

Approved Minutes
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Albany Area Schools – ISD #745
District Board Room
January 24, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Winkels, Hansen, Kreuzer, McLachlan, Paulsen, Gersch

Late: Absent: Carbajal Student Representatives: Brinkman, Buerman, Panek

3.0 Public Forum - no requests

4.0 Agenda- Additions or Deletions - none

5.0 Approvals

5.1 Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Kreuzer to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2017 Regular Board Meeting with the correction of last name spelling for Hansen.

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Kreuzer to approve the minutes from the January 3, 2018 Reorganization Board Meeting. Supported by all Present

5.2 Cash Flow Report—November

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Paulsen to approve the November Cash Flow Report. Supported by all Present

6. Consent Agenda

AFT: Tracy Hieserich, from .70 FTE to .936 FTE for 2nd Quarter

AESP: Teri Kalthoff, Media Clerk/Activities Asst

Mary Klasen, from Kids Co Site Leader to Paraprofessional

Shannon Trvdik, a change to para assignment

Steve Watry, Ken Eickhoff, Leroy Ritter bus drivers

Lisa Halvorson, Paraprofessional, ALE

Breanna Osendorf, Kids Co Site Leader

Mary Williams, Paraprofessional, AVE

Tammy Marthaler, Cook's helper from Sec to ALE increase 5 to 5.5 hrs per day

Kayla Furnstahl, Paraprofessional, AVE

Julie Tschida, Cook's Helper, ALE

EXTRA CURRICULAR: Madelyn Woods, Danceline Asst Coach

Nick Thies, Track-JH

KIDS CO: Emily Olson, Zach Dinndorf, Madalyn VonWahlde, Luke Kremer, Shannon Trvdik, Katelyn Hartwig, Ashley Spanier, Nathan Wolf, Jenna Bardson, Elixix Vogel, Orlando Villareal, Makayla Bloch, Kathryn Sands, Miranda Beutz, Sara Dobmeier, Peyton Dingmann, Megan Buttweiler, Abigail Parker, Emilee Gerads, Breanna Mellesmoen, Molly Van Drehle, Carter Philippi, Vanessa Solarz, Tucker Dingmann

CE: Adam Patterson, Cathy Studer, Joan Eibensteiner, David Cofell, Ross Resley

Building Attendants for BECC--Peyton Dingmann, Madalyn VonWahlde, Megan Buttweiler, Jenna Bardson, Katelyn Hartwig, Carter Philippi, Vanessa Solarz, Sharon Navratil, Nathan Wolf, Kimberly Sullivan, Mark Klemmer, Jackie Klemmer, Tracy Hieserich, Tucker Dingmann, Lindsey Dornburg, Makayla Bloch, Gina Wege

Aquatics--Kendra Hoffarth, Jessica Dolan, Rachel Panek, Hunter Butkowski, Hannah Finkelson, Samuel Scherping, Samantha Bromenshenkel, Sara Koltes

LOA: TWO

REQUEST FOR SEVERANCE: Barb Kohorst, per ASEP Master Agreement 2016-2018

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT:

Mary Klasen, Kids Co, effective January 2, 2018

Nita Feiler, food service, effective January 12, 2018

Barb Kohorst, media, effective March 2, 2018

Charity Kauder, para, effective December 22, 2017

Casey McGuire, teacher, effective end of 17-18 school year

DONATIONS:

\$130.00 Albany Jaycees - Genius Hour R#55524

\$1031.50 Box Tops - Avon Elementary R#55524

\$488.30 Box Tops - Albany Elementary R#55524

\$30.30 Box Tops - Albany Jr High R#55524

\$1000.00 Huskie Booster Club - Scholarship R#55525

\$2500.00 Blattner Energy - Robotics R#55525

\$500.00 Mitchell Przybilla Auction Co. - Scholarship R#55526

\$6.75 Loaves for Learning - Albany Elementary R#55526

\$1500.00 Preferred Controls - Robotics R#55538

\$1500.00 Albany Jaycees - Rollerblades R#55538

\$1500.00 Heart for Sports Foundation - Scholarship R#55538

\$773.59 Avon PTA - Books, YAYA, Megaphone R#55537

\$1000.00 Joel Bauer - Speaker Donation R#55537

\$2000.00 Albany Mutual Telephone -Robotics R#55550

\$1000.00 Richard Glatzmaier - Albany Baseball Program R#55550

\$1000.00 - James Glatzmaier - Albany Baseball Program R#55550

\$2000.00 - James Glatzmaier - Delores Wellenstein Scholarship R#55551

\$500.00 - James Glatzmaier - Don Brever Scholarship R#55551

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Motion by Hansen, seconded by Gersch to approve the Consent Agenda. Supported by all Present.

