

Approved Minutes
SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION
Albany Area Schools – ISD #745
District Office Board Room
February 22, 2023

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Present: Kreuzer, Hansen, Sand, Sands, Carbajal, Dirkes, Rueter

Absent: None

Student Representatives: Absent

3. Student Representatives

The Student Representatives did not attend due to the weather.

4. Boys Soccer

A parent group presented a request to offer Boys' Soccer as a school sport starting the 2023-24 school year.

5. Avon Elementary Presentation

Avon Elementary interventionists and social workers joined Mr. Mielke in a virtual presentation. They shared information about the intervention and SEL programs at Avon. There are currently 168 students who receive Tier 2-3 intervention services. They also gave an update on flood damage in the building. The group shared the PTA has received approximately \$45,000 in donations for the addition of inclusive equipment for the playground.

6. Transportation Purchase Discussion

The Board was made aware of the intent of the administration to order our annual bus and van purchase early in order to ensure we are able to acquire the necessary equipment. The board was also advised of the need to adjust our purchase schedule in the coming years to make up for the disruption to the regular purchase and retirement cycle of transportation equipment due to Covid supply chain issues and demand changes.

7. Budgeting Forecast

A basic overview of the current and projected budget situations was shared with the Board. While the district has been deficit spending throughout the Pandemic years, there was discussion of a structured plan in the coming year(s) to reduce expenditures and/or increase revenues in order to achieve a balanced budget. The Board was asked to reflect on the information provided and come to the March 8th meeting prepared to give the administration direction on the preferred target for the 2023-2024 budgeting goals.

8. Adjournment

Agenda completed at 8:11 p.m.

Amy Sand, Clerk