

Approved Minutes
SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION
Albany Area Schools – ISD #745
Teleconference- District Office
December 2, 2020

1. Call to order

Mr. Winkels called the meeting to order at 6:02PM

2. Roll Call

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

Absent: None

Student Representatives: None

3. Facilities

Mr. Johnson provided an overview on Elementary space constraints because of enrollment growth, enhanced PK/4-year old offerings and popularity of the program, coupled with the district's commitment to keeping small class sizes. Early discussions were undertaken this week by the Finance Committee, Mr. Johnson and a local developer. If there is traction with these ideas, the district will work on identifying the costs and engaging the Finance Committee before bringing back to the board to discuss.

4. Safe Schools Learning Plan

Mr. Johnson acknowledged that by-and-large we want children back in school. Challenges continue to face the district to change into a less-restrictive learning model, as numbers both at the county and school district level are high, the Governor's new more restrictive executive order, and gaining approval from the state to change models. The school will not gain state approval to open up schools in December. The board reviewed numbers, listened to administrators and engaged in discussion surrounding their wishes to bring children back to school. The incident command team meets tomorrow, and new data will be available. Plans were discussed to bring students back in various dates in January as well as phasing in different grade levels, with a preference to earlier in the month. This will be revisited at the next Board meeting in a week.

5. Adjournment

Agenda completed at 7:15 pm.

Matt Kreuzer, Clerk