

Approved Minutes  
REORGANIZATION/REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
Albany Area Schools – ISD #745  
District Office Board Room  
January 5, 2022

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

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

Late: Hansen                      Absent:

Student Representatives: Boeckermann, Merdan, Odenthal

3. Agenda- Additions or Deletions

3.1 9.10 School Board Policy 491 Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination or Testing and Face Coverings

3.2 9.11 Europe Trip

4. Organization of 2022 Board of Education

4.1 Elections of Officers

4.1.1 Chairperson

Carbajal nominated Winkels as Chair for 2022.

No further nominations were made, nominations closed and cast as unanimous ballot for Winkels.

4.1.2 Vice-Chairperson

Carbajal nominated Hansen as Vice-Chair for 2022.

No further nominations were made, nominations closed and cast as unanimous ballot for Hansen.

4.1.3 Clerk

Carbajal nominated Pennie as Clerk for 2022.

No further nominations were made, nominations closed and cast as unanimous ballot for Pennie.

4.1.4 Treasurer

Carbajal nominated Sands as Treasurer for 2022.

No further nominations were made, nominations closed and cast as unanimous ballot for Sands.

4.2 Establish Remuneration of Board Members

Motion by Carbajal, seconded by Kreuzer, to set annual board compensation as indicated below:

Payment for all meetings (Regular, Special, Committee) \$50.00 per meeting

Chair	\$350.00
Clerk	300.00
Treasurer	200.00
Workshops/Conferences/half-day or less	50.00
Full day	100.00

Vote For: All Present    Vote Against: None

#### 4.3 Establish Board Meeting Dates

Motion by Carbajal, seconded by Kreuzer, to hold Board meetings for 2022 on the second Wednesday of the month and, fourth Wednesday of the month for work sessions or special meetings when necessary unless changed by the School Board for good and sufficient reason. The time of each regular meeting shall be 6:00 p.m. and the time for each work session shall be 6:00 p.m.

Vote For: All Present      Vote Against: None

#### 4.4 Authorize Bank Depositories

Motion by Carbajal, seconded by Sand, to authorize the following bank depositories:

- Stearns Bank
- Central Minnesota Credit Union – Albany Branch
- American Heritage Bank
- Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus (MSDLAF+)
- PMA Financial Network “MN Trust”

Abstain: Kreuzer

Vote For: Hansen, Sand, Winkels, Sands, Pennie, Carbajal      Vote Against: None

#### 4.5 Authorize Official Signatures

Motion by Carbajal, seconded by Kreuzer, to keep temporary signatures as is until new signatures are ready. New signatures will include – Winkels-Chair, Pennie-Clerk, Sands -Treasurer, Johnson-Superintendent, Clemen-Business Manager.

Vote For All: Present      Vote Against: None

#### 4.6 Select Official Newspaper

Motion by Carbajal, seconded by Sand, to have The Star Post as the Official Newspaper.

Vote For All: Present      Vote Against: None

#### 4.7 Select School District Attorney and Identify Who May Contact Attorney on Behalf of the District

Motion by Carbajal, seconded by Sand, to retain the firm Pemberton Law as legal counsel for the District and designate the Board Chair the Superintendent as district representatives who may contact legal counsel when it is in the best interest of the district.

Vote For All: Present      Vote Against: None

#### 4.8 Select School District Auditor

Motion by Carbajal, seconded by Kreuzer, to continue with the firm of Schlenner-Wenner for audit services.

Abstain: Winkels

Vote For All: Sand, Sands, Carbajal, Hansen, Kreuzer, Pennie      Vote Against: None

#### 4.9 Authorize Business Manager and Superintendent to Invest Excess Funds

Motion by Carbajal, seconded by Kreuzer, to authorize the business manager and superintendent to invest excess funds.

Vote For All: Present      Vote Against: None

#### 4.10 Authorize Business Manager and Superintendent to Make Electronic Fund Transfers

Motion by Carbajal, seconded by Kreuzer, to authorize the business manager and superintendent to make electronic fund transfers.

