

Albert Lea Area Schools
Albert Lea Minnesota
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
5:00 PM, January 20, 2026
Brookside Education Center

Members Present: Gary Schindler as acting Chair, Mary Jo Dorman, Angie Hoffman, Neal Skaar, Kim Nelson, and Davy Villarreal

Board members absent: Dave Klatt - arrival at 6:09, taking his place as Board Chair, relieving Vice Chair Schindler

Community/Staff Attendance: 50 members present.

Admin present: Superintendent Heil

Motion by Nelson/Dorman to approve the agenda as presented, with moving consent items 7.0 to 10.8. Motion carried 6-0

Motion by Skaar/Villarreal to approve the donations as presented by Executive Director Durbahn. Motion carried 6-0

Director Schindler presented Superintendent Heil with a \$10,000 check from the AL Foundation to help offset athletic fees for students facing hardships.

Reports given by

- Superintendent Heil
- Board Directors: Villarreal, Dorman, Hoffman, Nelson, Skaar, and Schindler
- Student Representatives: Carley Ladlie & Allonda De Rosas Lazaro
- Teacher Representative: None
- Principal Representatives: Tyler Johnson and Sean Gaston

Curriculum and Instruction

Ken Fiscus presented on the Italy trip 2026

Effective and Efficient Operations

Motion by Skaar/Hoffman to approve the Resolution Approving Property Tax Abatement as presented by Paul Durbahn. Motion carried 6-0

Motion by Nelson/Dorman to approve the updated strategic plan as presented by Superintendent Heil, motion carried 6-0

Executive Director Mattson presented the second reading of Policy 610 | Field Trips

Motion by Schindler/Hoffman to go into closed session at 6:14 pm, Pursuant to Minn. Stat. sec 13D.03 - Labor Negotiations. Motion carried 7-0

Back to regular session at 7:53 pm

Motion by Schindler/Hoffman to approve Albert Lea District #241 School Food Service Workers Association 2025-2027 Master Agreement as presented by Executive Directors Mattson & Durbahn. Motion carried 7-0

Motion by Skaar/Nelson to approve Albert Lea Technical Employees Association 2025-2027 Master Agreement as presented by Executive Directors Mattson & Durbahn. Motion carried 7-0

Motion by Schindler/Hoffman to approve Albert Lea Schools Directors/Coordinators 2025-2027 Master Agreement as presented by Executive Directors Mattson & Durbahn. Motion carried 7-0

Motion by Skaar/Villarreal to approve the consent items as presented. Motion carried 7-0

Motion by Skaar/Nelson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Chair

Clerk