

ALBERT LEA AREA SCHOOLS
Albert Lea, Minnesota
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
5:00 p.m. – March 21, 2022
Brookside Education Center

Members present: Neal Skaar, Kim Nelson, Dave Klatt, Dennis Dieser, Angie Hoffman, Bruce Olson, and Jill Marin. Members absent: none. Student member present: none. Student member absent: Esther Yoon. Administrators present: Mike Funk. There were thirty-two community and staff members present.

The school board congratulated the Albert Lea High School girls' hockey team for their season and first state appearance. In addition, the team shared their highlights of the season and their experience playing at the Xcel Energy Center.

Nelson/Hoffman to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Nelson/Olson to approve consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0 of consent items 6.1 Appointments, Adjustments, Independent Contracts, Leaves of Absence, Resignations, Retirements, Terminations (Dieser abstained). Motion carried 7-0 of consent items 6.2 to 6.6.

Superintendent Funk's report included: start of the fourth quarter and spring sports season; high school study halls will be held in the commons or auditorium for the remainder of the school year to allow schedule flexibility; the high school will perform a spring musical; Southwest Middle School students will have an exploratory day off-site for the first time in two years, and; 7th grade students will tour the Hormel Research Facility on April 27th.

Teacher representative Kristen Seeger thanked the school board for the virtual learning days to allow for collaborative planning with colleagues, grading, and checking in with students.

Board member Hoffman reported attending a policy committee meeting. Board member Dieser reported attending a Business Education Committee meeting that discussed information on graduates' career paths after graduation, manufacturing careers, and the community business role of the committee. Board member Nelson reported attending the Business Education Committee meeting that discussed the Albert Lea Greater Education Project, the Teacher of the Year committee meeting, and the policy committee meeting. Board member Klatt reported attending the MASA Award Program celebrating Dr. Funk as 2022 Superintendent of the Year. Board member Marin reported attending a policy committee meeting and reported on the MSBA Leadership Conference workshop regarding learning gaps and credit recovery strategies. Board member Olson reported attending the state wrestling tournament and the Teacher of the Year Committee meeting. The Teacher of the Year ceremony will be held on April 6th.

Brad Lundell, Executive Director of Schools for Equity in Education, provided a legislative update on school finance and education-related bills at the capitol.

Mary Jo Dorman presented legislative revisions to Policy 613 Graduation Requirements, Policy 620 Credit for Learning, Policy 614 School District Testing Plan, and Policy 615 Testing Accommodations,

Modifications, and Exemptions reviewed by the policy committee in early March. Nelson/Klatt to approve the revisions to Policy 613, Policy 620, Policy 614, and Policy 615.

Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Chair

Attest:

Clerk