

Unadopted Minutes
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Albany Area Schools – ISD #745
February 13, 2013

1.CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hansen at 8:00 p.m.

2.ROLL CALL

Present: Paulsen, Winkels, Hansen, Gersch, Dirkes and Kreuzer

Late: Absent: Seiler, Kunstleben

3. Public Comment Period: none this evening

4.0 Approvals

4.1 AGENDA—Additions or Deletions: Two deletions-see items 6.1 and 6.2.

4.2 Previous Meeting Minutes Motion by Gersch, seconded by Kreuzer to approve the prior minutes from January 30, 2013.

Supported by All Present

4.3 Expenditures

The following checks were issued in paying claims: Wire transfers and checks 77619-77762.

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01	General Fund	\$367,660.51
02	Food Services	\$27,365.38
04	Community Services	\$13,848.65
08	Scholarships	\$500.00

Motion by Winkles, seconded by Gersch to approve the above mentioned expenditures.

Supported by All Present

5. Consent Agenda

AFT Contract: Additional time for Dana Amdahl, Sonya Hoffarth and Angela Revier-subbing for LOA

Donations:

\$ 932.96	Huskie Booster Club, Goal Post Pads
600.00	William D. Scepaniak Inc, Joshua Scepaniak Scholarship Funds
50.00	Michael Bredeck, Albany Coaches Scholarship Funds
77.73	Avon PTA, 2 nd grade field trip
145.00	Denise and David Croatt, Athletic Participation Fee Scholarship Funds
100.00	Farming Lions Club, Scholarship Funds

Area Business contributed prizes for Jam the Gym—list available in District Office

Motion by Winkles, seconded by Gersch to approve the consent agenda.

Supported by All Present

6. Education Report

6.1 Robotics Demonstration—removed from agenda. Will be rescheduled for April 10, 2013.

6.2 Student Representative Report-none reported.

6.3 Purple Pride

- Superintendent Dooley reported that Al Almdahl was recognized at social studies teacher of the year-a very big accomplishment.
- Member Winkles reported the “Jam the Gym” event was very well attended.

6.4 WCED Update on Services Provided

Doug Millaway, Director of WCED

- Millaway reported on the West Central Education District (WCED). WCED is a service cooperative which shares expenses and services among four districts (Albany, Melrose, Paynesville and Sauk Centre).

- The WCED Group is comprised of various professionals that provide advice and collaborate for the districts. The annual budget is approximately \$2.5 million (funded by various programs and grants).
- Administrative responsibilities include Special Ed Due Process, Fiscal Management, HR, Staff Supervision, PR, Technology, Social Work and Staff Development to name a few.
- The Area Learning Center (ALC) provides educational services which include high school, middle school, interactive TV instruction, online & independent study through day school, night school and summer school.
- Millaway spoke of advantages of WCED which include: small class sizes, programs and services offered year round, more hands on approach, adjustments to individual student's learning style/needs, etc...
- Districts are billed by WCED based on usage.
- Early Childhood and Special Education are taught by teachers that will go into the homes of the student and provide support for infants, toddlers and preschool children with disabilities.
- Millaway discussed other programs and the benefits they provide to the districts within the WCED.

7. Unfinished Business

7.1 Discussion of Levy and Bond Referenda

- Board discussed an operating levy combined with building improvements needed within the district. The district's current operating levy of \$405/student will cease after the 2013-14 school year. The roll-off of this levy will cause a budget shortfall for the district for the 2014-15 school year.
- Projections were provided for increasing the operating levy to \$700/student, restructure of the current bond and a \$10 million building improvement project. The potential property tax impact was discussed by Superintendent Dooley and according to projections will impact a taxpayer with a home valued at \$150,000 less than \$100/year.
- The district is discussing needs for classroom space, auditorium, gym cafeteria space and many other projects in Albany and Avon to provide needed space for the growing district. Dooley also discussed the potential cost savings from lease payments for classroom space. The district continues to grow and current facilities are overcrowded. More staff discussion will take place and a prioritized list of needs will be provided to the board at the March 13th meeting.

7.2 Request for Proposal (RFP) for Audit Services

- Business Manager Sue Clemen discussed sending an RFP for selection of auditors on Tuesday, February 19th due March 22nd for the purpose of providing an audit of the district financial statements. Recommendations will be provided to the board at the April 10th board meeting.

8. New Business

8.1 Technology Assessment Report

- Superintendent Dooley reported on the Marco Site Assessment for the Albany School District and where the districts rates.
- Connectivity for the district for wireless is at a satisfactory level and is a solid platform.
- The phone system which includes the paging and the emergency communications could use improvement.
- Video conferencing and telecommunications is rated at a satisfactory level.

8.2 Early Graduation Requests

Motion by Gersch, seconded by Paulsen to accept the student requests for early graduation.

Supported by All Present

9. Board Committee Reports

9.1 Technology Committee Report

- Member Hansen reported on the technology committee meeting from February 6th. The content filtering system trial was discussed. This system seems to be more effective and accurate. The evaluation will continue for the 60 day trial period.
- Additional iPad purchases were discussed to enhance student learning.
- The learning management system was discussed and standards were set for consistency. The recommendation was for kindergarten thru 5th grade for Weebly (Management System) and in 6th grade and up the recommendation was for Schoology (Management System). Benefits include providing parents with a way to be more involved with the teacher in an on-line format which has the potential to positively impact on the students education.. Discussions with vendors for pricing have been done and contract presented to the board.

Motion by Winkles, seconded by Paulsen to approve the procurement of a contract with Schoology.

Supported by All Present

9.2 WCED Report

Member Winkles reported on the WCED meeting held Monday, February 11th. Winkles discussed the Beacon Program and the need to provide additional services for the 6th through 9th grade. The March WCED meeting will provide numbers in regard to the ALC and Beacon program. There will be an upcoming “due process” and “fiscal audit” performed on the district in the next month. The next WCED meeting is March 18th in Sauk Centre.

9.3 Staff Development Committee Report

Member Gersch reported on the Staff Development Meeting from February 7th. The staff expressed the need for additional technology and commented they’ve had adequate training for technology. Extensive discussion was held on Professional Learning Communities (PLC’s). Next Staff Development Meeting is March 7th.

10. Superintendent Report

- Superintendent Dooley reported the District is continuing to work with AFT to provide incentives for people to promote wellness that will provide premium relief for those who participate in the program.
- Superintendent Dooley participated in an MSBA negotiations seminar and discussed patterns in contract negotiations.
- The Affordable Care Act was discussed and Dooley commented that the impacts of the health care reform program will be extensive in 2014 and cost the district approximately \$250,000 in extra health care expenses for the district.
- The posting of the Activities Director Position will be done in February.

11. Adjournment

Agenda completed at 10:28 pm, a motion to adjourn was made by Gersch, seconded by Paulsen.

Supported by All Present

Dean Dirkes, Clerk

Steven Dooley, Superintendent