

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Notice of Public Hearing  
Proposed Property taxes  
City of Albany**

The Albany City Council will hold a public hearing at 6:30 PM or as soon as thereafter on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at the Albany City Hall, 400 Railroad Avenue, Albany, MN 56307 to consider approving the 2025 budget and the amount of property taxes it is proposing to collect to pay for the costs of services the City will provide in 2025.

<u>2024 Levy</u>	<u>Proposed Levy</u>	
\$1,542,701	\$1,650,412	6.98% increase

Albany City residents are invited to attend the public hearing of the city council to express their opinions on the budget and on the proposed amount of 2025 property taxes.

Gary Winkels  
Clerk/Adm.

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Unadopted Minutes
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Albany Area Schools – ISD #745
District Office Board Room
November 13, 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, Sand, Dirkes

Late: None

Absent: Rueter, Henkelman

3. Public Forum

4. Agenda – Additions and Deletions

5. Approvals

5.1 Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Sands, seconded by Hansen, to approve the October 9, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes and the October 23, 2024, Work Session minutes. Supported by all present.

5.2 Cash Flow Reports – September 2024

Motion by Sand, seconded by Dirkes, to approve the September 2024 Cash Flow Reports as presented. Supported by all present.

5.3 Acceptance of Gifts and Donations

Member Hansen introduced the Resolution Accepting Donations and moved for its adoption. The School Board of Albany Area Schools, ISD 745, gratefully accepts the following donations as identified below:

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Table with 3 columns: Doner, Item, Designated Purpose (if any). Lists various donors and their contributions to the school district.

Member Dirkes seconded the resolution and upon vote being taken thereon,

The following voted in favor of: Kreuzer, Hansen, Sands, Sand, Dirkes

And the following voted against: None

Absent: Rueter, Henkelman

Whereupon said the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

6. Consent Agenda

AFT:

Brittany Brinkman - ABE Teacher

Ronald Stoesz - ABE Teacher

Estella Deuel - School Social Worker

AFT Staff Transfers:

Hannah Knakmuhs - AVE FT Substitute Teacher to ALE/ELC FT Substitute Teacher

AFT Lane Change Request:

Sarah Mendoza - MA Step 10 to MA+15 Step 10

Stacy Meyer - MA Step 10 to MA+15 Step 10

AESP:

Janice Brenner - AVE PT Evening Custodian

Lilly Gertken - ALE Paraprofessional

Shirley Herdering - AVE Paraprofessional

Kayla Hible - ALE Food Service Aide

Amanda Lavan - ALE FT Evening Custodian

Linda Miller - AVE Food Service Aide

Richard Rahn - ALE FT Evening Custodian

Yvonne Rahn - ALE Food Service Aide

AESP Payroll Change Request:

Darcey Hayes - Secondary Food Service Aide, 5 hrs/day to 6.5 hrs/day

AESP SpEd Differential Pay:

Shirley Herdering

At Will:

Peter Stenger - Assistant Director of Operations

LOA request:

Three

Coaching/Advisors:

Shania Hirdler - Musical Choreographer

Jamie Plumski - Head Wrestling Coach

Kids Company:

Grace Kreuzer

Community Education:

BECC Supervisor - Connor Gannon, Grace Kreuzer, Bridget Wouelle,

Ellyana Sand, Garrett Tschida

Fall Dance Team - Hanna Stanoch

BEAT Tech Director - John Kleppe

Holdingsford School Board Briefs

The Holdingsford School Board held their regular meeting on Nov. 13, 2024. Members present: Evelyn Martini, Nikki Burg, Rob Knettel, and Pat Meier. Members absent: Ed Feia, Elissa Ebnet and Lori Opatz. Also attending was: Superintendent Chris Swenson, Business Manager Garrity Gerber, Secondary Principal Tom Cooper, Student Rep Morgan Pellett, and Adm. Assistant Linda Zapzalka. Guests attending: Brody Anderson and Ben Christensen.

