

Unadopted Minutes
REORGANIZATION/REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Albany Area Schools – ISD #745
District Office Board Room
January 8, 2025

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Hansen at 6 p.m.

2. Seat New Board Members

Shalon Ronning and Dustin Henkelman were welcomed as new board members and Scott Hansen and Tim Sands as returning board members.

3. Roll Call

Present: Hansen, Sand, Sands, Dirkes, Henkelman, Ronning

Late: None

Absent: Rueter

4. Agenda- Additions or Deletions

None

5. Organization of 2025 Board of Education

5.1 Election of Officers

5.1.1 Chairperson

Sands nominated Hansen as Chair for 2025.

Vote For: All Vote Against: None

5.1.2 Vice-Chairperson

Dirkes nominated Sands as Vice-Chair for 2025.

Vote For: All Vote Against: None

5.1.3 Clerk

Dirkes nominated Sand as Clerk for 2025.

Vote For: All Vote Against: None

5.1.4 Treasurer

Sand nominated Dirkes as Treasurer for 2025.

Vote For: All Vote Against: None

5.2 Establish Remuneration of Board Members

Motion by Dirkes seconded by Sands, to set annual board compensation as indicated below:

Payment for all meetings (Regular, Special, Committee) \$75.00 per meeting

Chair	\$350.00
Clerk	300.00
Treasurer	200.00
Workshops/Conferences/half-day or less	75.00
Full day	125.00

Vote For: All

Vote Against: None

5.3 Establish Board Meeting Dates

Motion by Sand, seconded by Sands, to hold Board meetings for 2025 on the second Wednesday of the month and the fourth Wednesday of the month for work sessions or special meetings when necessary unless changed by the School Board for good and sufficient reason. The time of each regular meeting shall be 6:00 p.m. and the time for each work session shall be 6:00 p.m.

Vote For: All

Vote Against: None

5.4 Authorize Bank Depositories

Motion by Sands, seconded by Henkelman, to authorize the following bank depositories:

- Stearns Bank
- Magnifi Financial – Albany Branch
- PMA Financial Network “MN Trust”

Vote For: All

Vote Against: None

Abstained: Dirkes

5.5 Authorize Official Signatures

Motion by Henkelman, seconded by Dirkes, to keep temporary signatures as is until new signatures are ready. New signatures will include Hansen -Chair, Sand -Clerk, Dirkes-Treasurer, Okerlund-Superintendent, Clemen-Business Manager.

Vote For: All

Vote Against: None

5.6 Select Official Newspaper

Motion by Sand, seconded by Dirkes, to have The Star Post as the Official Newspaper.

Vote For: All

Vote Against: None

5.7 Select School District Attorney and Identify Who May Contact Attorney on Behalf of the District

Motion by Dirkes, seconded by Sands, to retain the firm Pemberton Law as legal counsel for the District and designate the Board Chair and the Superintendent as district representatives who may contact legal counsel when it is in the best interest of the district.

Vote For: All

Vote Against: None

5.8 Select School District Auditor

Motion by Sand, seconded by Henkelman, to continue with the firm of Schlenner-Wenner for audit services.

Vote For: All

Vote Against: None

5.9 Authorize Business Manager and Superintendent to Invest Excess Funds

Motion by Dirkes, seconded by Sands, to authorize the business manager and superintendent to invest excess funds.

Vote For: All

Vote Against: None

5.10 Authorize Business Manager and Superintendent to Make Electronic Fund Transfers

Motion by Sands, seconded by Henkelman, to authorize the business manager and superintendent to make electronic fund transfers.

Vote For: All Vote Against: None

5.11 Authorize Superintendent to Expend Funds Within Budget Guidelines

Motion by Henkelman, seconded by Dirkes, to authorize the superintendent to expend funds within budget guidelines.

Vote For: All Vote Against: None

5.12 Appoint Board Committee Members

Committee Members for 2025 will be determined at the February meeting.

6. Public Forum

None

7. Approvals

7.1 Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Sands, seconded by Dirkes, to approve the December 11, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Supported by all present.

7.2 Cash Flow Reports - November 2024

Motion by Sand, seconded by Sands, to approve the November 2024 Cash Flow Reports as presented. Supported by all present.

