Albert Lea Area Schools
Albert Lea Minnesota
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
5:00 PM, September 28, 2026
Brookside Education Center

Members Present: Dave Klatt, Mary Jo Dorman, Neal Skaar, Gary Schindler, Davy Villarreal, and Kim Nelson.
Members Absent: Angie Hoffman
Community/Staff Attendance: 21 members present.
Admin present: Superintendent Heil

Motion by Villarreal/Skaar to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0

Motion by Nelson/Dorman to reconsider the previously approved agenda. Motion carried 6-0

Motion by Nelson to remove 9.2 MOU between the Board of Education and Dr. Steve Heil and move to October 19, 2026. Motion carried 4-2, with Skaar and Klatt voting against.

Motion by Schindler/Nelson to approve the donations as presented. Motion carried 6-0

Motion by Villarreal/Skaar to approve the consent items as presented. Motion carried 6-0

Reports

The superintendent, school board members, student representative Allondra De Rosas Lazaro, and teacher representative Anne Jerdee gave reports.

Curriculum and instruction

Carissa Blizzard presented an Extended Field Trip to Japan for June 2027. Motion by Skaar/Nelson to approve the trip to Japan. Motion carried 6-0

Effective and Efficient Operations

Lori Volz from Bakertilly joined via Google Meet to present the Adoption of the proposed 2026-Pay 2027 Levy at Maximum. Motion by Skaar/Dorman to approve the Levy at Maximum. Motion carried 6-0

The following policies were presented by Superintendent Heil and Executive Directors Franks and Riebe:

- **Policy 506, Student Discipline** – first of two readings.
- **Policy 535, Service Animals in Schools** – first of three readings.
- **Policy 806, Crisis Management** – first of two readings.

- **Policy 807, Health and Safety** – first of two readings.

Chair Klatt presented on the 2026 COSSBA Federal Advocacy Conference in Washington.

Motion by Nelson/Schindler to go into closed session at 6:24 pm, Pursuant to Minn. Stat. Sec. 13D.05, subd. 2(b) - Preliminary Considerations of Allegations or Charges Against an Individual Subject ot its Authority. Motion carried 6-0

Reconvene in open session at 7:05 pm.

Motion by Nelson/Villarreal to approve Resolution Disciplining an Employee. By roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0.

Roll Call Vote:

- Director Nelson – Yea
- Director Skaar – Yea
- Director Schindler – Yea
- Chair Klatt – Yea
- Director Dorman – Yea
- Director Villarreal – Yea

Motion by Schindler/Nelson to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

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Chair

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Clerk