

**Unadopted Minutes**  
**SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**Albany Area Schools – ISD #745**  
**March 27, 2013**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hansen at 8:00 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Winkels, Hansen, Seiler, Gersch, Dirkes, Kreuzer, Kunstleben

Late: Absent: Paulsen

**3. Public Comment Period**

- No public comments.

**4.0 Approvals**

**4.1 AGENDA—Additions or Deletions**

- 8.5 School Calendar: Make up day for snow days.

**4.2 Previous Meeting Minutes** Motion by Winkles, seconded by Gersch to approve the prior minutes from March 13, 2013.

Supported by all present

**5. Consent Agenda**

**Long Term Substitute:** Kayla Hofstedt, Early Childhood

**Extra-Curricular:** Nancy Jo Goettl, additional musical assistant (2)

**Leave of Absence:** one

**Request for Severance:**

Richard Blenkush, per provisions of Albany Federation of Teachers 2011-2013 Master Agreement, Article VIII Section 2 and Section 3

**Resignation/Retirement:** Richard Blenkush retirement, effective May 31, 2013

Alissa Bui, resignation end of the 2012-2013 school year

Motion by Gersch, second by Kruezer to approve the consent agenda.

Supported by all present

**6. Education Report**

- none

**6.1 Student Representative Report**

- Student representative Kunstleben spoke about a student program organized by the students to recognize those who have helped the students in the district.

**6.2 Purple Pride**

-Spring/Summer Community Education Brochure/Huskie News was mailed out to all District residents on March 24, 2013. It has been available online for about 2 weeks.

-2013-14 Early Childhood Registration is Thursday, April 11.

-Seventy-four (66) registrations (Paid & SE) for Kindergarten Enrichment were taken on K/KE Registration Night.

-Knowledge Bowl qualified for the state tournament. That will take place the 2nd week of April.

-Economic Challenge won the regional competition and will compete at state. Seth Hare took 1st individually and John Elliot took 3rd.

-Robotics will compete this week at the Northstar Regional in Minneapolis.

-Spring sports are beginning to practice at this time.

-Choir received 3 superior ratings at contest. Band received 2 excellent and a superior rating.

-The Avon 5<sup>th</sup> grade, under the direction of Jeremy Willembing participated in a contest in conjunction with the Stearns County Sheriff's department, the County Attorney and ISD 742.

Students made a video that spoke to bullying in schools and took second place in the competition.

### **6.3 Transportation Report**

- Doug Konz gave a report to the board regarding transportation. Doug discussed the bus route that was dropped and reported on its effectiveness. Routes have been changed through the year and the changes have worked well. The district is budgeting for a 77 passenger bus. The current fleet is getting older with some early 1990 models in use for the district.
- Superintendent Dooley spoke to the need for buses within the district and replacing and budgeting on an annual basis for buses as opposed to replacing several in one year.

## **7. Unfinished Business**

### **7.1 Preliminary Budget Update**

- Recommended that the district lease the buses over a period of 3 years.
- Other adjustments have been made to next year's budget and there will be continued adjustments over the next few months prior to final approval of the 2013-14 budget.

### **7.2 C-CSP Negotiation Dates**

- Dates for negotiations were talked about with the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting scheduled for April 4, 2013.

### **7.3 Bond and Levy Discussions**

- Discussion took place regarding a potential bond issue. Projects are being discussed for the district and a list of needs is being finalized.
- The board discussed holding a work session on Monday, April 8.

## **8. New Business**

### **8.1 AFT Notice of Intent to Negotiate**

- Certified staff has requested a time to begin negotiations of their contract. Superintendent Dooley suggested a 7:00 pm meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup> to begin the process.

### **8.2 Resolution of Termination and Non-renewal of Teaching Contracts**

#### **RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TERMINATION AND NONRENEWAL OF THE TEACHING CONTRACTS OF:**

Kristy Yurczyk, Kalieka A Hallerman, Noah Raiche, Adam Marthaler,  
Elisa Scherer, Jody Knopp

Member Winkles entered the motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution and the resolution was duly seconded by Member Gersch and upon the vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted

Supported by all present

#### **RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO PLACE**

Laurie Hommerding, Mary Beth Drogma, Julie Kost, Nancy Trehey, Nicole Myogeto

#### **ON UNREQUESTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Member Winkles entered the motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution and the resolution was duly seconded by Member Gersch and upon the vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

Supported by all present

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Resolutions in their entirety in the name of each individual are on file in the District Office.

