

Unapproved Minutes
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Albany Area Schools – ISD #745
District Office Board Room
February 11th, 2026

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hansen at 6pm.

2. Roll Call

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

Late: None

Absent: None

3. Public Forum

None

4. Agenda – Additions and Deletions

None

5. Approvals

5.1 Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Rueter, seconded by Sands to approve the January 07, 2026 Reorganization/Regular Meeting minutes and January 28th, 2026 Work Session minutes as presented. Supported by all present.

5.2 Cash Flow Reports

Motion by Dirkes , seconded by Henkelman to approve the October Cash Flow Reports as presented. Supported by all present.

5.3 Acceptance of Gifts and Donations

Member Ronning, introduced the Resolution Accepting Donations and moved for its adoption.

The School Board of Albany Area Schools, ISD 745, gratefully accepts the following donations as identified below:

Donor Item Designated Purpose (if any)

Michael Wensel Foundation \$1,000.00 Scholarship

Albany Chrysler Center \$5,000.00 Scholarship

Albany Elementary PTO \$300.00 CE Family Ball

Avon Area Lakes Association \$2,000.00 Scholarship

Benevity Giving Platform \$145.65 Community Education - Archery

Albany Jaycees \$2,000.00 Robotics

Avon Lions \$2,000.00 Robotics

Wells Concrete \$500.00 Supermileage

Avon CAPS \$300.00 CE Family Ball

Avon Lions \$3,000.00 MS Vex Robotics

Anonymous \$12,199.40 Drama

Albany Jaycees \$5,000.00 Gymnastics
Albany Jaycees \$2,000.00 Varsity Wrestling
Albany Jaycees \$2,500.00 Supermileage
Albany Jaycees \$500.00 Softball
Albany Jaycees \$8,000.00 Athletic Projects
Albany Jaycees \$2,000.00 School Supply Kits
Albany Jaycees \$500.00 Albany Elementary - Clothing Needs
Albany Jaycees \$500.00 Early Learning Center - Clothing Needs
Albany Jaycees \$500.00 Avon Elementary - Clothing Needs
Albany Jaycees \$2,000.00 Community Education - VEX Robotics
Albany Jaycees \$2,000.00 Community Education - Summer Recreation
Albany Jaycees \$2,000.00 Community Education - Archery
Albany Jaycees \$2,500.00 Community Education - BEAT Series
Albany Youth Basketball Association \$1,195.00 Girls/Boys Basketball Coach Buses
Huskie Booster Club \$2,000.00 Volleyball Poles
Huskie Wrestling Club \$975.00 Wrestling Singlets
Albany Lions \$2,400.00 Wrestling Warm-ups
Minnesota State High School League \$1,770.00 Athletic

Member Henkelman, seconded the resolution and upon vote being taken thereon.
The following voted in favor of: All
And the following voted against: none
Absent: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

6. Consent Agenda

Motion by Dirkes, Seconded by Ronning .

LANE CHANGE:

Stacy Meyer, MA+15 to MA+30

AESP:

Francis Klaphake- AVE, Paraprofessional

Kids Co:

Jordin Smith-AVE, Kids Co Aide

Concession Worker:

Adley Ebensteiner
Harmony Klaphake

Extracircular:

Karla Schneider- Head Swim Coach

LOA request:

Five

Extended Leave:

One

Resignations/Retirement:

Denise Engle - Albany Secondary, Building Maintenance Assistant, 1/28/2026

Dan Mensen - Albany Secondary, Building Maintenance Assistant 01/20/26

Lori Habben - Avon Elementary, 4th Grade Teacher, 06/01/2026

Tammy Moe - Albany Elementary, 2nd Grade Teacher, 06/01/2026

Dana Steve - 06/01/2026

Jannelle Rodrigue - Avon Elementary, Paraprofessional 01/31/2026

Ethan Navrail - 9th Grade Baseball Coach

Community Education:

Molly Rademacher - (3) Tech/ concert at AVE, BEAT Movie night,

Henry Granke - Tech/concert at AVE

Abby Kuhn - Ski Chaperone

Baelie Dirkes - Huskieville Open Play

Amanda Austin - Huskie Pups Volleyball

Jeanne Bruns - Choir Accompanist

Aaron Schwenzfeier - HSPL Fundamentals

Gabe St. Marie - Ski Club Chaperone

Megan Gaebel- Toddler Art

John Kleppe - BEAT, Tech Director

Jessica Ruegemer - BEAT, Transit Authority

Payroll Agreement:

Peter Stenger - Boiler check, 1/13/26

The following checks were issued in paying claims: Wire transfers and checks 112037-112238

Expenditures:

01 General Fund \$1,172,353.18

02 Food Services \$95,715.78

04 Community Services \$70,272.05

07 Debt Redemption \$2,956,421.88

Supported by all present.

7. Reports

7.1 Purple Pride

8. Business

8.1 Enrollment Report

8.2 2026-2027 District Calendar Approval

Motion to approve the 2026-2027 calendar from Reuter and seconded by Sands

8.3 District 2026-2027 Budget Reduction Framework

Motion to approve the budget cuts previously discussed at community meeting made by Dirkes and seconded by Sand.

8.4 Dave Huberty Extended Leave of Absence Request

8.4.1 Request for financial contribution during Extended Leave of Absence

Rueter made a motion to approve the 3 year leave of absence and seconded by Dirkes. A motion was made by Dirkes to decline the financial contribution for the leave and seconded by Henkeman.

9. Committee Reports

The policy committee had changes in 6-8 policies to approve at the next meeting. Staff development requested the addition of a "take a ½ day pay or a ½ day release on the day of staff development meeting". It allows more flexibility. There will also be a post for a new staff development coordinator position.

10. Superintendent Report

11. CLOSED SESSION: AFT Negotiations Strategy

11.1 Close the Meeting

Motion to close the meeting for negotiations discussion was made by Rueter at 7:15pm and seconded by Ronning

11.2 Reopen the Meeting

A motion was made by Sands to close the closed meeting at 7:54pm and seconded by Henkelman. A motion was made by Dirkes to reopen the meeting at 7:54pm and seconded by Henkelman

12. Adjournment

Agenda completed at 7:54pm. A motion to adjourn was made by Member Dirkes, seconded by Member Henkleman. Supported by all present.

Amy Sand, Clerk