

Unadopted Minutes
SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION
Albany Area Schools – ISD #745
District Office Board Room
September 25, 2024

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kreuzer at 6 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Hansen, Sands, Rueter, Kreuzer, Sand, Dirkes, Henkelman

Late:

Absent:

3. Moment of Silence in Honor of Peter Herges

4. Student Representatives

Elise Kalla and Allison Gourde attended the meeting.

5. Community Education and Kids Company Presentation

Brad Jensen, Kids Company Coordinator, and Marie Reszel, Community Education Coordinator, presented. They shared program participation numbers for community education classes and Kids Company for the past summer. They also reviewed the successes and events from the past year as well as looked ahead at what is to come.

6. Director of Operations Update

Craig Waldvogel, Director of Operations, presented current technology updates and shared upcoming changes that will be implemented in the near future.

7. Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment Test Results Recap

Laura Roelike, Director of Teaching & Learning and ELC Principal, presented an update on Teaching & Learning and shared MCA test results. The district is above the state average in 19 of 20 categories.

8. Schools Advocating for Fair Funding

Scott Hansen gave an overview of what the significant changes going on with the organization formerly called SEE or Schools for Equity in Education. The goal remains to advocate for school funding mechanisms that more fairly distribute state funds across all districts. Currently Albany Area Schools is in the bottom 5%-10% annually for funding from the state.

9. Strategic Planning

Superintendent Okerlund shared some options for planning our next district strategic planning process. It was suggested to the Board to conduct the process this winter and to hire an outside facilitator, as is common and has been done in the past. The Superintendent will bring forward two options for the Board to review at the October work session with the goal of the Board selecting a facilitator at the November Board meeting.

10. Adjournment

Agenda completed at 8:34 p.m.