

Unadopted Minutes
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Albany Area Schools – ISD #745
November 4, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Winkels, Gersch, Dirkes, Kreuzer, McLachlan, Seiler Late: none Absent: Hansen

3.0 Public Forum

4.0 Agenda- Additions or Deletions

- 7.2 Student Representative Report

5.0 Approvals

5.1 Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Gersch, second by Dirkes to amend the September 23, 2015 Consent Agenda. The donation for the Don and Stella Beuning Scholarship is \$ 20,000.00 not \$ 2,000.00

Supported by all present

5.2 September Cash Flow Report

Motion by Gersch, second by Dirkes to approve the September Cash Flow

6. Consent Agenda

AFT: Anne Anfinson, Math Team Advisor (shared)
Learning Adventures Avon (all returning) Jody Abraham, Crystal Schlosser, Mike Falcon,
Stephanie Barthel

AESP: Amanda Leyk, Para Avon Elementary
Debra Solarz, addl hrs to Para per student needs
Dianne Binsfeld, added shift differential, schedule change
Kristen Herdering, Long Term Substitute Avon Elementary
Kristen Herdering, Para at Avon Elementary (new position)
Marlene Ramacher, Para at Albany Elementary (new position)
Gina Burg, Para at Avon Elementary (new position)

Community Education: Anders Amdahl, Michelle Parker

Kids Company: Marci Rich, Site Leader Avon Elementary

Susan Lemke, Kate Sorenson, Kelly O'Roark, Kimberly Hartung, Brooke Tabatt, Mariah Bardson, Paige Springer

LOA: one

Resignations/Retirement: Rebecca Kunstleben, last day November 10, 2015

Donations:

\$250.00	Susan Wengler – Roman P. Wengler Scholarship	R# 52313
\$500.00	Wells Concrete – ECFE Pumpkin Festival	R# 52332
\$3,053.00	Friends and Family of Leo Kohorst – Leo Kohorst Scholarship	R# 52356 & 52397
\$1,408.50	Avon PTA-Author Visit	R# 52411
\$500.00	Dance Booster Club – Dance Uniforms	R# 52424

Expenditures:

The following checks were issued in paying claims: Wire transfers and checks 84943-85174

01	General Fund	\$882,877.91
02	Food Services	\$86,612.86
04	Community Services	\$35,740.02

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

Supported by all present

7. Reports

7.1 Purple Pride

- Football ended a successful season. The team received the gold academic award.
- The cross country team received both the gold and silver academic award.
- 2 students headed to state in Cross Country
- Swimming has a section meet starting Thursday
- The fall play begins the 20th of November

- The volleyball season is continuing in the playoffs
- Winter sports are beginning
- Al Amdahl is being recognized as the Economics Teacher of the Year.
- Congratulations go out to Kallie Linn as she was appointed to the Youth Services Task Force for 2015-2016 by the Stearns County Human Services Advisory Committee.
- Beginning implementation of Purple Pride Cards as a means to recognize, staff, students, and others. Several staff members were recognized for individual accomplishments by the board.

7.2 Student Representative Report by Savannah Studinski

- The high school hosted a “haunted house” and collected over \$885 for the Cancer Society.
- NHS collecting non-perishable items for those families in need.
- Captains and Leaders are working on a Purple Pride theme
- The question was asked if the Senior High Parking lot will be repainted. Yes!

7.3 Secondary School Counselors

Amy Olson and Jessica Savolainen presented information about the Albany School Counseling Program.

- Students in grades 7-12 are the area of focus. Formerly this position was categorized as “guidance counselors”.
- Academic support is a focus as well as alternative learning such as night and summer school.
- Career support as well as counseling is a part of the program, as is Credit/Graduation Planning.
- This position also administers and supports the various assessment testing.
- Parent involvement is taking place as a part of a parent survey of these students as well as information provided to the district residents via the District website and in individual meetings with parents.

8. Business

8.1 Approval of 14-15 Audited Financial Statements

A representative from Schlenner, Wenner & Co. (Jon Archer) presented the audit results to the District. In a detailed explanation of the results, the auditors found that revenues were slightly above the budgeted amount and expenses were slightly below the budgeted amount - positives for the District. Overall the District has approximately a \$3 million reserve. Overall results of the audit were positive with a couple of findings on internal controls which are consistent with most small school districts.

Motion by Gersch, second by Seiler to approve the Audit as presented.

8.2 SunEdison

- Kristina from Sun Edison presented to the District. Regulatory changes were discussed as well as economic impact in regard to the solar garden program. There is a cap of 5 in the number of gardens that can be submitted to the program. There has been a lot of interest in the program but there were limitations to the amount of subscriptions available. There is a \$.01/kilowatt hour savings (on the bill-credit rate) based on our historical usage, saving the district approximately \$33,000/year and then adjusting annually for inflation. There are other districts interested in this and there are a limited number of solar gardens available so District action should take place soon if interested in moving forward.

Motion by Seiler, second by Gersch to approve the contract with Sun Edison and to move forward with the solar garden project.

Supported by all present

8.3 Approve Fundraisers

Motion by Dirkes, second by Kreuzer to approve the fundraisers for 15-16 school year as presented.

Supported by all present

8.4 World's Best Work Force

- Per legislation, the District is required to post a Schools Best Work Force Report. The District Advisory Committee was identified. Meetings were discussed. Many positives have been taken from these meetings with identifiable goals in student achievement reported.

Motion by Gersch, second by Seiler to approve the World's Best Workforce Summary.

Supported by all present

8.5 MSHSL Resolution for Scholarships

Resolution of School Board Supporting Form A Application to MSHSL

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State High School League Foundation was formed to provide support for Minnesota's high school youth to participate in athletics and fine arts;

WHEREAS, the District 745 School Board recognizes the value of students participation in extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, the MSHSL Foundation is offering grants and funding to assist school districts in recognizing, promoting, and funding extracurricular participation by high school students in athletic and fine arts programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albany Area Schools School Board supports the District's application to the Minnesota State High School League Foundation for a FORM A grant to offset student activity fees.

Motion by Seiler to approve the Resolution of School Board Supporting Form A Application to MSHSL, second by Gersch.

Supported by all present

8.6 Policy-Early Entrance to Kindergarten

- Six sample policies are being reviewed. Recommendation will be brought forward at a future meeting.

8.7 Work Session Agenda for November 18, 2015

- Agenda items
 - Communications Plan Discussion for the District with a menu of services that can be provided by a communications consultant.
 - Facility Updates
 - Naming rights policy
 - 2016 School board meeting dates recommendation

9. Committee Reports/Minutes

Minutes available will be attached to Board Book

9.1 SEE Regional Meeting

9.2 Health and Safety Meeting

10. Superintendent's Report

10.1 Facility Project: discussion took place on how a "secured entrance" should be developed as well as how to handle storm water. MN Dot will meet with Superintendent Johnson about the project that will take place in 2017 on US Highway 238.

10.2 MSBA Leadership Conference: This conference takes place on January 14 and 15th for the MSBA conference.

10.3 Johnson Controls: There has been a report given from Johnson Controls regarding the preventive maintenance and assured performance numbers. There have been some improvements however the benefits are short of the initial budgeted benefits.

11. Adjournment

Agenda completed at 9:19 pm, a motion to adjourn was made by Kreuzer, seconded by Dirkes.

Supported by all present

Dean Dirkes, Clerk

Greg Johnson, Superintendent

