

Albert Lea Area Schools  
Albert Lea Minnesota  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
5:00 PM, February 2, 2026  
Brookside Education Center

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Members Present: Dave Klatt, Gary Schindler, Mary Jo Dorman, Angie Hoffman, Neal Skaar, Kim Nelson, and Davy Villarreal  
Board members absent: None  
Community/Staff Attendance: 10 members present.  
Admin present: Superintendent Heil

Motion by Nelson/Hoffman to approve the agenda as presented, motion carried 7-0

Paul Durbahn, Executive Director of Finance and Operations, presented an enrollment update and reviewed declining enrollment trends. The district is down 134 students this school year and expects further declines as larger graduating classes outpace smaller incoming kindergarten cohorts, driven by lower birth rates. Open enrollment losses were discussed, with families citing flexibility, online or alternative learning options, and personal preference.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm.

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Chair

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Clerk