

Approved Minutes  
SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION  
Albany Area Schools – ISD #745  
Blattner Energy Arts Theatre  
August 26, 2020

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

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

Absent:

3. School Reopening Plans

Mr. Johnson reviewed the plans for reopening schools as well as the discussion and recommendations from the incident command team. This was communicated with families last Friday by Mr. Johnson and the District. New numbers will be released tomorrow. There is some concern based on insight on data, which numbers could trend in the direction to put AAS back in the hybrid model for 6-12. The incident command team and Mr. Johnson will continue to monitor trends and keep the board abreast of changes and recommendations. This will also impact the academic calendar as well as a MOU with the teacher's union because of the revisions/scheduling accommodations being made. Numbers were reviewed of family decisions surrounding student enrollment: 53 students have opted into distance learning, and 36 students have elected to homeschool.

4. Facilities

Long Term Facility Maintenance projects are coming along nicely, with Albany & Avon Elementary roofing finished except flashing and work continues at the secondary school. The Albany playground is nearly finished up. The scoreboard has been installed, with only the top portion remaining. New wrestling pads have arrived. The elementary school parking lots have been fully finished, with some extra asphalt being laid within the district. Sound panels at the elementary schools are nearly completed. The track is nearly finished, and ready to paint, pending weather cooperation. The board discussed the early stages of discussions with CHI on site of the former hospital and clinic. There have been some discussions on a partnership between the school and CHI to put this site to use. This is very early in the discussion process. The board also discussed ensuring transparency with the public and stakeholders in the district. No formal agreements have been made as the groups are working together to see if the needs of the district could be met within budgetary constraints. The board and administration team will work to ensure we receive feedback from stakeholders and if there is traction with the plan on both ends, encouraging community feedback and transparency through communications/meetings.

5. Adjournment

Agenda completed at 7:18 pm.

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Matt Kreuzer, Clerk