

Unadopted Minutes
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Albany Area Schools – ISD #745
March 13, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hansen at 8:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Winkels, Hansen, Gersch, Dirkes, Kreuzer,

Late: Seiler Absent: Paulsen, Kunstleben

3. Public Comment Period

None

4.0 Approvals

4.1 AGENDA—Additions or Deletions

None

4.2 Previous Meeting Minutes Motion by Winkles, seconded by Gersch to approve the prior minutes from February 13, 2013.

Supported by all present

4.3 Expenditures

The following checks were issued in paying claims: Wire transfers and checks 77763-78019.

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01	General Fund	\$625,555.24
02	Food Services	\$56,009.21
04	Community Services	\$27,833.12
08	Scholarships	\$3,625.00

Minutes Motion by Winkles, seconded by Gersch to approve the expenditures from February of 2013.

Supported by all present

4.4 January Cash Flow Report

Motion by Winkles, seconded by Dirkes to accept January cash flow report.

Supported by all present

5. Consent Agenda

AFT Contract: Julie Theiler, Learning Adventures
Jan Shaver from Junior High Softball Coach to Grade 9 Softball Coach

Extra Curricular: Daniel Brady from Junior High Golf Coach to Girls' Head Golf Coach
Doug Lien, Boys' Head Golf Coach
Peggy Larsen, Junior High Track Coach
Traci Thielen and Lindsey Westphal, Junior Softball Coach
Steve Roforth, Junior High Golf Coach
Nancy Goettl, Musical Assistant

Kid's Company: Sarah Trehey, Kaylee Gerads

Request for Severance:

Charlene Birr, per provisions of Albany Educational Support Professionals 2012-2014 Master Agreement, Article VII, Sections 1-4

Resignation: Diane Wolf from Kids Company effective February 21, 2013
Charlene Birr, effective June 14, 2013

Donations:

\$ 2500.00	Albany Lions, Scholarship Funds
300.00	Richard and Judy Mareck, Amy Mareck Scholarship Funds
50.00	Anonymous, Family Outreach Program

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10000.00	Central Minnesota Arts Board, Theatre Renovations
300.00	Avon PTA, Sixth Grade Ski Trip
300.00	Two Rivers Enterprises, Scholarship Funds
13.00	Avon PTA, Family Outreach Program
1000.74	Huskie Booster Club, Baseball Pants
500.00	Huskie Booster Club, Softball Pants

- The board and superintendent recognized Charlene Birr for her 37 years of service to the Albany School District.
- The board also recognized our community and the generous donations given to our district.
Thank you for your support.

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Gersch to approve the consent agenda.

Supported by all present

6. Education Report

6.1 Student Representative Report—no report from student representative at the meeting.

6.2 Purple Pride

-Congratulations to our outstanding readers at Albany Elementary. During I Love to Read Month in February classroom worked to see how many could reach a goal of reading 1,000,000 words. We had 14 out of 18 classrooms reach this goal. Five classrooms read over 3,000,000 words. Mrs. Snoberger's 5th grade classroom read the most words; they read 4,272,917 words. Our school total during this month was 32,949,432 words. That's a lot of words!

-Father Daughter Dance; around 200 people attended. DJ, Arts/Crafts, Bean Bag Toss and Photo Booth were enjoyed by all.

-Spring/Summer Community Education Brochure will be available online beginning March 15th.

-Knowledge Bowl team won the Granite Ridge Conference championship for the second straight year. (We were invited last year even though we weren't fully members yet.)

-Girls' Basketball team won the Granite Ridge Conference championship as well.

-Carter Holthaus placed 5th in the state wrestling tournament.

-Heid E. Erdrich, well known author and poet worked with students on March 7th as part of our "Come Alive, Read 25" program. It was a very enlightening day.

-Boys' Basketball - Congratulations to the boys basketball team for a great 2012-13 season.

-Member Kruezer recognized Al Amdahl for his Teacher of the Year award. Congratulations.

7. Unfinished Business

7.1 Farming Bus Garage Property Quick Claim Deed Request

- The property in Farming was discussed regarding the border for the district's property. The area property is not material and has been utilized by the neighbor for many years. Recommendations by legal counsel and Superintendent Dooley to quit claim the deed pending identification of any county/township setbacks.

Motion by Winkles, seconded by Gersch to approve the quit claim request.