7. Reports

7.1 Student Representatives

- a. Video of last meeting's recap was played
- b. Student Council: Holiday activities, Book March Madness, Snow Days, and more
- c. Sports: Shared accomplishments of Boys and Girls Basketball, Wrestling, Dance
- d. National Honor Society: Shared information of events and their upcoming projects
- e. Career Fair - Planned by Anna Panek and NHS. Held in the BECCC. 68 businesses and 87 people presented information for students.
- f. One Act Play - Subsections will be Jan 27, Family and Friends Show will be Jan 25 at 7 pm.
- g. Activities: Book Club, Math Team, Science Bowl, Mock Trial, FFA, Club REDD, e-Club, Art Club's competitions and accomplishments discussed.
- h. Speaker: Reggie Dabbs spoke to students and it was very well received.
- i. Awards:
 - AAA: Hayden Kulzer and Madison Springer
 - Leadership: Hunter Butkowski & Kallie Linn
 - SC Times 2 Under 20: Anna Panek was honored from Albany. Congratulations!
 - Middle School Students of the Month: Madison Becker, Faith Kalthoff, Joran Carlson, Cameron Smith, and Kaylin Fischer
 - Teacher Spotlight: Mrs. Schmitz, English, is thanked for her enthusiasm and fun classroom atmosphere.
- j. Surveyed the 8th Graders: If you could change anything what would it be? World Peace, Less

Poverty, and Less School Days. They were also asked who they saw as changemakers: Jackie Robinson, Rosa Parks, and Teachers.

- k. Students' Thoughts on Building Project: Feel it's taking too long, but they are excited for BECC.
- l. Their question for the Board was: "Why can we not wear hats?"

7.2 Building Project Updates - Ryan Breitbach explained the progress of the project. Hope to meet the April 21st date for completion. Budget discussed, only minor changes.

7.3 Purple Pride - Many cards! Several were read.

7.4 Enrollment Report- Mr. Johnson reviewed this report.

7.5 Minnesota School Board Association Conference - Board members summarized some of the workshops they attended at the Conference.

8. Business

8.1 Policy 620 Credit for Learning-Third Read

Motion by Paulsen, seconded by Kreuzer to approve the Policy 620 as presented.
Supported by all Present

8.2 Policy 903 Visitors to School District Buildings and Sites-Third Read

Motion by Paulsen, seconded by Gersch to approve the Policy 903 as presented.
Supported by all present

8.3 Seniority List-Second Read

Motion by Paulsen, seconded by Kreuzer to approve the Seniority List with a minor change of 2 new hires as presented
Supported by all Present

8.4 Resolution Directing Administration to Examine the Financial Conditions of the District

Member Kreuzer introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION
TO EXAMINE THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE DISTRICT
AND TO MAKE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCTIONS
IN PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS AND REASONS THEREFORE.**

* WHEREAS, the financial condition of the school district may dictate that the school board must reduce expenditures, and

WHEREAS, this reduction in expenditure and must include discontinuance of positions and discontinuance or curtailment of programs, and

WHEREAS, a determination must be made as to which teachers' contracts must be terminated and not renewed and which teachers may be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits in effecting discontinuance of positions,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 745, as follows:
That the School Board hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools and administration to consider the discontinuance of programs or positions to effectuate economies in the school district and reduce expenditures and, make recommendations to the school board for the discontinuance of programs, curtailment of programs, discontinuance of positions or curtailment of positions.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Hansen and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: all present and the following voted against the same: none whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

8.5 Special Education Funding Resolution

Member McLachlan introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Resolution to Fully Fund Special Education Services (Minnesota)

WHEREAS, local boards of education place a very high priority on ensuring that ALL students receive high quality special education programs and instruction; and

WHEREAS, in 1975 Congress enacted the Education for All Handicapped Children Act (P.L. 94-142) now known as The Individuals with Disabilities Act IDEA to: improve access to education for children with disabilities by guaranteeing a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment; assure that the rights of children with disabilities and their parents are protected; assist States and school systems to provide for the education of all children with disabilities; and to assess and assure the effectiveness of efforts to educate all children with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, when IDEA became law in 1975, the federal government promised to fund 40 percent of the additional cost of educating children with disabilities; and yet the federal government has failed to adequately fund the mandated programs and services arising under IDEA, never providing more than 15 percent of the additional cost; and

