

Unapproved Minutes
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Albany Area Schools – ISD #745
District Office Board Room
March 12th, 2026

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Sands at 6pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Hennkelman, Sand, Reuter, Ronning, Sands

Late:

Absent: Dirkes, Hanson

3. Public Forum

Parents expressed concerns about recent teacher cuts and budget cuts.

4. Agenda – Additions and Deletions

5. Approvals

5.1 Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Reuter, seconded by Ronning to approve the February 11th, 2026 Regular Meeting minutes and February 25th, 2026 work Session minutes as presented. Supported by all present.

5.2 Cash Flow Reports

Motion by Hennkelman, seconded by Ronning to approve the October 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:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Designated Purpose (if any)</u>
James Beste - Beste & Associates	\$100.00	CE Archery Target Sponsor
Samantha Jonas - Renewed Salon	\$100.00	CE Archery Target Sponsor
Jeff & Kelsey Kociemba Family	\$50.00	CE Archery Target Sponsor
Outdoorica-BB Wheels	\$200.00	CE Archery Target Sponsor
Jon & Jeanie Frolander	\$50.00	CE Archery Target Sponsor
Mike Rose	\$50.00	CE Archery Target Sponsor
Richard & Shiloh Worm	\$100.00	CE Archery Target Sponsor
Auto Body 2000, Inc.	\$200.00	CE Archery Target Sponsor
Magnifi Financial	\$100.00	CE Archery Target Sponsor
Charlie's Cafe	\$100.00	CE Archery Target Sponsor
Kanati Land Management	\$100.00	CE Archery Target Sponsor
Prairie Archery	\$200.00	CE Archery Target Sponsor
Mary Hiltner	\$25.00	CE Archery Target Sponsor
Matt & Chelsey Eggert	\$30.00	CE Archery Target Sponsor
Stearns Bank	\$1,125.00	CE Summer Recreation
Albany Administrators	\$138.75	Scholarship

Avon Sportsmens Club	\$200.00	CE Archery Target Sponsor
4.0 Transportation	\$100.00	CE Archery Target Sponsor
Albany Bowling Center	\$50.00	CE Archery Target Sponsor
Mindy and Jeremiah Lund	\$50.00	CE Archery Target Sponsor
Hennen Lumber	\$100.00	Robotics
Douglas Machine	\$3,000.00	Robotics
Van Meter	\$250.00	Robotics
Don Heurung	\$30,000.00	Scholarship
Albany Bowling Center	\$50.00	Robotics
Schiffler's Liquor	\$100.00	Robotics
Groetsch Dairy	\$250.00	Scholarship
Magnifi Financial	\$150.00	Robotics
Felling Trailers	\$1,000.00	Robotics
Freeport State Bank	\$3,000.00	Robotics
Kotzer Excavating	\$250.00	Robotics
Pierskalla Insurance Agency	\$100.00	Robotics
Albany Chrysler Center	\$250.00	Robotics
Eagle Lake Manufacturing	\$2,000.00	Robotics

Member Hennkelman, seconded the resolution and upon vote being taken thereon.
The following voted in favor of: ALL
And the following voted against: none
Absent:Hanson, Dirkes

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

6. Consent Agenda

Motion by Sand, Second by Reueter.

AFT:

Long Term Substitute Teacher

Hannah Knakmuhs, Albany Elm, 3rd Grade

AESP:

Nathan Kandie, Part-Time Building Maintenance Assistant

Long Term Substitute Paraprofessional.

Kalya Steinbach, Albany Elm, Health Office Assistant

Kids Co:

Francis Klaphake- Kids Co Aide

Ella Borgman, Kids Co Aide

Madison Fischer, Kids Co Aige

Extracircicular:

Lisa Rueckert, JV Softball Coach

Mitch Kollodge, Head Track & Field Coach

Callie Blaeser, JH Softball Coach
Zach Moritz, 9th Grade Baseball Coach

LOA request:

Four

Resignations/Retirement:

Jill Martinson, Lead Cook, Albany Secondary, 02.20.26
Lisa Stangler, Lead Cook, ELC, 02.27.26
Nathan Kleppe, JH Baseball 02.20.26
Marc Rich, Middle School, Paraprofessional 03/13/26
Brooke Bauer, Kids Company Aide 03.04.26
Melanie Thompson. Business Education Teacher, 06.01.26

Community Education:

Aaron Schwenzfeier, HSP Fundamentals
Molly Rademacher (2), BEAT Tech
Abigail Kuhn, Ski Trip Chaperone
Orlando Villareal, Ski Trip Chaperone
Aubrey Driggins (2), Ski Trip Chaperone, Huskieville
Paula Van der Hagen, Middle School play
Gabe St. Marie, Middle School Play

Payroll Agreement:

Sue Roe, Musical Accomp.

The following checks were issued in paying claims: Wire transfers and checks
112239 - 112410

Expenditures:

01 General Fund	\$1,321,139.85
02 Food Services	\$97,455.26
04 Community Services	\$66,333.81

Supported by ALL.

7. Reports

7.1 Purple Pride

7.2 Enrollment Report

Reports show that numbers are stable.

8. Business

8.1 Board Approval of District A&I Plan

Laura Roelike presented. A motion to approve the A&I plan by Hennkelman and seconded by Rueter.

8.2 AFT MOU on Health Insurance

A Memorandum of Understanding with the teacher's union regarding a 3% reduction in effective insurance premiums. A motion to approve the AFT MOU by Ronning and seconded by Rueter.

8.3 AESP MOU on Health Insurance

A Memorandum of Understanding with the classified union regarding a 3% reduction in effective insurance premiums. A motion to approve the AESP MOU by Rueter seconded by Rueter.

8.4 Non-Renewal of Probationary Teachers on Out of Field Permissions

This vote will be moved to a special meeting when we have a full board present. Rueter made a motion to table the vote to an added special session this month for when the full board is present seconded by Hennkelman.

8.5 Approve AFT Seniority List (Final)

Motion to approve the final seniority list by Ronning and seconded by Henkelman

8.6 ELC Roof Bond Sale Approval

Pat from ICS and Greg from Ehlers presented through Zoom. To save a projected \$300,000 in tax payer funding. Additionally, the approval to issue bonds to cover the cost of the remaining ELC roof repairs. The effective impact on tax payers will be none, due to the refunding of the 2015 bonds. The Board would have to take further action at the April 8th meeting once rates are known. Hennkelman made the motion to approve and seconded by Ronning.

8.6.1 Official Intent, Authorizing and Reimbursement Resolution

8.6.1.1 Information Revised 10-year LTFM Plan

8.6.1.2 Refunding Bonds Engagement Letter

8.6.1.3 Notice Relating to General Obligation Facilities Maintenance Bonds

8.6.1.4 Presale Report

8.6.2 ICS Contract Amendment

Ronning made the motion to approve the contract amendment and seconded by Henkelman.

8.6.2.1 ICS Agreement

8.7 WCED Tech Support Agreement 2026-2027

Motion to approve the WCED Tech Support Agreement and seconded by Hennkleman

9. Committee Reports

10. Superintendent Report

Strategic plan. Working on a plan for students that are failing will be tutored in Resource class instead of having summer classes. Some of our boilers have reached their lifetime limit and need to be replaced along with other larger-ticket maintenance projects. Needed maintenance items will be prioritized for importance.

11. Adjournment

Agenda completed at 6:52pm. A motion to adjourn was made by Member Sand, seconded by Member Henkelman. Supported by all present.

Amy Sand, Clerk