

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO CONSIDER GRANTING A PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the School Board of Independent School District No. 740 (Melrose Area Public Schools), Stearns, Morrison, and Todd Counties, Minnesota (the "District") will hold a public hearing on September 23, 2024, at 6:30 o'clock p.m., in the High School Media Center at Melrose Area Public Schools, 546 - 5th Ave NE, Melrose, MN 56352, to consider granting an abatement of certain property taxes levied against net tax capacity imposed by the District (the "Proposed Property Tax Abatement") for taxes payable in 2025 through 2034 on the following property within the District boundaries (identified by property identification number):

PROPERTY ID NUMBERS

Table with 4 columns of property ID numbers ranging from 01.00050.0000 to 22.13033.0000.

Table with 4 columns of property ID numbers ranging from 32.21596.0000 to 66.37010.0305.

The purpose of granting the Proposed Property Tax Abatement is to provide funds to finance the construction of and improvements to parking lots at various sites in the School District. The total estimated amount of the Proposed Property Tax Abatement by the School District is \$5,626,958 over ten (10) years, an amount estimated to be sufficient to pay the principal and interest charges on approximately \$4,415,000 of bonds issued to finance the parking lot construction, reconstruction and improvements districtwide, and related financing costs.

All who wish to be heard as to the Proposed Property Tax Abatement will be given an opportunity to express their views at the time of the public hearing or may file written comments with the Superintendent prior to the public hearing.

August 26, 2024

/s/ Becky Feldewerd
Clerk of the School Board
Independent School District No. 740
(Melrose Area Public Schools)
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ALBANY AREA SCHOOLS NOTICE

Albany Area Schools is now accepting bids for snow removal at the Albany Elementary, Albany Secondary School and Albany Area Early Learning Center sites. Please contact Pete Stenger at 320-845-2171 ext. 5253 or email pstenger@district745.org for more information and bid requirements. Deadline to submit bids is 4:00 pm on September 20, 2024.

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NOTICE TO SAUK RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT RESIDENTS

The Stearns County Board of Commissioners is seeking applicants for an appointment to the Sauk River Watershed District Board of Managers. This appointment would fulfill the remainder of a three-year term ending on June 30th, 2026. If you are interested in being appointed to this board, and currently reside in the Sauk River Watershed District in Stearns County, then please send a brief resume with some information about yourself that you would like to share with the County Board regarding your qualifications or interests in serving this appointment. Please use the following link to verify that you live within the Stearns County Sauk River Watershed District: https://www.stearnscountymn.gov/803/Watershed-Districts. An online application form is available on the Stearns County Website at https://stearnscountymn.gov/908.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please visit our website or contact us at (320) 656-3900. If you would like to mail in your resume, then please send it to the Stearns County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, Attention: Sierra Lorbeski, at 705 Courthouse Square, Room 148, St. Cloud, MN, 56303. Otherwise, you can email Randy Schreifels at Auditor.Email@stearnscountymn.gov or you can contact your County Commissioner.

Applications are due by 4:30pm on Monday, September 30th, 2024.

Randy R. Schreifels, MBA, CPA
Stearns County Auditor-Treasurer
Clerk of the County Board
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Unadopted Minutes School Board Work Session Albany Area Schools - ISD #745 District Office Board Room August 28, 2024

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kreuzer at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Kreuzer, Henkelman, Sands, Hansen, Rueter

Late:

Absent: Sand, Dirkes

3. Introduction of School Resource Officer

Tabled until a later date.

4. Volleyball Trip Presentation:

Hannah Klein and Ellyana Sand shared the volleyball team tournament experience going to Sioux Falls, SD. The two-day tournament was a great opportunity, and the level of play was outstanding. Playing at the Pentagon in Sioux Falls, highlighted court, and college coaches in attendance as well.

5. Activities Update

Scott Buntje, Activities Director, presented. The Minnesota High School league is holding a vote whether to bring 9th grade into the High School level or not. Reasons for this are cleaning up rules for summer coaching, getting rid of gray areas for summer and out of season coaching, and also for High School league insurance coverages and bringing them into HS.

We have 383 Fall athletes, and this is very comparable to our history. Numbers are looking good. Football starts tomorrow night in New London-Spicer. Cross Country and Swim opens tomorrow. Girls' soccer is off to a 2-0 start. Boys' Soccer is off to a good start as well. Weather: The MSHSL is now using Wet Bulb temperature index for holding games or not if it's too hot. We have great numbers across the board in sports. We have three people who wish to cover for trainers at our sporting events. The percentage of people in activities remains extremely high. Online ticketing and cashless topics and streaming.