WHEREAS, sufficient federal funding for IDEA would significantly enhance the ability of local school systems to provide an excellent education for all students; and

WHEREAS, the special education cross-subsidy continues to be a major obstacle for Minnesota School Districts to grapple with, due to the growing number of students receiving special education, more specialized services and rising costs associated with those services and inadequate funding; and

WHEREAS, the state special education funding system has not kept pace with the rising cost of mandated services and supports for students with special needs; and,

WHEREAS, the cross-subsidy for school districts for FY2016 is \$679 million; a 5.6 percent increase from FY2015; and

WHEREAS, between rising need and insufficient state and federal aid, the amount of funding school districts as a whole in Minnesota will be forced to pay for special education costs will reach an average of \$815 per student in FY17;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Albany Area Schools urge the Governor and Legislature to strenuously advocate for significant increases in federal special education funding and meaningful special education reforms at the federal and state levels; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that there is an urgency the Minnesota Legislature to convene a task to work on special education funding, specifically with a focus on the impacts of the new special education funding formulas, the projected cross-subsidy and recommendations with a timeline to eliminate the cross-subsidy.

On Behalf of the Albany Area Schools Board of Directors:

Don Winkels, Board Chair

_____ Dated:

Member Paulsen seconded the motion.

Voted in favor thereof: all present.

And the following voted against the same: none

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

(Signed copy on file.)

Member Paulsen introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**Resolution to Fully Fund Special Education Services
(Federal)**

WHEREAS, local boards of education place a very high priority on ensuring that ALL students receive high quality special education programs and instruction; and

WHEREAS, in 1975 Congress enacted the Education for All Handicapped Children Act (P.L. 94-142) now known as The Individuals with Disabilities Act IDEA to: improve access to education for children with disabilities by guaranteeing a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment; assure that the rights of children with disabilities and their parents are protected; assist States and school systems to provide for the education of all children with disabilities; and to assess and assure the effectiveness of efforts to educate all children with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, when IDEA became law in 1975, the federal government promised to fund 40 percent of the additional cost of educating children with disabilities; and yet the federal government has failed to adequately fund the mandated programs and services arising under IDEA, never providing more than 15 percent of the additional cost; and

WHEREAS, sufficient federal funding for IDEA would significantly enhance the ability of local school systems to provide an excellent education for all students; and

WHEREAS, the special education cross-subsidy continues to be a major obstacle for Minnesota School Districts to grapple with, due to the growing number of students receiving special education, more specialized services and rising costs associated with those services and inadequate funding; and

WHEREAS, the state special education funding system has not kept pace with the rising cost of mandated services and supports for students with special needs; and,

WHEREAS, the cross-subsidy for Minnesota school districts for FY2016 is \$679 million; a 5.6 percent increase from FY2015; and

WHEREAS, between rising need and insufficient state and federal aid, the amount of funding school districts as a whole in Minnesota will be forced to pay for special education costs will reach an average of \$815 per student in FY17;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we urge the President and Legislature to strenuously advocate for significant increases in federal special education funding and meaningful special education reforms at the federal and state levels; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State of Minnesota calls upon the Congress of the United States to pass appropriate legislation in order to increase funding for federal special education mandates to meet the urgent financial special education needs of our cities and towns; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Senate cause a copy of this resolution to be delivered to all United States Representatives and Senators representing Minnesota in the Congress of the United States.

On Behalf of the Albany Area Schools Board of Directors:

Don Winkels, Board Chair

_____ Dated:

Member Kreuzer seconded the motion.

Voted in favor thereof: all present

And the following voted against the same: none

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

(Signed copy on file.)

8.6 School District Calendar - The calendars were shared by Supt. Johnson. Voting will be tabled until the next meeting.

9. Superintendent Report

1. JMC Student Information System - Not keeping up with our needs. Will be looking into new vendors.
2. Spot Vision Scanner - The Albany Lions' Club wants to donate equipment for additional vision testing for students.

10. Adjournment

Agenda completed at 7:10 pm, a motion to adjourn was made by Hansen, seconded by Kreuzer. Supported by all Present

Patricia Gersch, Clerk