### **8.3 Kindergarten Round-up Update**

- Superintendent Dooley spoke of the kindergarten round-up. Initial registration for next year's kindergarten class took place on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. There are potential for 177 students and 66 students had enrolled in kindergarten enrichment at this time. It is expected that there will be increased enrollment as we close out the 2012-13 school year.
- Superintendent Dooley also spoke of a bussing schedule change for next year that will increase instructional time for Kindergarten Students and reduce the amount of time that they wait on the bus prior to their ride home (approximately ½ hour). Three kindergarten teachers will assist with the students and the transfer of students at the high school.
  - Motion by Seiler, seconded by Member Gersch to approve the amended bussing schedule for students of district 745.

Supported by all present

### **8.4 Policy 410-Background Checks**

The district observed the first reading and review of a policy on background checks.

Superintendent Dooley spoke to adopting a policy for volunteers and the issuance of a background check. The law does not require a background check, however the District will explore issuing a background check for volunteers under certain circumstances.

If the student is going to be under the exclusive direct supervision of a volunteer, the District would require a background check.

The second reading will take place at the next board meeting

### **8.5 School Calendar: Make up day for snow days.**

- Proposing to use Friday, May 31, 2013 as a make-up day for the students. The following week will make up two days on June 3 and 4 in staff development activities and have their final day on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Dirkes to amend the school calendar.

Supported by all present

## **9. Board Committee Reports**

### **9.1 Staff Development**

- Member Gersch reported on the staff development meeting which was held March 12. Scholarships were granted. March 25<sup>th</sup> staff development was also held and leadership development was discussed in the creation of leadership teams.
- Sub-committee is working on bylaw changes for staff development.
- Next meeting is Thursday, April 11.

### **9.2 Community Education Advisory Committee**

- Chair Hansen reported on the CEAC meeting held on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Lynn Jenc focused on current offerings held and what are the best times and locations for these offerings. Youth enrichment was discussed and how the district could improve the program. Gymnastics, foreign language and science projects were suggested to be researched.
- There are classes cancelled at the last minute because of small registration and that has caused some frustration.
- Next meeting will be held June 13.

### **9.3 Legislative Report**

- Chair Hansen reported on SEE's efforts to get community involvement. Albany, Rocori, Sartell and Sauk Rapids were invited to attend. Two members from Albany discussed equity in education with Jeff Howe, Paul Anderson, Michelle Fishbach among others.

- The targets have been released by leadership in the legislature. The targets at this point are higher than what had been requested by our governor with a focus on all day/every day kindergarten. The Senate shows money for education equalization as well. The House is looking to pay in dollars for education back first.
- Superintendent Dooley spoke to School For Equity in Education Director, Brad Lundell about the potential for boards having the option to extend operating levys. This will be discussed further in the legislature.

#### **9.4 WCED Report**

- Member Winkels reported on the West Central Education District meeting held on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Long term planning regarding expanding the Beacon Program was done. The plan was approved.
- ALC will add a classroom and some mid-level programming.
- Two additional teachers and one assistant are needed for the WCED.
- Personnel time was added for a social worker.
- Next meeting is scheduled for May 20.

#### **10. Superintendent Report**

- Superintendent Dooley spoke to the snow day make-up. Retirees have a potential issue with extending the teacher's school year into June. In the situation when a teacher has filed their TRA date, the teacher will use his make-up day during the Easter vacation and was specified in a memorandum of understanding for this case.

Motion by Gersch, seconded by Seiler to approve the individual teacher make up day.

Supported by all present

#### **11. Adjournment**

Agenda completed at 9:20 pm, a motion to adjourn was made by Winkels, seconded by Gersch.  
Carried Unanimously

Dean Dirkes, Clerk

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Steven Dooley, Superintendent