

Unadopted Minutes
SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION
Albany Area Schools – ISD #745
District Office Board Room
November 20, 2024

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kreuzer at 6 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Kreuzer, Rueter, Sand, Dirkes, Henkelman

Late:

Absent: Hansen, Sands

3. School Resource Officer Introduction

School Resource Officer, Joann Bigler, introduced herself and Theo, the therapy dog. They go to all the buildings on random days. It's been very positive having the service dog. It calms students and helps build trust between the resource officer and the student. The student representatives commented on how great it is to have Theo and it's been very positive for staff and students.

4. Band Trip Presentation

4.1 Recap of New Orleans Trip

John Kleppe, band director, presented. The students had a great time learning about the history of New Orleans. Their days were filled with tours and educational experiences. The trip concluded with a stop in Madison, Wisconsin where they were able to see a performance by the Madison Scouts at the DCI show.

4.2 Preview of Next Trip

Mr. Kleppe would like to take the band to Chicago and Indianapolis for the DCI World Finals in 2026. This would be a 5–6-day trip.

5. Student Representatives

Allison is the president for the National Honor Society. They do a lot of volunteer work and gather food donations on Halloween for the local food shelves. This year they gathered up 1947 pounds of food. Juniors and Seniors are the only grades that can apply to the NHS and must have 30 hours of community service, write an essay and have references. A group of teachers go through the applications and approve kids that meet their guidelines.

6. World's Best Workforce Presentation and Achievement and integration

Laura Roelike presented. Our graduation rate is a lot higher than the state average of 83%. Albany Area Schools' current rate is 95%.

She also presented the MCA results. AHS results are higher than the state average.

She also talked about the school calendar.

7. Schools Advocating for Fair Funding Update

8. Adjournment

Agenda completed at 7:25 p.m.

Amy Sand, Clerk