6. School Board Handbook

Onboarding and the MSBA Handbook. Great resource to use regarding policies and modeling and making things easier to understand

7. Finance & HR Audit Overview

A consulting company, CESO, recently conducted an audit of our Finance and HR processes. Their team surveyed and interviewed staff and administration on a variety of topics to learn of our processes. They provided recommendations of things we can do better and things we are doing well. Our results and staff feedback were both positive and effective. We could have better systems in place for making things more efficient, adding more detail on some things we offer, and other things we learned from exit interviews, for example.

8.4 School Board Policies - Second Read

8.4.1 102 Equal Educational Opportunity

8.4.2 104 School District Mission Statement

Perhaps look at this and when the old one was and revisit this mission statement.

8.4.3 204 School Board Meeting Minutes

8.4.4 207 Public Hearings

8.4.5 413 Harassment and Violence

8.4.6 416 Drug, Alcohol, and Cannabis Testing

8.4.7 418 Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free School

8.4.8 419 Tobacco-Free Environment, Possession and Use of Tobacco, Tobacco-Related Devices, and Electronic Delivery Devices; Vaping Awareness and Prevention Instruction

8.4.9 425 Staff Development and Mentoring

8.4.10 Student Attendance

8.4.11 Student Discipline

8.4.12 507 Corporal Punishment and Prone Restraint

8.4.13 509 Enrollment of Nonresident Students

8.4.14 512 School-Sponsored Student Publications and Activities

8.4.15 513 Student Promotion, Retention, and Program Design

8.4.16 515 Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records

8.4.17 516 Student Medication and Telehealth

8.4.18 521 Student Disability Nondiscrimination

8.4.19 524 Internet, Technology, and Cell Phone Acceptable Use and Safety Policy

8.4.20 532 Use of Peace Officers and Crisis Teams to Remove Students with IEPs From School Ground

8.4.21 535 Service Annals in Schools

8.4.22 601 School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals

8.4.23 602 Organization of School Calendar and School Day

8.4.24 603 Curriculum Development

8.4.25 604 Instructional Curriculum

8.4.26 606.5 Library Materials

8.4.27 607 Organization of Grade Levels

8.4.28 608 Instructional Services - Special Education

8.4.29 609 Religion and Religious and Cultural Observances

8.4.30 613 Graduation Requirements

8.4.31 614 School District Testing Plan and Procedure

8.4.32 616 School District System Accountability

8.4.33 620 Credit for Learning

8.4.34 624 Online Instruction

8.4.35 709 Student Transportation Safety Policy

8.4.36 806 Crisis Management Policy

Superintendent Report:

Student representatives for the 2024-2025 school year are Aiden Schroeder, Aubrey Driggins, Allison Gourde, Elise Kalla, Ryan Massmann, and Madeline Ramler.

Dollars for Scholars is a national network of community-based and volunteer-operated scholarship foundations throughout the US. Mr. Okerlund updated what this organization does and how it is funded, how it works.

Mr. Okerlund provided an update on the AESP.

Ribbon Cutting for the ELC. Budget on the ELC, we are under budget and will begin looking at additional projects at the ELC that will help the building better serve our students, will have a finance committee meeting to decide what are needs are, what is the best use of and what we need to do with this money. Read Act MOU: Per pupil flat amount we will get to pay for training once we get and sign the MOU.

Per our new policy 606.5, we will need to appoint a standing library review committee who would be involved in any concerns brought about books in our libraries.

Great parent letter for Sutton Amberg a Kids' Co staff, kudos to Sutton.

11. Adjournment

Agenda completed at 7:32p.m.

Tim Sands, Acting Clerk
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CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME Minnesota Statutes Chapter 333

ASSUMED NAME: Serenity Village Assisted Living. PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IS: 113 SERENITY CT, AVON, MN 56310 USA. APPLICANT(S): Adam Jade Ventures, Inc., 2031 EDGEWOOD CT, CHANHASSEN, MN 55317 USA. By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

/s/ Dennis J. Dietzler, Esq. 09/04/2024 P-37-2B

CITY & TOWNSHIP OF AVON NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that an ad hoc committee of the Joint Planning Board of the City of Avon and Avon Township will hold a meeting on Monday, September 23rd, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the Avon City Hall (140 Stratford St E, Avon, MN 56310). This committee will discuss issues related to the potential renewal of the Orderly Annexation Agreement between Avon Township and the City of Avon. The Supervisors of Avon Township may attend this meeting.

The City Hall is handicap-accessible and this meeting is open to the public. Stephen Saupe, Clerk 16881 Queens Road, Avon, MN 56310 clerk@avontownship.org

Jodi Austing-Traut, City Administrator 140 Stratford St. E., PO Box 69, Avon, MN 56310 jodi.a@cityofavonmn.com

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CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME Minnesota Statutes Chapter 333

ASSUMED NAME: Arlington Place Assisted Living. PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IS: 21 16TH AVE SE, SAINT JOSEPH, MN 56374 USA. APPLICANT(S): Adam Jade Ventures, Inc., 2031 EDGEWOOD CT, CHANHASSEN, MN 55317 USA.

