

Approved Minutes
SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION
Albany Area Schools – ISD #745
District Office Board Room
April 28, 2021

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

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

Absent: None

3. Europe Trip

Mr. Thelen presented a proposal for the Europe Trip which is tentatively planned for February 2022 to Greece and Rome. The trip is supported by the board considering guidance from the CDC and MDE.

4. Enrollment Projections 2021-22

Mr. Johnson gave an update on current and future enrollment numbers, anticipating a decrease in 2021-2022 Kindergarten enrollment with an increase the following year. Space is still an issue at both elementary schools and will need to be addressed in the future.

5. American Rescue Plan

The board discussed the allocation of Esser funds, including summer school, interventionists, professional development, elementary full-time substitute, keeping class sizes down and a variety of other needed areas.

6. 2021-22 School Year Calendar

The board reviewed pros and cons of At-Home Learning Days versus Early Out Days on the calendar and the importance of professional development days.

7. Committed Fund Balance

The board had a conversation on the Committed Fund Balance and the option to commit funds directly slated to curriculum, transportation and technology budgets.

8. Adjournment

Agenda completed at 7:48 pm.

Lynn Pennie, Clerk