

Minutes
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Albany Area Schools – ISD #745
April 15, 2015

1.CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Winkels at 6:10 p.m.

2.ROLL CALL

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

Student Representatives: none Late: none Absent: none

3. Agenda- Additions or Deletions

- none

4.0 Public Forum

- none

5.0 Unfinished Business

- Ballots were discussed and paper ballots were approved for the referendum.
- Polling places and election judges were discussed and it was decided to have the polling place at the Albany High School for cost savings. Absentee ballots will be provided to anyone who would like to vote and cannot cast their vote at the Albany High School.

5.05 Resolution Presented to Combine Polling Places of Independent School District No. 745, Albany Area Schools

Motion by Seiler, seconded by Gersch to combine polling places to be held at the Albany Area Secondary School (30 Forest Avenue, Albany, MN 56307).

A roll call vote was taken supported by all board members.

5.1 Facilities

- Bob Rego discussed several options and viewed different projects along with associated costs
- The board provided feedback for the project. The highest bid for the project details was at \$49 million with secondary options at \$42.3 million and \$38.8 million. The overall majority of the board was to keep the project toward the lower end of the financial package to reduce the tax impact on the District's residents.

6.1 Resolution Relating to the Issuance of Bonds and Calling a Special Election Therein for \$33,000,000 correlating with option #3 with the special election taking place on August 11, 2015.

Member _Seiler_ introduced the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE
OF BONDS AND CALLING A
SPECIAL ELECTION THEREON

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 745, Albany Area Schools, Minnesota as follows:

1. The Board hereby determines and declares that it is necessary and expedient for the School District to borrow money in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$33,000,000, and not to exceed any limitation upon the incurring of indebtedness which shall be applicable on the date or dates of the issuance of such bonds, for the purpose of providing funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including facility additions, renovations, and repairs; safety and security upgrades; technology improvements; community facilities; new buses and parking.

2. The project will be submitted for review and comment to the Commissioner of Education in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Section 123B.71. The administration is hereby authorized to take all necessary and appropriate actions in consulting with the Minnesota Department of Education and taking such other actions as necessary to comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes Section 123B.71, as amended.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause the Commissioner's Review and Comment to be published in the legal newspaper of the District at least twenty (20) but not more than sixty (60) days prior to the date of the special election as specified in paragraph 3 of this resolution.

3. The question of borrowing said funds shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District at a special election, which is hereby called and directed to be held on Tuesday, the 11th day of August, 2015, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

4. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the school district's combined polling place and the precincts served by those polling places, as established and designated by school board resolution for school district elections not held on the day of a statewide election, are hereby designated for this special election. The combined polling place for the special election will be the Albany Area Secondary School, located at 30 Forest Avenue, Albany, Minnesota.

5. The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause written notice of said special election to be provided to the county auditor of each county in which the School District is located, in whole or in part, and to the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Education at least seventy-four (74) days before the date of said election. The notice shall specify the date of said special election and title and language of each ballot question to be voted on at said special election.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said special election to be posted at the administrative offices of the School District at least ten (10) days before the date of said special election.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a sample ballot to be posted at the administrative offices of the School District at least four (4) days before the date of said special election and to cause a sample ballot to be posted in each polling place on election day. The sample ballot shall not be printed on the same color paper as the official ballot.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said special election to be published in the official newspaper of the District, for two (2) consecutive weeks with the last publication being at least one (1) week before the date of the election.

The notice of election so posted and published shall state the question to be submitted to the voters as set forth in the form of ballot below, and shall include information concerning each established precinct and polling place.

6. The clerk is authorized and directed to acquire and distribute such election

materials and to take such other actions as may be necessary for the proper conduct of this special election.

7. The clerk is further authorized and directed to cooperate with the proper election officials to cause ballots to be prepared for use at said election in substantially the following form:

SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION BALLOT
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 745
ALBANY AREA SCHOOLS

SPECIAL ELECTION
August 11, 2015

To vote, completely fill in the oval next to your choice, like this:



To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "YES" for that question.
To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "NO" for that question.

SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION

**APPROVAL OF BONDS FOR FACILITY
AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS**

- YES** Shall the School Board of Independent School District No. 745, Albany Area Schools, be authorized to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$33,000,000 to provide funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including
- NO** facility additions, renovations, and repairs; safety and security upgrades; technology improvements; community facilities; new buses and parking?

**BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A
PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.**

Optical scan ballots must be printed in black ink on white material, except that marks to be read by the automatic tabulating equipment may be printed on another color ink. The name of the precinct and machine-readable identification must be printed on each ballot. Voting instructions must be printed at the top of the ballot on each side that includes ballot information. The instructions must include an illustration of the proper mark to be used to indicate a vote.

8. If the District will be contracting to print the ballots for this special election, the

clerk is hereby authorized and directed to prepare instructions to the printer for layout of the ballot. Before a contract exceeding \$1,000 is awarded for printing ballots, the printer shall furnish, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 204D.04, a sufficient bond, letter of credit, or certified check acceptable to the clerk in an amount not less than \$1,000 conditioned on printing the ballots in conformity with the Minnesota election law and the instructions delivered. The clerk shall set the amount of the bond, letter of credit, or certified check in an amount equal to the value of the purchase.

9. The individuals designated as election judges for this special election shall conduct said election in the manner described by law. The election judges shall act as clerks of election, count the ballots cast and submit the results to the school board for canvass in the manner provided for other school district elections.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly seconded by member __Dirkes__ and upon vote being taken thereon the following voted in favor thereof:

Hansen, Dirkes, Winkels, Gersch, McLachlan, Seiler, Kreuzer

and the following voted against the same: none

whereupon said Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

6.2 Construction Management

- Bob Rego discussed the contracting of a construction manager as an advocate for the District. This is a less costly option than going with a general contractor. Rego will work with Superintendent Johnson to send out RFP's for construction management proposals.

A roll call vote was taken and supported by all board members.

7. Adjournment

Agenda completed at 8:10 pm, a motion to adjourn was made by Kreuzer, seconded by Gersch.

Carried Unanimously

Dean Dirkes, Clerk

Greg Johnson, Superintendent