Vote For All: Present

Vote Against: None

#### 4.11 Authorize Superintendent to Expend Funds Within Budget Guidelines

Motion by Carbajal, seconded by Kreuzer, to authorize the superintendent to expend funds within budget guidelines.

Vote For All: Present

Vote Against: None

#### 4.12 Appoint Board Committee Members

4.12.1 Finance & Facilities

4.12.2 Teaching & Learning

4.12.3 Policy & Student Functions

4.12.4 Community Engagements

4.12.5 Human Resources

4.12.6 Minnesota State High School League

4.12.7 West Central Education District

4.12.8 Central Minnesota Educational Telecommunications System (CMETS)

4.12.9 Stearns County Collaborative

#### 5. Public Forum

#### 6. Approvals

##### 6.1 Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Carbajal, seconded by Kreuzer, to approve the December 8, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes and the December 22, 2021 Work Session minutes. Supported by all present.

##### 6.2 Cash Flow Reports - November 2021

Motion by Carbajal, seconded by Hansen, to approve the November 2021 Cash Flow Reports as presented. Supported by all present.

##### 6.3 Acceptance of Gifts and Donations

Member Carbajal introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

#### **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 123B.02, Sub. 6 provides: "The board may receive, for the benefit of the district, bequests, donations, or gifts for any proper purpose and apply the same to the purpose designated. In that behalf, the board may act as trustee of any trust created for the benefit of the district, or the benefit of pupils thereof, including trusts created to provide pupils of the district with advanced education after completion of high school, in the advancement of education."; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 465.03 provides: "Any city, county, school district or town may accept a grant or devise of real or personal property and maintain such property for the benefit of its citizens in accordance with the terms prescribed by the donor. Nothing herein shall authorize such acceptance or use for religious or sectarian purposes. Every such acceptance shall be by resolution of the governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members, expressing such terms in full." and

WHEREAS, every such acceptance shall be by resolution of the governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members, expressing such terms in full;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Albany Area Schools, ISD 745, gratefully accepts the following donations as identified below:

<b>Donor</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Designated Purpose (if any)</b>
Stearns Electric Association	\$200 Donation	Supermileage
Anonymous	\$50 Donation	Family Outreach
Anonymous/Community Giving	\$10,000 Donation	Theater/Drama
Albany Jaycees	\$1,000 Donation	BECC
Fischer's Club	\$60 Donation	Theater/Drama
Albany Jaycees	\$500 Donation	Softball Press Box
Albany Jaycees	\$2,000 Donation	Athletic Streaming Service
Albany Jaycees	\$1,000 Donation	Defibrillator Batteries
Albany Jaycees	\$1,000 Donation	Greenhouse Supplies
Albany Jaycees	\$10,000 Donation	Trap Team
Albany Jaycees	\$2,500 Donation	Book Lovers United
Albany Jaycees	\$2,000 Donation	High School Science Dept
Albany Jaycees	\$1,000 Donation	Bowling - Phy Ed
Albany Jaycees	\$3,000 Donation	Supermileage
St. Cloud Optimist Club	\$1,000 Donation	Scholarship

Member Kreuzer seconded the foregoing resolution and upon vote being taken thereon, the

Following voted in favor of: All Present

And the following voted against: None

Absent: None

Where upon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

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## 7. Consent Agenda

### AFT:

Caroline LaFave - LTS AVE Preschool

### AFT Teacher Genius Hour:

Maria Winkels

### LOA: Four

### Coaching/Advisors:

John Kleppe - One Act Play Director

### Community Education:

Andrew Peterson - Voice Lessons

Carrie Schmitz - MS Knowledge Bowl

The following checks were issued in paying claims: Wire transfers and checks 101536-101713

### Expenditures:

01 General Fund	\$1,235,454.09
02 Food Services	\$71,032.99
04 Community Services	\$51,251.97
06 Building Construction	\$11,501.00

Motion by Carbajal, seconded by Kreuzer to approve the January 2022 Consent Agenda. Supported by all present.

