

Approved Minutes  
SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION  
Albany Area Schools – ISD #745  
District Board Room  
September 25, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Winkels, Kreuzer, Carbajal, Paulsen, Hansen, Sand, Pennie

Absent: None

Student Representatives: N/A

3. ICS CONSULTING UPDATE

Mr. Johnson has been working closely with Pat Overom - ICS Consulting. Mr. Overom reviewed his intended scope to address some of the future space concerns for Albany Area Schools.

He has met with Early Childhood, Kindergarten, and Administration. He has also reviewed both the hospital space (taking a tour) and the interstate property. The intent of discussions as we move forward would be to walk the board through the process, identify pros/cons, and develop a framework while carefully weighing the education, financial, and political acceptance. The board discussed some of their preconceptions from the community, their philosophies of scope, and theoretical approaches to solutions.

Potential solutions will be bracketed into three categories: Short term 0-2 years, Mid-term 3-6 years, and Long term 6-10-plus years.

Several ideas were reviewed and discussed along with public perception, transportation, and ensuring a high quality educational environment. Some fiscal/funding considerations were also discussed.

Next steps include refining solutions/developing options. Mr. Overom will meet with elementary staff to get more input, and thereafter, meet as a board committee to narrow the scope of options. When narrowed, the framework, pros/cons, and details will be shared with the entire board to finalize a plan for the district. Considering a community survey may be appropriate at this time.

4. FACILITIES/SPACE

Mr. Johnson discussed the potential of rolling in larger deferred maintenance projects including roofs and parking lots into a project vs LTFM and giving consideration to all funding mechanisms. Also, we cannot lose sight of the operating needs of the district as we currently rank 281 out of 331 schools in general education revenue.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Agenda completed at 7:17pm.

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Matt Kreuzer, Clerk