

Approved Minutes
SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION
Albany Area Schools – ISD #745
District Office Board Room
January 24, 2024

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Present: Kreuzer, Hansen, Sands, Carbajal

Late:

Absent: Rueter, Dirkes, Sand

3. Student Representatives

- Have continued to try to arrange a presentation on the suicide prevention hotline but have had difficulty getting engagement from representatives from the hotline.
- Student Reps have been working with our Director of Food Services (Sandy) on school lunches; menu changes have been implemented based on feedback; student reps indicated great communication in both directions with some learning around federal dietary requirements that limit certain changes.

4. Europe Trip Presentation

Teacher Jason Thelen reviewed the trip itinerary with the board. There are 23 students registered with 3 chaperones. There is a meeting later this evening following the board work session with students and their parents.

5. Albany Principal Presentation

The Albany Elementary Principal provided an overview of activities and teaching focuses for each grade level at Albany Elementary for the past few months. An overview of the MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support) implementation at Albany Elementary was reviewed, including the TABS team and PBIS.

6. Teaching and Learning Update

The Teaching and Learning Coordinator shared a proposed 2024-25 school calendar that was adopted to support teacher training & development for the READ Act. Changes for the 2024-25 school year would include full days off for students at the end of each quarter compared to the usual half days with the additional time off dedicated to staff development purposes. The calendar will be brought back for board approval at the February meeting.

7. Superintendent Update

- New SRO will start later this year; police department is working to try to also introduce a trained therapy dog to be paired with the new SRO and there would not be additional cost to the school (not a drug dog, not a trained bite dog - would be a therapy dog only).
- Middle School Principal search includes 12 that have completed submission and all prerequisites. Planning two rounds of interviews with two small groups.
- Reviewed the transportation changes required due to continued struggles with staffing, including reducing another route by consolidating and re-working routes.

8. Adjournment

Agenda completed at 7:25 p.m.

Scott Hansen, Vice Chair