

**Minutes**  
**SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**Albany Area Schools – ISD #745**  
**May 6, 2015**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Winkels at 7:00 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

Student Representatives: Silvers, Hartwig, Rieland

Late: none      Absent: none

**3. Agenda- Additions or Deletions**

- **9.6: Budget Update: Curriculum Addition**

**4.0 Public Forum**

**5.0 Approvals**

**5.1 Previous Meeting Minutes** Motion by Kreuzer , seconded by Gersch to approve the prior minutes from the April 1, 2015 regular meeting and April 15, 2015 special meeting

Carried Unanimously

**5.2 Cash Flow Report and Budget to Actual**

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Dirkes to approve the March Cash Flow Report.

Carried Unanimously

**6. Consent Agenda**

**AFT:** Stacy Meyer, Lane Change effective 15-16 BA to BA+15

Aileen Swenson, Director of Technology Integration

Catherine Lucken, Music at AVE 15-16

**LOA:** TWO

**Resignations/Retirement:** Terri Gertken, last day of work 4-25-2015

Andrew Engel, end of the 14-15 school year

Lori Catton, June 30, 2015

**Donations:**

\$ 250.00 Wally Mohs, Softball Busing, R# 51363  
100.00 Sheila Kloepfner-honor of Hannah & Jordan Dufner, Sr High, R# 51359  
20.00 Scott and Lori Neutzling, Avon Media Center R#51373  
20.00 Patricia Jungles, Avon Media Center R#51373  
1,077.86 Albany Jr High Student Council, Star Day Activities R#51410  
50.00 Anonymous, Family Outreach R#51414  
250.00 Huskie Booster Club, All Star Football Game R#51426  
250.00 Avon Lions, All Star Football Game R#51426  
153.60 in value from Viking Coca-Cola, Beverages for Athletes  
1,889.00 Albany Baseball Association, Uniforms R#51474  
203.95 Albany Baseball Association, BB Equipment

**Expenditures:**

The following checks were issued in paying claims: Wire transfers and checks 83534-83792

01 General Fund	\$733,993.27
02 Food Services	\$76,171.96
04 Community Services	\$37,850.25
08 Scholarships	\$1,000.00

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

Carried Unanimously

## **7. Education Report**

### **7.1 Student Representative Report (by Shelby Hartwig)**

- Prom was held April 18<sup>th</sup>
- The High School Musical took place on April 26, (Little Shop of Horrors). The event went well.
- 22 attended FFA Meeting in the Twin Cities last weekend.
- Spring sports are in full swing
- Kevin Lamb took 1<sup>st</sup> at the Mega Meet last weekend
- Pops Night was held May 5<sup>th</sup> (the superior )
- FFA Chapter meeting to be held on May 15<sup>th</sup>
- Ladies Letterclub trip included 14 students
- Senior Banquet will be held on May 13<sup>th</sup>

### **7.2 Purple Pride**

- Students of Excellence – April 29 (Abby Silvers, Shelby Hartwig, Joel Klein & Emily Schoenberg)
- FFA Success – Team 2nd in State & 2nd Overall Tisheena Ostendorf
- Spring Musical at AHS – Little Shop of Horrors
- Granite Ridge Visual Arts Day – 14 of 20 AHS students received High Rankings
- Grade 6-8 Band Concert on May 4
- 2 All Section in Music – Hailea Jonas & Kevin Lamb
- Taylor Fourre - WCCO Athlete of the Week
- ACT Testing went well
- Club Red Anti-Bullying at Albany Elem
- Three home runs were hit in the girls softball game on May 5<sup>th</sup>
- Junior High Band concert was well attended
- The High School Staff and Administration administered the ACT test on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **7.3 Curriculum Update**

- Steve Stromme reported on the ELA curriculum cycle and included information on the proposed adoption of new E-12 curriculum. “Wonder Works” falls under the umbrella of Reading Wonders that helps students achieve higher goals in reading achievement. The updated E-12 curriculum will cost approximately \$278,788.16 over 10 years which equates to approximately \$34/student). This includes all textbooks.
- Dana Amdahl spoke about the 7-8<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum. The new material aligns with the standards and will meet the needs of our students.

### **7.4 Secondary School Updates**

- Tim Wege reported on the building goals and Building Leadership Team. Sonya Hoffarth also reported on the Building Leadership Team. We are currently in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year and have worked to develop PLC’s. Sonja reported the PLC’s are the best staff development opportunity for our staff. There has been an increased focus on data and student achievement.
  - Goal 1: one common assessment for one course: achieved (helps teachers know where their strengths and weaknesses are)
  - Goal 2: Reading: Students and teachers are aware of students reading levels and worked to improve. One on one conference’s have been held to help improve results. Currently are relying on STAR, MCA’s and ACT’s for assessment.
  - Goals 3: Increase use of Schoology: 164,000 login’s were experienced in the past year. Teacher use has been increased.

## **8. Unfinished Business**

### **8.1 Facility Discussion**

- Construction Management RFP was discussed. It was put together by our architect, Bob Rego. 3 Proposals have been asked for, to be received by May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Winkelman, Breitbach and RA Morton are the three vendors which the district is requesting an RFP.
- Plans were discussed as to what reductions in option #1 of Rego's Review and Comment. The board unanimously agreed with this option.
- If additional funds are received, there may be options to include that the board has reduced from prior plans or lower the levy amount. This will be discussed further at the work session on May 20, 2015.

### **8.2 15-16 Calendar Revision**

- One change was proposed. The early release day has been moved to the Thursday before Spring Break to allow for work time.

