

Approved Minutes  
SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION  
Albany Area Schools – ISD #745  
District Office Board Room  
September 27, 2023

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Present: Kreuzer, Hansen, Carbajal, Sands, Dirkes

Late: None

Absent: Sand, Rueter

3. Student Representatives

The student representatives introduced themselves, shared some information about themselves, what they like about Albany, and something they'd like to focus on as a student representative on the board.

4. Technology Update

- Emergency Connectivity Funding is available through the state for those that apply.
  - For Round 1, Albany applied for funding for iPads, MacBooks, Hotspots, and Chromebooks and was awarded \$300,702.24.
  - For Round 2, Albany applied for funding to purchase iPads and Chromebooks and was awarded \$24,000.
  - For Round 3, Albany applied for funding to purchase additional Chromebooks and was awarded funding of \$130,944.
- Phone System
  - Currently using managed services through AlbanyTel.
  - Continuing discussions around options to reduce our costs for the phone system.
  - Considering a change to a cloud-managed phone system from 3CX which would require a one-time up-front cost to purchase new phones but in the long term would save the district between \$12-14K per year and the cost savings would pay for the one-time costs in less than a year.
- Overview of E-Rate reimbursement
- Technology updates completed to date; updates planned for the future
- Overview of tech support ticket counts year-to-year

5. Transportation Update

Support of the Transportation Department through ticketing. Craig Waldvogel, Amanda Grabmeier, and Aubrey O'Malley have done a lot of work to support the changes and work of the transportation department.

6. Teaching and Learning Update

Laura Roelike, Director of Teaching & Learning, took the board through a review of MCA testing results from last year. She also took the board through an overview of the READ Act and how that impacts our district.

7. Open Enrollment Review

Tabled until the October work session.

8. School Board Policies - Second Read

8.1 102 Equal Educational Opportunity

8.2 418 Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free School

8.3 419 Tobacco-Free Environment; Possession and Use of Tobacco, Tobacco-Related Devices, and Electronic Delivery Devices; Vaping Awareness and Prevention Instruction

8.4 424 License Status

8.5 425 Staff Development and Mentoring

8.6 504 Student Dress and Appearance

8.7 506 Student Discipline

8.8 507 Corporal Punishment and Prone Restraint

8.9 509 Enrollment of Nonresident Students

8.10 513 Student Promotion, Retention, and Program Design

A summary of changes to 10 policies was reviewed.

9. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Okerlund covered several topics including updates on the Director of Building Maintenance position that is currently open, updates on the ELC construction, Athletics questions and adjustments and how the looming federal government shutdown may affect our school.

10. Adjournment

The board work session adjourned by Chair Kreuzer at 7:15 p.m.

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Scott Hansen, Vice Chair