

Approved Minutes
SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION
Albany Area Schools – ISD #745
District Office Board Room
November 29, 2023

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

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

Late:

Absent:

3. Student Representatives

The student representatives presented ways to improve mental health support for students. They are working to get the mental health hotline back up and running and available for students. They would also like to have representatives come to the school to meet with small groups of students. They also shared their thoughts about the benefits of having turf put on the football field.

4. Minnesota Community Education Association Project Award Presentation

The Community Education staff was presented the Outstanding Project Award from Region 9 for the Summer Kids BEAT Series that was held this past summer.

5. World's Best Workforce

Laure Roelike, Director of Teaching and Learning, presented the World's Best Workforce Plan for 2023-2024. The plan includes goals for instruction and student achievement and assessing and evaluating student progress. She shared the district's MCA results for math, reading, and science and all are above the state average.

6. Cashless Entry for Athletics and Activities

Eric Bubna, High School Principal, presented. He would like cashless entry for activities and activities to begin in 2024. This process would be better for security reasons and less time-consuming for staff.

7. Open Enrollment Review

Sue Clemen, Director of Business Services, presented a summary of the number of students who are open enrolled in and out of the district by location.

8. Early Learning Center Community Partners Discussion

Cassie Novak and Superintendent Okerlund presented. They will be connecting with potential community partners to discuss partnership opportunities to enhance the ELC dramatic and large motor play areas.

9. Boys' Soccer Discussion

Requirements and expectations for the Boys' Soccer program were discussed.

10. Transportation Request for Proposal

The board reviewed the two qualifying bids for transportation services from Palmer and 4.0. There was significant discussion about how best to evaluate the bids in comparison to our current arrangements. A Special Session was set for 12.6.23 where the Board will be able to meet with each company and ask a

series of questions to further clarify the bid information. An agenda item may be placed on the 12.13.23 regular board meeting depending upon the results of the Special Session.

11. School Board Policies - Second Read

11.1 413 Harassment and Violence

11.2 616 School District System Accountability

11.3 617 School District Ensurance of Preparatory and High School Standards

11.4 618 Assessment of Student Achievement

11.5 620 Credit for Learning

11.6 621 Literacy and The Read Act

11.7 624 Online Instruction

11.8 708 Transportation of Nonpublic School Students

11.9 709 Student Transportation Safety Policy

11.10 806 Crisis Management Policy

11.11 431 Classified Substitute Policy

11.12 450 Substitute Teacher Policy

12. Adjournment

Agenda completed at 8:59 p.m.

Amy Sand, Clerk