## 8. Reports

### 8.1 Student Representatives

The student representatives gave an update on recent arts & athletic events (basketball, dance, wrestling, theatre, mock trial, speech, band and choir). Merdan gave a presentation on the recent high school student survey she led, which included input from 261 students. The survey included information on desired classes, time spent on homework, learning motivators and college preparedness.

### 8.2 Purple Pride

Board members read Purple Pride awards highlighting teachers and staff for their accomplishments.

### 8.3 Technology Update

Craig Waldvogel gave a presentation on the Emergency Connectivity Funds and gave an overall description of the fund and the application process. Craig led the application process and the district was awarded the grant. The grant awarded necessary funds to help pay for technology items such as 500 new student Chromebooks, 300 new student iPads, 100 Hot Spots and updated teacher and front of the classroom devices.

## 9. Business

### 9.1 Enrollment Report

Superintendent Johnson reported that enrollment numbers remain consistent.

### 9.2 2022-23 School District Calendar

Decision was made to wait until the February meeting to approve the 2022-23 School District calendar. Supported by all present.

### 9.3 Resolution to Limit the Enrollment of Nonresident Pupils

Member Carbajal introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

#### **RESOLUTION TO LIMIT THE ENROLLMENT OF NONRESIDENT PUPILS**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 124D.03, Subd. 2, Limited enrollment of nonresident pupils, gives school boards the authority to limit, by resolution, the number of nonresident pupils in its schools or programs and the limit must not be less than the lesser of: 1) one percent of the total enrollment at each grade level in the district; or 2) the number of district residents at that grade level enrolled in a nonresident district; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 124D.03, Subd. 6, Basis for decisions, requires the school board to adopt, by resolution, specific standards for rejection of an enrollment application of a nonresident pupil and this standard may include the capacity of a program (excluding special education services), class, or school building; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Independent School District No. 745 has determined a limit of nonresident pupil enrollments is necessary because of capacity constraints in the programs, classes, or buildings of Independent School District No. 745;

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 745 that the following limits per building be put in place beginning July 1, 2022 for the 2022-2023 school year; and school district administration will provide the required reporting to the Minnesota Commissioner of Education as required by statute.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Sand and, upon vote being taken thereon,

the following voted in favor thereof: All Present

and the following voted against the same: None

absent: None

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted on January 5, 2022

### 9.4 Resolution Directing the Administration to Examine the Financial Condition of the District

Member Hansen introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

#### **RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO EXAMINE THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE DISTRICT AND TO MAKE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCTIONS IN PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS AND REASONS THEREFORE.**

\* WHEREAS, the financial condition of the school district may dictate that the school board must

reduce expenditures, and

WHEREAS, this reduction in expenditure and must include discontinuance of positions and discontinuance or curtailment of programs, and

WHEREAS, a determination must be made as to which teachers' contracts must be terminated and not renewed and which teachers may be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits in effecting discontinuance of positions,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 745, as follows:

That the School Board hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools and administration to consider the discontinuance of programs or positions to effectuate economies in the school district and reduce expenditures and, make recommendations to the school board for the discontinuance of programs, curtailment of programs, discontinuance of positions or curtailment of positions.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Carbajal and upon vote being taken thereon, the following

voted in favor thereof: All Present

and the following voted against the same: None

absent: None

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

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#### 9.5 Resolution in Support of the Congressional IDEA Full Funding Act

Member Hansen introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

#### **Resolution in Support of the Congressional IDEA Full Funding Act**

WHEREAS, the Albany Area Schools District recognizes the need for a strong investment in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA); and