Supported by all present

7.2 Bond Referendum Building Needs

- Superintendent Dooley discussed the list of building needs for the district and the possibility of an operating levy. Also discussed were methods to re-capitalize the current bond. One issue discussed is our relationship with St. Benedict's Parish, early childhood development and the needs of the Parish Center. As part of our planning we will want to attend a St. Benedict's church council meeting to discuss future plans. Board members were invited to attend a church council meeting when it can be arranged to have an open discussion of needs.

8. New Business

8.1 Revised FY 13 Budget

- The Business Manager, Sue Clemen discussed the revised budget. The budget is coming in with slightly a larger deficit than initially projected. Both revenues and expenditures increased. Increased expenditures were due to additional staff for increased enrollment, safety projects undertaken and food service costs for ala carte option and breakfast for students.

Motion by Kruetzer, seconded by Gersch to accept the revised 2013 budget.

Supported by all present.

8.2 Preliminary Budget FY 14

- Clemen also updated the board on the 2014 budget and is predicting a budget deficit for 2014 of \$432,115. This contains the potential impact of several negotiations, two bus purchases for the district and OPEB. Depending on the state funding, there may be an opportunity to reduce this with additional funding and compensatory dollars. Because it is difficult to determine, there is no adjustments for the Affordable Health Care program at this time.

8.3 AFT Wellness MOU

Resource Training and Blue Cross and Blue Shield are willing to offer a \$200 stipend to staff who are on the district group health plan. They must take an online health assessment to be eligible for the credit against the premium.

Motion by Winkles, seconded by Seiler to approve the AFT Wellness MOU.

Supported by all present.

8.4 CMETS Presiding Superintendent MOU

Superintendent Dooley described his role as the CMETS Presiding Superintendent. This is a yearlong commitment.

Motion by Gersch, seconded by Winkles to approved the CMETS Presiding Superintendent MOU (Dooley).

Supported by all present.

9. Board Committee Reports

9.1 Staff Development

- Member Gersch reported on Staff Development. The group did not meet but elections were held on February 27th. Update on the staff members that were elected to represent the staff. Very good interaction has taken place between staff and the principals.
- The next staff development meeting is March 14th, 2013 at 2:15.

9.2 Legislative Report

- Chair Hansen reported on the legislature. All day, every day kindergarten, anti-bullying, mental illness, and teacher candidate testing requirements were topics of discussion. The state is looking at a \$1 billion budget deficit. Chair Hansen mentioned there is an equalization hearing to be scheduled and that our district should voice our concerns on fair and equitable funding for our district.
- Chair Hansen also mentioned that SEE is asking groups of parents and concerned citizens to frequent the capital and talk to our legislators about the inequality in funding for outstate districts.
- Superintendent Dooley talked about Education Minnesota promoting a bill for statewide health insurance.

9.3 Technology Committee Report

- Superintendent Dooley reported on the Technology meeting which was held on Monday, March 11th. Part of the discussion was regarding training for the learning management system Schoology. Additional training to staff continues to be provided.
- The Committee is in the process of defining a “web presence” for staff and determining a timeline for staff members having a web presence.
- The district has been testing a new spam filter. The committee recommends implanting the new CIPA filter because of quality and cost savings.
- Chrome Books are being looked at as a possible alternative to IPADS as it is less expensive.
- Next meeting: TBD.

10. Superintendent Report

- Superintendent Dooley discussed the MSHSL realignment of our football program to 4A and the basketball program moved from 2A to 3A. Albany will be the smallest district in these respective classes.
- Power outages have been caused by a short in the parking lot lights at Avon Elementary.
- Larson Engineering is taking bids on the track project for the upcoming resurfacing. The district has budgeted for the project and activity will take place after the track season is completed.
- The district is revisiting the bus times. Staff has been consulted on the timing of the bus routes to best suit the needs of the students and allow time for breakfast. Superintendent Dooley stated, “Time lost to breakfast is well worth it in terms of student achievement”. One option is a staggered start between Albany Elementary and Avon Elementary.
- Superintendent Dooley mentioned that there has been two missed days because of weather. If we do not experience additional weather related cancellations, Superintendent Dooley recommended that the two days be used as staff development.
- The Activities Director posting will close on Friday, March 15th. Interviews will likely be scheduled for the last week of March.

11. Adjournment

Agenda completed at 9:24 pm, a motion to adjourn was made by Seiler, seconded by Dirkes.

Supported by all present

Dean Dirkes, Clerk

Steven Dooley, Superintendent