

Unadopted Minutes
SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION
Albany Area Schools – ISD #745
District Office Board Room
May 27, 2026

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hansen at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

Late: None

Absent: Dirkes

3. Budget Review and Levy Discussion

Jodie Zesbaugh from Ehlers presented to the Board about the revenue generation and tax impact of a potential operating levy. The Board also heard from the finance committee about the budget forecast that projects the need for significant reduction, likely 2 million dollars. The Board asked the administration to work with Ehlers to prepare a detailed revenue and tax impact projection for a per-pupil amount that would match the state average.

4. Student School Board Representatives

Brooke Lecy, Emily Gourde, and Konnor Felling will be our Junior Student School Board Representatives for the next school year

5. Staff Development Coordinator Annual Update

Lori Young gave a review of the Staff Development committee over the last year, as well as an overview of her 3-year term. Jake Gagne will take over as the new Staff Development Coordinator next year.

6. Superintendent Transition Planning Discussion

The Interim Superintendent position is posted on EDPost and MSBA. We currently have 15 people who have inquired about the position. The Board expects to make a determination on their top candidate at the June 10th regular board meeting.

7. Legislative Update - Outcomes from 2026 Session

Board Chair, Scott Hansen, provided an overview of the legislative changes from this session.

8. Superintendent Update

Superintendent Okerlund provided a review of a few items that the administrative team has been working on since the last meeting.

7. Adjournment

Agenda completed at 7:35 p.m.

Amy Sand, Clerk