

Unadopted Minutes
SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION
Albany Area Schools – ISD #745
District Office Board Room
February 26, 2025

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

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

Late:

Absent: Sand

3. Student Representatives

Trap Shooting Gun Club Sport:

The club includes 80 students aged 7-12. Although it is not yet part of the MSHSL league, there may be interest in making it a school-sanctioned team sport in some districts. This activity is noted for its safety and growing popularity.

4. Hybrid Class Offerings in the High School

Please refer to the Hybrid FAQ section. Mr. Bubna provided an overview of the Hybrid option, explaining how it functions and that other schools also offer it. Feedback from student representatives has been positive regarding the benefits of this option.

5. Indoor Air Quality/Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Mechanical Replacement Project Discussion

Indoor Air Quality/Community Meeting Recap:

The meeting was generally positive, with some community questions and concerns addressed. A FAQ has been prepared to outline our strategy for moving forward.

Building Referendum Discussion/Needs/Above the Line:

Priorities include AVE, ALE, High School/Middle School, Pool, and addressing risks and needs related to buildings and HVAC systems. The board will revisit this discussion in March and plan to hold a vote in May. The Finance Committee will conduct further research. We also introduced Erin Noska, who brings valuable experience from prior districts, and we look forward to her contributions.

6. Strategic Planning Update

An overview of goals, initial steps, surveys, engagement sessions, board direction, process draft, recent work, next steps, timeline, and feedback.

Survey Data:

There is strong purple pride from students, staff, and community members. Engagement from listening sessions has been integrated into actionable items reflecting goals, wants, needs, and concerns.

7. School Board Policies - Second Read

7.1 504 Student Dress and Appearance

7.2 516 Student Medication

7.2.1 Controlled Medication Waste Guideline

7.3 522 Title IX Sex Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure and Process

Final reading and board approval of several policy updates are scheduled for the March meeting.

8. Annual Solar Garden Reports

An update on utility membership and the resulting cost savings.

9. Adjournment

Agenda completed at 7:59 p.m.

Tim Sands, Vice Chair