Motion from Hansen, seconded by Seiler to update the 2015-16 calendar with the revision.

Carried Unanimously

### **8.3 Resolution to Place on Unrequested Leave of Absence**

Member Hansen introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION PLACING Kristy Yurczyk, Nancy Trehey, Julie Kost, and Laurie Hommerding  
ON UNREQUESTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

WHEREAS, the School Board of Independent School District No. 745 adopted a resolution proposing placement of Kristy Yurczyk, Nancy Trehey, Julie Kost, and Laurie Hommerding on unrequested leave of absence on April 1, 2015, and

WHEREAS, said written notice of the proposed placement on unrequested leave was received by Kristy Yurczyk, Nancy Trehey, Julie Kost, and Laurie Hommerding by certified mail (or personal service) and

WHEREAS, said written notice of the proposed placement on unrequested leave contained a statement setting forth the reasons for the proposed placement as well as a statement that he (she) was entitled to a hearing before the school board provided he (she) make a request in writing within fourteen days of receipt of said notice, and that if no hearing was requested within said fourteen day period it constituted acquiescence by Kristy Yurczyk, Nancy Trehey, Julie Kost, and Laurie Hommerding to the school board's proposed action, and

WHEREAS, no written request of any kind was received by the school board or superintendent of schools from Kristy Yurczyk, Nancy Trehey, Julie Kost, and Laurie Hommerding for a hearing as of \_April, 15, 20, and

WHEREAS, said failure to make written request for a hearing within fourteen days after receipt of notice of proposed placement on unrequested leave constitutes acquiescence by Kristy Yurczyk, Nancy Trehey, Julie Kost, and Laurie Hommerding to his (her) placement on unrequested leave.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 745 that Kristy Yurczyk, Nancy Trehey, Julie Kost, and Laurie Hommerding be and hereby are placed on unrequested leave of absence as a teacher of Independent School District No. 745 effective at the end of the 2014 - 2015 school year pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sec.122A.40, Subd. 11\*, without pay or fringe benefits.

The resolution was duly seconded by Member Seiler and upon the vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Hansen, Dirkes, Kruezer, Gersch, Winkels, McLachlan, Seiler  
And the following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

#### **8.4 Combined Polling Places**

- No further discussion

### **9. New Business**

#### **9.1 Building Security and School Resource Officer**

- Officers, Ozzie, Matt and Cory discussed the facility plan, the entrances and parking and traffic flow. Barriers and planters were discussed to help security and mitigate risk of damage and intrusion.
- Security systems were discussed with the possibility of additional cameras utilized by our local police to monitor facilities
- Visitor management system was discussed. Many options exist.
- Traffic flow was discussed and suggestions were made to improve the patterns
- Shatterproof glass was a suggestion to prevent injuries from strong winds
- School Resource Officer was discussed where the towns of Avon and Albany would partner with our local law enforcement to interact with students, monitor our facilities and assist the district with overall security of our schools at a cost of \$20,000/year (50% of an officer contract).  
Motion by Kreuzer, seconded by Gersch to implement a ½ time SRO to assist the schools.

#### **9.2 Alternative Delivery of Specialized Instructional Services (ADSIS)**

- Ann Schultz spoke about the grant that was written by some faculty in our district to help students advance from special education curriculum. The plan will include grants of up to \$500,000 from the state. One FTE interventionist will be added at each elementary to help our students. This position will help focus on the kids between the 10<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> percentile.
- Reading interventions will take place at the junior high level to help students with special needs.
- An additional social worker will be hired to increase student and family support in both elementary schools.

#### **9.3 Policy 603 Curriculum Development**

- 1<sup>st</sup> reading

#### **9.4 Policy 806 Crisis Management**

- 1<sup>st</sup> reading

#### **9.5 Policy 809 Naming Rights**

- 1<sup>st</sup> reading

#### **9.6: Budget Update: Curriculum Addition**

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Kreuzer to approve the ELA reading curriculum and ADSIS program contingent upon MDE approving the ADSIS Grant.

Carried Unanimously

### **10. Board Committee Reports**

Minutes attached to Board Book

#### **10.1 Staff Development Committee**

#### **10.2 World's Best Work Force**

#### **10.3 District Technology Team**

#### **10.4 School Board Facility Committee**

#### **10.5 School Board Policy Committee**

#### **10.6 Meet and Confer-AFT**

### **11. Superintendent's Report**

**11.1 Hiring Updates:** Director of Technology and Integration, Aileen Swenson has been hired.

Sue Jenkins from the Rocori School District has been hired as the new Avon Elementary Principal. There were 40 applicants for this position.

**11.2 Referendum:** There is a kickoff to our referendum campaign scheduled for May 14. We will be sending information home to our parents prior to the end of the school year.

**11.3 Early Childhood:** Cassie updated the group on classroom space. All sections were full with 12 on a waiting list. Additional alternatives were found to take on the additional students previously on the waiting list. Being requested is added space at the early childhood center amounting to an additional an additional classroom at St. Benedicts and an increase in the lease levy. The board has given support to this option and permission has been given to amend the current lease contract with St. Bens.

**11.4 Bids for Bus Maintenance:**

Motion by Seiler, seconded by Gersch to approve the bid for bus maintenance to Ramler Trucking and Trailer Repair.

**12. Adjournment**

Agenda completed at 9:32 pm, a motion to adjourn was made by Hansen, seconded by Seiler.

Carried Unanimously

Dean Dirkes, Clerk

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Greg Johnson, Superintendent