Unadopted Minutes
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Albany Area Schools – ISD #745
District Office Board Room
October 14, 2026

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

2. Roll Call
Present: Hansen, Ronning, Rueter, Sand, Sands
Late:
Absent: Dirkes, Henkelman

3. Public Forum

4. Agenda – Additions and Deletions
8.8 Approve Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Individual Procurement Cards

5. Approvals
5.1 Previous Meeting Minutes
Motion by Member Rueter, seconded by Member Sands, to approve the September 9, 2026, Regular School Board Meeting minutes and the September 23, 2026, Work Session minutes as presented. Supported by all present.

5.2 Cash Flow Reports
Motion by Member Sand, seconded by Member Rueter, to approve the August 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:

Donor	**Item**	**Designated Purpose (if any)**
Blackbaud Giving Fund	$20.00	Avon Elementary
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Stearns Bank	$594.16	Staff Back to School Breakfast
Al and Dana Amdahl	$150.00	26-27 BEAT Performing Arts Series
Kerry, Inc.	$1,000.00	26-27 BEAT Performing Arts Series
Albany Fiber Communications	$3,500.00	26-27 MS VEX Robotics
Tim and Melanie Wege	$1,000.00	26-27 BEAT Performing Arts Series
Albany FFA Alumni	$15,000.00	Milk Machine
I.T. Solutions	$785.00	Labor and Supplies for the Football Camera Installation Project

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

The following voted in favor of: Hansen, Ronning, Rueter, Sand, Sands
And the following voted against: None
Absent: Dirkes, Henkelman
Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

6. Consent Agenda

AESP:
Gabriela Ray Orozco-Paraprofessional, HS
Lucy Rothstein-Administrative Assistant, Secondary Office

AFT Payroll change:
Jody Knopp-current FTE .50 to New FTE 1.00

Long Term Sub:
Anthony Sobiech-Art Teacher

Community Education, BECC Supervisor:
Laurynn Eiynck
Eli Suchy
Konnor Felling
Kaylen Stueve
Audrey Beuning
Hudson Gruber
Abigail Stephens

AESP Transfers:
Orlando Villareal-AMS, Paraprofessional to Kids Company Assistant
Frances Klapake-Kids Co Assistant to Kids Co Program Lead

Kids Company:
Owen Weiss-Kids Co Assistant
Scarlett Peterson-Kids Co Assistant
Gayle Durand-Kids Co Assistant

Kids Company Payroll Changes:
Lainey Hansen
Madison Fischer
Katie Braun
Josie Dingmann
Brynn Panek
Morgan Ramler
Madison Winkels
Katelyn Vander Weyst

Leave of Absences:

Resignations/Retirement:
Allison Vogel-Assistant gymnastics Coach

Payroll Agreement:
Laurynn Eiynck- Huskieville
John Kleppe-BEAT Tech Director
Aaron Schwenzfeier-Fundamentals
Molly Rodemacher-BEAT Tech, Huskieville (2)
Hannah Carlson-Girls Flag Football

Coach:
Faith Fourre-9th Grade Volleyball Coach

Concession Worker:
Kiera Kollman

The following checks were issued in paying claims: Wire transfers and checks 113495 - 113681

Expenditures:

01 General Fund	$1,391,313.61
02 Food Services	$109,192.70
04 Community Services	$97,185.67

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

7. Reports
7.1 Student Representatives
The Homecoming dance had great attendance. The collaboration meeting rooms continue to be messy. Soccer beat a rival in the first playoff game. A couple of breakfast items are running out before serving ends.

7.2 Purple Pride

8. Business

8.1 Enrollment Report
There are 44 seniors, 15 juniors and 1 sophomore going PSEO. We are also down 5 students from the start of the year.

8.2 Approve Purchase of Van for Food Transportation and Meals Under Fund 02, Food Service
Motion by Member Hanson, seconded by Member Ronning, to approve the Purchase of a 2024 Chrysler Pacifica for $17,500 plus tax, license and documentation fees for a total of $19,553 under Fund 02, Food Service for transportation of meals. Supported by Hansen, Sand, Sands, and Ronning. Opposed by Rueter.

8.3 Approve the School Resource Officer Contract with the Albany Police Department for the 2026-2027 School Year
Motion by Member Sands, seconded by Member Ronning, to approve the School Resource Officer Contract with the Albany Police Department for the 2026-2027 School Year as presented. Supported by all present.

8.4 Approve the Data Privacy Clause to be Added to the 2026-2029 Transportation Contract with 4.0 Student Services

Motion by Member Rueter, seconded by Member Sands, to approve the Data Privacy Clause to be Added to the 2026-2029 Transportation Contract with 4.0 Student Services as presented. Supported by all present.

8.5 Set Facilities and Finance Committee Meeting

Facilities and Finance Committee Meeting date set for October 26, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room at the Secondary School.

8.6 School Board Policy Approval
8.6.1 509 Enrollment of Nonresident Students
8.6.2 524 Internet, Technology, and Cell Phone Acceptable Use and Safety Policy
8.6.3 613 Graduation Requirements
8.6.4 621 Literacy and the Read Act
8.6.5 624 Online Instruction
8.6.6 722 Public Data and Data Subject Requests
8.6.7 806 Crisis Management Policy

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

8.7 School Board Policies - First Read
8.7.1 414 Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse
8.7.2 418 Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free School
8.7.3 501 School Weapons Policy
8.7.4 707 Transportation of Public School Students
8.7.5 802 Disposition of Obsolete Equipment and Material

8.8 Approve Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Individual Procurement Cards

Member Ronning introduced the Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Individual Procurement Cards and moved for its adoption.

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

The following voted in favor of: Hansen, Ronning, Rueter, Sand, Sands
And the following voted against: None
Absent: Dirkes, Henkelman
Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

9. Committee Reports

10. Superintendent Search

There was discussion on hiring a search firm or doing the search ourselves. Superintendent Redemske was directed to set interviews with search firms for 6:00-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 28.

11. Superintendent Report

Community referendum meeting set for October 19, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the BEAT. Water testing is required every 5 years. Testing was last done in the summer of 2022. We plan to start now so we can address any issues that are not urgent in the summer. Any concerns in high-priority areas such as kitchens and drinking fountains will be addressed immediately. We are also looking at dual fuel options to address winter curtailment requirements.

12. Adjournment

Agenda completed at 7:04 p.m. A motion to adjourn was made by Member Sand, seconded by Member Rueter. Supported by all present.

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Amy Sand, Clerk