7.3 Acceptance of Gifts and Donations

Member Sand introduced the Resolution Accepting Donations and was seconded by Member Henkelman.

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>
Huskie Booster Club	\$3,744.00	Scorer's table
Albany Recycling Center	\$50.00	Supermileage
Stearns Electric Association Trust	\$500.00	Supermileage
Albany Elementary PTO	\$493.00	Movie License
David and Bethany Schultz	\$50.00	Gymnastics
Albany Elem/ELC PTO	\$300.00	Community Education Family Ball
St. Cloud Optimist Club	\$1,500.00	Scholarship
Albany Chrysler Center	\$350.00	BEAT - Grinch Movie
Wells Concrete	\$500.00	Supermileage

The following voted in favor of: All
And the following voted against: None
Absent: Rueter

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

8. Consent Agenda

AFT Lane Change Request:

Sam Jerome - BA/BS Step 5 to BA/BS+15 Step 5
Kim Lange - MA Step 8 to MA+15 Step 8
Rachel Tessier - BA/BS+30 Step 10 to MA Step 10

AESP:

Charles Kurowski - Secondary Technology Assistant
Linda Miller - AVE Second Cook
Kendra Rausch - ELC Kids' Company Site Leader
Linda Hartung - Secondary School Second Cook
Allen Vogel - Secondary FT Custodian

AESP Payroll Change Request:

Faith Borgerding - ELC Kids's Company Site Leader to Kids' Company Assistant
Rita Buermann - ELC EC Paraprofessional - 2.5 hrs/day to 4 hrs/day

LOA request:

Three

Coaching/Advisors:

Chris Grove - Assistant Track Coach
Ben Kalway - JH Track Coach
Becky Bartz - Adaptive Bowling Coach
Rebecca Ellering - Adaptive Bowling Coach

Community Education:

BEAT Tech: Molly Rademacher, Mya Justin, Jessica Ruegemer
HSP/Fundamentals: Aaron Schwenzfeier
Intro to Cribbage: Nikki Myogeto
Quan Li K'an Karate: Adam Patterson
Ski Club Chaperone: Olivia Lemm
BECC Supervisor: Nolan Suchy, Aubrey Driggins, Eli Suchy, Carson Tschida, Abigail Kuhn, Allie Hoffman,
Rowan Ellingson

Resignations:

Natalia Degler - ALE FT Evening Custodian, effective December 17, 2024
Faith Borgerding - ELC Kids' Company Site Leader, effective January 1, 2025
Alyssa Wachsman - Food Service Coordinator, effective January 16, 2025
MaKara Miller - BECC Attendant, effective December 18, 2024

The following checks were issued in paying claims: Wire transfers and checks 109445 - 109575

Expenditures:

01 General Fund	\$1,087,533.66
02 Food Services	\$79,604.40
04 Community Services	\$62,301.28
06 Building Construction	\$57,874.98

Motion by Sands, seconded by Sand to approve the January 2025 Consent Agenda. Supported by all present.

9. Reports

9.1 Purple Pride

10. Business

10.1 Enrollment Report

10.2 Albany Federation of Teachers Seniority List 2024-2025

Motion by Sands, seconded by Henkelman to approve the Albany Federation of Teachers Seniority List for 2024-2025. Supported by all present.

10.3 Resolution Directing the Administration to Examine the Financial Condition of the School District

Member Dirkes introduced the resolution and moved for its adoption. The motion for adoption was duly seconded by Member Henkelman and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted

In favor of: All

and the following voted against the same: None

absent: Rueter

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

10.4 Band Trip Approvals

10.4.1 UWRF Jazz Festival

10.4.2 Marching Band Trip to Chicago and Indianapolis

Motion by Sand, seconded by Sands, to approve the band trips as presented. Supported by all present.

11. Committee Reports

12. Superintendent Report

The superintendent shared some of the informational postings that will be placed on the district website and social media to help inform the community about our Open Enrollment status. Since next year will be slightly different, it is important that the district clearly and accurately explain that open enrollment is fully available. Postings will be focused on 'informing' rather than 'marketing'.

13. Adjournment

Agenda completed at 7:24 p.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Member Sand, seconded by Member Dirkes. Supported by all present

Amy Sand, Clerk