagne, Staff Development Coordinator

Gage Zastrow, Elementary Teacher, Albany Elementary

Lane Changes:

Chris Grove, MA+15 to MA+30

Tanya Maile, MA+15 to MA+30

Mariah Rothstein, MA+15 to MA+30

Emily Schmitt, MA to MA+15

Angela Sufka, MMA+15 to MA+30A+15 to MA+30

Ridell Curtis, MA+15 to MA+30

Victoria Bick BA+15 to BA+45

Kit Pennie BA+15 to MA

Contract after Retirement:

Scott Daninger, Work Based Learning Coordinator

Community Education:

Wade Evenson

Molly Rademacher

Reggie Schwenzfeier

Addison Reszel

Eli Suchy

Connor Gannon

AESP Transfers:

Lori Peters, Albany Elementary, Second Cook to Middle School, Paraprofessional.

Leave of Absences:

Three

Resignations/Retirement:

Alissa Bergeron, Paraprofessional, Middle School, 08.24.26
Cathy Mitchell, Paraprofessional, Avon Elementary 08.27.26
Orlando, Villareal, Paraprofessional, Middle School 08.29.26
Jeremy Miller, Wrestling Coach 09.02.26
Christine Rudnick 08.31.26

Payroll Agreement:

Laurynn Eiyndck, BEAT
Mya Justin, BEAT
Aaron Schwenzfeier, Fundamentals
Kristin Stang, Play Director
Calinda Wright, Assistant Play Director

Coach:

Mike Lipinski, Head Cross County
Mike Gauthier, JV/JH Soccer
William Anderson, Assistant Soccer
Zachary Noreen, JH Volleyball
Lori Peters, JH Volleyball

Concession Worker:

Gretchen Wimmer

The following checks were issued in paying claims: Wire transfers and checks 113302 - 113494

Expenditures:

01 General Fund	\$1,346,347.67
02 Food Services	\$26,883.11
04 Community Services	\$72,745.47
06 Building Construction	\$5,400.00

Motion by Member Sands, seconded by Member Dirkes, to approve the September 2026 Consent Agenda as presented. Supported by all present.

7. Reports

7.1 Student Representatives - Oath of Office

Board members and attendees welcomed Brooke Lecy, Emily Gourde, Konnor Felling, Grace Grabmeier and Stephanie Pelzer to the board. The new Student School Board Representatives took their oath and participated in their first board meeting.

7.2 Student Representatives

7.3 Purple Pride

8. Business

8.1 Enrollment Report

8.2 Approve Settlement Agreement and General Release with CBIZ

Motion by Member Dirkes, seconded by Member Rueter, to approve the Settlement Agreement and General Release with CBIZ as presented. Supported by all present.

8.3 Adoption and Certification of Proposed Tax Levy

Erin Noska, District Business Manager, presented.

Motion by Member Dirkes, seconded by Member Sands, to adopt and certify the Proposed Tax Levy as presented. Supported by all present.

8.4 Set Truth in Taxation Public Meeting

Motion by Member Rueter, seconded by Member Ronning, to set the date for December 9, 2026, at 6:00 pm in the District Office Board Room at the Secondary School. Supported by all present.

8.5 Notice of Election

Motion by Member Rueter, seconded by Member Sands, to approve the Notice of General Election on November 3, 2026, as presented. Supported by all present.

Motion by Member Dirkes, seconded by Member Sands, to approve the Notice of Special Election ballot, proposing the operating levy for the district.

8.6 School Board Policy Approval

8.6.1 208 Development, Adoption and Implementation of Policies

8.6.2 402 Disability Nondiscrimination Policy

8.6.3 423 Employee-Student Relationships

8.6.4 507.5 School Resource Officers

8.6.5 509 Enrollment of Nonresident Students

8.6.6 521 Student Disability Nondiscrimination

8.6.7 709 Student Transportation Safety Policy

8.6.8 901 Community Education

Motion by Member Sands, seconded by Member Ronning, to approve all School Board Policies as presented. Supported by all present.

8.7 School Board Policies - First Read

8.7.1 509 Enrollment of Nonresident Students

8.7.2 524 Internet, Technology, and Cell Phone Acceptable Use and Safety Policy

8.7.3 613 Graduation Requirements

8.7.4 621 Literacy and the Read Act

8.7.5 624 Online Instruction

8.7.6 722 Public Data and Data Subject Requests

8.7.7 806 Crisis Management Policy

9. Committee Reports

A summary of the 5th Monday meeting held on August 31 was provided.

10. Superintendent Report

Community Meeting and Levy Info Session date and time were discussed and set for September 23, 2026, at either 6:30 or 7:00 pm.

11. Closed Session under MS13D.05 (Attorney-Client Privilege for Level III Grievance)

Motion by Member Ronning, seconded by Member Rueter, to close the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Motion by Member Ronning, seconded by Member Dirkes, to reopen the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

12. Closed Session under MS13D.03 (Negotiation Strategy)

Motion by Member Ronning, seconded by Member Sands, to close the meeting at 7:24 pm.

Motion by Member Ronning, seconded by Member Rueter, to reopen the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

13. Adjournment

Agenda completed at 8:01 p.m. A motion to adjourn was made by Member Dirkes, seconded by Member Rueter. Supported by all present.

Dustin Henkelman, Acting Clerk