By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

/s/ Dennis J. Dietzler, Esq. 09/04/2024 P-37-2B

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING City of Albany, Minnesota

Date, time and place: Notice is given that the City Council of the City of Albany, Minnesota (the "City"), will meet on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. or as soon as thereafter at the City Hall, 400 Railroad Ave, Albany, Minnesota to consider the Improvement referred to below.

General nature of the Improvement: Sidewalk along 6th Street (from Linden Avenue to Soo Line Avenue), Burberry Way (from Soo Line Avenue to the Wobegon Trail) and 3rd Avenue (from 6th Street to the Albany School's parking lot) and associated restoration (the "Improvement").

Estimated cost of the proposed Improvement: The preliminary estimated cost of the Improvement is (\$238,000).

Area proposed to be assessed: The area proposed to be assessed consists of every lot, piece or parcel of land abutting and benefited by the Improvement.

Written or oral objections: Such persons as desire to be heard with reference to the Improvement will be heard at this meeting. Written and oral objections will be considered.

Materials available at hearing: A reasonable estimate of the impact of the assessment will be available at the hearing, including a reasonable estimate of the total amount to be assessed and a description of the methodology used to calculate individual assessments for affected parcels.

Legal Authority: The City Council proposes to proceed under the authority granted in Minnesota Statutes, Sections 429.011 to 429.111.

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Minute Summary for September 4, 2024 School Board Work Session of Holdingford Public School

The Holdingford School Board held a School Board Work Session on September 4, 2024. Members present: Evelyn Martini, Elissa Ebnet, Nicole Burg, Lori Opatz, Ed Feia, Rob Knettel and Pat Meier. Absent: None. Also attending was Superintendent Chris Swenson, and District Adm. Assistant Linda Zapzalka.

Gail Gilman from MSBA was present via Zoom to lead the District Strategic Planning Process. She introduced herself and asked the group to introduce and tell a bit about themselves. Gail asked for questions; Meier asked for the length of time to expect the process to take. Gail estimates it to take 12-14 weeks. She explained the steps involved. First surveys will be finalized and sent out, committees will be established, listening sessions will be held, then surveys will be closed. Gail will compile all the data from surveys and listening sessions and then meet with the stakeholder groups. Gail will facilitate the complete Strategic Planning process and organize the data into useful information that the Superintendent and Board will meet to review, align goals and wrap-up the process with the creation of a new District Strategic Plan.

Notice of Public Hearing Stearns County, Planning Commission

Notice is hereby given that the Stearns County Planning Commission, in and for the County of Stearns, will conduct certain public hearings as follows:

To consider a conditional use permit request submitted by Ervin and Carol Herdering, Melrose MN according to Sections 4.8, 6.18 and 9.3.5 of Stearns County Land Use and Zoning Ordinance #439. The request is to construct a new shop as part of a contractor's yard in the Agricultural 40 zoning district. The property is in part of the SW1/4 SE1/4, lying east of County Road 167 in Section 16 of Millwood Township (126/32). The property address is 41126 County Rd 167, Melrose MN.

When and where is the meeting? Date and Time: September 26, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Location: Stearns County Service Center 3301 County Road 138 Waite Park, MN 56387

How do I participate? Public Testimony: If you would like to provide public testimony, you may do so by appearing at the above hearing, by telephone or other electronic means, please contact Jennifer Buckentine at Jennifer.Buckentine@stearnscountymn.gov or by calling (320) 656-3613.

Written Testimony: You may submit written testimony by emailing Jennifer Buckentine at Jennifer.Buckentine@stearnscountymn.gov by 3 p.m. on September 25, 2024. Written testimony may also be mailed to the Stearns County Environmental Services Department, Service Center, 3301 County Road 138, Waite Park, MN 56387.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CITY OF ALBANY ALBANY, MINNESOTA 56307

Project: City of Albany, North Park Shelter 300 Soo Line Avenue Albany, MN Bids available: September 16, 2024 Bids Close: September 30, 2024 - 2:00 pm local time Bid Location: Albany City Hall 400 Railroad Avenue Albany, MN Construction Manager: Arnzen Construction INC. 29033 County Road 17 Freeport MN 56331

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS - Contractor's sealed proposals for the construction of Albany North Park Shelter, Albany, Minnesota, a project including 1. Building excavation, 2. Concrete (footing, block and flatwork) 3. Building Material, 4. Labor to Construct Shelter, 5. Electrical, 6. Plumbing, heating and mechanical, 7. Sanitary sewer and water service. Sealed bids will be received by the City of Albany, at the above-mentioned time and place in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by the Arnzen Construction and the City of Albany

Total bid should reflect any discounts or savings that will be passed through contractor to the city.