WHEREAS, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act was first enacted in 1975 to help ensure that all students with disabilities will have access to a free appropriate public education and IDEA's enactment more than 45 years ago, the current federal investment in IDEA is less than 14 percent; and

WHEREAS, with the enactment of IDEA, the United States Congress committed to fund up to 40 percent of the additional cost of special education, thereby promising to provide up to 40 percent of the national average per pupil expenditure, which is currently estimated at \$13,828 by the U.S. Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, our nation's school districts face an increased demand for greater resources to fulfill the needs of students under IDEA, including those for students affected by multiple disabilities whose individual education plans require more resources; and

WHEREAS, with each increase in the IDEA child count, the Albany Area Schools Board of Education and others throughout the country continue to adjust their budgets to accommodate this increased need and ensure that each child educated through IDEA receives the appropriate supports, with some school districts dedicating forty percent or more of their general education budgets to special education services; and,

WHEREAS, the Albany Area Schools District has a \$1,432,062 cross-subsidy for FY 20., which is a one part of the statewide cross-subsidy that was more than \$673 million in FY 20, and is expected to grow to \$806 million in FY 25.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albany Area Schools Board of Education supports the IDEA Full Funding Act that will help strengthen the federal investment in special education by authorizing a ten-year plan to fully fund the federal share of IDEA; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albany Area Schools Board of Education urges Congress' strong bipartisan support for and passage of the IDEA Full Funding Act; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Albany Area Schools Board of Education remains committed to providing students with disabilities and their families the supports they need.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Carbajal and upon vote being thereon, the following

voted in favor there of: All Present

and the following voted against: None

absent: None

Where upon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

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#### 9.6 Facility Updates

Superintendent Johnson reported that the purchase agreement has been extended with Sand Companies and CHI. The Facility Task Force will be gathering to discuss how best to engage the business community in the facility plans. The Community Meeting to discuss the hospital site as an option for PreK and Kindergarten has been moved to January 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the BEAT.

#### 9.7 Community Meeting Planning

Superintendent Johnson presented a preliminary outline of the January 26<sup>th</sup> Community Meeting.

#### 9.8 School Board Policies – Third Read

##### 9.8.1 Policy 701 Establishment and Adoption of School District Budget

##### 9.8.2 Policy 703 Annual Audit

##### 9.8.3 Policy 706 Acceptance of Gifts

##### 9.8.4 Policy 710 Extracurricular Transportation

##### 9.8.5 Policy 712 Video Surveillance Other Than on Buses

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Kreuzer to approve the above school board policies. Supported by all present.



## 9.9 School Board Policy – Second Read

### 9.9.1 Policy 208 Development, Adoption, and Implementation of Policies

### 9.10 School Board Policy 491 Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination or Testing and Face Coverings

Superintendent Johnson discussed the recommendation from MSBA to approve a policy to be in compliance with the federal and state mandate pertaining to employers with 100+ employees and Mandatory Vaccination or Testing and Face Coverings. Motion by Hansen, seconded by Sands to approve this policy contingent upon the Supreme Court ruling on January 7, 2022. Resolution passed.

In Favor: Carbajal, Hansen, Pennie, Sand, Sands                      Opposed: Kreuzer, Winkels

### 9.11 Europe Trip

The board discussed the student trip to Europe in February and the concerns regarding travel to Europe, safety, COVID and district liability.

## 10. Committee Reports

### 11. Superintendent Report

There is currently a bus driver shortage and with the possible ruling regarding vaccinations/masking, there are additional concerns about future transportation issues.

Superintendent Johnson gave an update on the future soccer program and reported that Jason Thelen formed a soccer booster board. The team is looking at options to compete at a JV level in the fall, possibly 8-12 competitions.

The MSBA Leadership conference is next week and will be attended by all school board members and Superintendent Johnson.

### 12. Adjournment

Agenda completed at 8:07pm, a motion to adjourn was made by Kreuzer, seconded by Hansen.

Supported by all Present

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Lynn Pennie, Clerk