

Albert Lea Area Schools
Albert Lea Minnesota
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
(immediately following the Truth-in-Taxation Hearing)
7:07 p.m. December 1, 2025
Brookside Education Center

Members Present: Kim Nelson, Neal Skaar, Mary Jo Dorman, Angie Hoffman, Gary Schindler, and Dave Klatt

Members Absent: Davy Villarreal

Administrator Present: Superintendent Heil.

Community/Staff Attendance: 11 members present.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Paul Durbahn, the Executive Director of Finance and Operations, presented the 2025 Pay 2026 Final Levy, which reflects a 6.78% increase totaling \$10,461,563.71. He explained that the increase is driven by the state funding formula and rising property values, which reduce state aid and shift more of the burden to local taxpayers. Durbahn also noted that declining student enrollment is adding to the district's financial pressures.

Motion by Nelson/Dorman to approve the presented 2025 Pay 2026 Final Levy. Motion carried 5-1, with Director Hoffman voting against the levy.

Superintendent Heil reported on the staff feedback and student cabinet feedback from the strategic plan.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Chair

Clerk