Bids received after deadline will be returned unopened.

Bids will be opened publicly September 30, 2024, immediately following the bid closing.

Envelopes containing bids must be sealed, marked in the lower left-hand corner "North Park Shelter" and with the name and address of the bidder and the date and hour of the opening and addressed to:

Albany Area Schools Albany, Minnesota 56307 Administration Office Telephone 320/845-2171 - FAX 320/201-5878 REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING Albany Area Schools - ISD #745 District Board Room 30 Forest Ave Albany, Minnesota 56307 September 11, 2024, 6:00 PM AG E N D A

- 1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Forum
4. Agenda -- Additions and Deletions
5. Approvals
1. Previous Meeting Minutes
2. Cash Flow Reports
3. Acceptance of Gifts and Donations
6. Consent Agenda
7. Reports
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2. Student Representatives
3. Purple Pride
8. Business
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The meeting continued with Chair Opatz sharing Superintendent goal ideas she had gathered from Board members. After discussion the Board and Mr. Swenson decided on three goals for this school year.

- 1. To research, update and implement the District On Boarding & Off Boarding of employees procedures.
2. To continue to send out weekly email updates to the Board.
3. To prepare a Resolution explaining problems you would like to see the Legislature take action on during the 2025 Legislative session, obtain Board approval and submit to MSBA by 9/20/2024.

There was discussion on other goals that would be difficult to measure success.

Future meeting dates were reviewed.

The agenda was completed at 8:06 PM

This article is a summary of the minutes. The full text is available for public inspection at the District Office or online at http://www.isd738.org/school-board-meeting-agendasminutes.html.

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Comments on this public hearing are not limited to those persons receiving copies of this notice. If you know of any interested person who for any reason has not received a copy of this notice, it would be appreciated if you would inform them of this public hearing.

Where can I view the application?

A copy of the application can be viewed approximately one week prior to the meeting at https://stearnscounty.civicweb.net/portal/. Action taken on this request will be available shortly after the meeting at the same website location.

What if the meeting changes?

This meeting is subject to change. Please sign up for automatic updates for this meeting at https://stearnscounty.civicweb.net/portal/. Call the Department for assistance.

What is the next step?

The Stearns County Board of Commissioners will consider this request on October 1, 2024. The agenda can be found at: https://stearnscounty.civicweb.net/portal/. Interim Use and Conditional Use Permits will be placed on the consent agenda which is heard at the beginning of the agenda. To inquire how to request an item be placed under the regular agenda for discussion, please contact the Department. If the Board of Commissioners do not concur with the Planning Commission, they will hold another public hearing and new notice will be sent.

Stearns County Planning Commission

Barrier Free Status: This meeting will be accessible to the handicapped. Attempts will be made to accommodate any other individual need for special services. Please call (320) 656-3613 early so arrangements can be made.

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City of Albany 400 Railroad Avenue Albany, MN

Faxed bids are not acceptable Project documents will be available at City of Albany 400 Railroad Avenue, Albany, MN 56307.

Bids may not be withdrawn for thirty (30) days after the scheduled closing time for receiving bids. The owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any irregularities in bids.

A Contractor responding to these Bidding Documents must submit to the City/Owner a signed statement under oath by an owner or officer verifying compliance with each of the minimum criteria in Minnesota Statutes, section 16C.285, subdivision 3. Any prime contractor, subcontractor, or motor carrier that does not meet the minimum criteria established for a "responsible contractor" as defined in Minn. Stat. § 16C.285, subd. 3 or fails to comply with the verification requirements is not a responsible contractor and is not eligible to be awarded a construction contract for the project or to perform work on the project. A false statement under oath verifying compliance with any of the minimum criteria shall make the prime contractor, subcontractor, or motor carrier that makes the false statement ineligible to be awarded a construction project and may result in termination of a contract awarded to a prime contractor, subcontractor, or motor carrier that submits a false statement. The prime contractor shall include in its verification of compliance a list of all of its first-tier subcontractors that it intends to retain for work on the project.

Gary Winkels City Administrator

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7. Superintendent's Evaluation and AESP Negotiations Strategy
1. Close the Meeting
2. Reopen the Meeting
9. Committee Reports
10. Superintendent Report
11. Adjournment

Note: Items may be added to the agenda which have an immediate effect on the operation of the school district. An effort will be made to keep additions to a minimum.

Amy Sand, Clerk P-37-1B