Vice-Chair Knettel called the meeting to order, the pledge was recited and the agenda was approved. The meeting continued with approval of the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: approval of the minutes from the 10/16/2024 Regular Board Mtg; approval of the schedule of bills in the amount of \$588,996.49; Computer checks approved #56804 through #57018 and #31147 through #31167 in the amount of \$5,572.72; approval of the electronic transfer for October 2024, \$355,806.83; acknowledgement of the Treasurer's Report balance per books \$6,419,598.77; approved winter coaches; approved winter Com. Ed coaches/instructors; approved lane change for Taylor Peck from BS to BS10 effective at the start of quarter two of the 2024/25 school year; and accepted the following donations: \$200 from Magnifi to Community Ed Kid Zone, \$1,000 from Stearns Electric for Scholarship (Scholarship Fund 18), \$8,000 from Booster Club for Scholarships (Scholarship Fund 18), \$513.50 from Lions Club to FFA \$20,000 from Booster Club to Athletics, \$530 from Swim Team parents to Swim Team for suits and caps, and \$300 from Holdingsford Chamber of Commerce to Swim Team. The Vice-Chair Knettel thanked the Donors for their support and generosity!

Reports:

Superintendent Swenson reported on the upcoming Support Staff Awards Banquet honoring Tammi Hansen, Gerry Johannes, Amber Ritter, and Kim Gerads. He congratulated those receiving the award and gave a recap on the Strategic Planning session held on 11/12/2024.

NOTICE

GROVE TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given: Monthly Township Meeting for Dec 2024, Jan, Feb, March 2025 will take place at 5:30pm. We will resume our regular meeting time of 8pm beginning April 2025.

Kris Leukam

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PROBATE NOTICE

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF STEARNS DISTRICT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case Type: Probate Court File No: 73-PR-24-7263

Notice and Order for Hearing on Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirship, and Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors

In Re: The Estate of Beverly Jean Nathe, Decedent.

It is ordered and notice is given that a hearing will be held on December 6, 2024, at

Student Board Representative Morgan Pellett introduced herself. She reported 24 new students were inducted into NHS which doubled the size of the organization. Ms. Pellett talked about the new phone policy which she believes students will be ok with and expressed the college students frustration of being promised a college student lounge/workroom. They would also like to see an open campus but if they could at least get a room set aside for the college students they would be ok. She also reported that communications with students could be better, however she agrees that some of the blame is on the students for not reading their announcements.

Secondary Principal Cooper thanked Ms. Pellett for her input and explained that he is looking for an area for college students to utilize on their work days and is looking at ways to improve communication with students. Mr. Cooper also informed the Board that he is tracking student F's throughout the quarter to make sure teachers are pushing students to do better. He also reported on the A & B Honor Roll Assembly, Veterans Day Program which was amazing, and the Greenhouse construction that he is taking part in. Mr. Cooper added kudos to Mr. Roberts and all the folks involved with the construction of the Greenhouse for all the hard work they are putting into this project.

Business Manager Gerber reported the budget is trending along on target and that he met with Booster Club President Erin Streit to help coordinate facility projects the Booster Club anticipates helping to fund. Mr. Gerber informed the Board of OPEB fund options to help the funds grow while they are available and he shared with Jan Notch Food Service Director the comments regarding some of the packaged foods being served with student lunches.

Other agenda items at the November 13, 2024 meeting included:

Business Items:

• Adopted the Resolution Canvassing Returns Of Votes Of The ISD #738 School District General Election. Candidate Benjamin Christensen, having received the highest number of votes, is

8:45 a.m., at the Stearns County Courthouse, 725 Courthouse Square, St. Cloud, MN 56303 for the formal adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of GERALYN NATHE EVANS, 1208 Pine Court, St. Cloud, MN 56303 and VICKI NATHE DAWSON, 1810 7th St. S, Fargo, ND 58103 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition should be filed with the Court before, or raised at, the hearing.

If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including

BEAT Tech - My Justin, Jessica Ruegemer

Flag Football - Keith Arens

Termination:

Food Service Aide

Resignations:

Julie Becker - ALE Food Service Aide, effective October 10, 2024

Laura Pappenfus - AVE Lead Cook, effective October 29, 2024

The following checks were issued in paying claims: Wire transfers and checks 108972 - 109233

Expenditures:

01 General Fund \$1,261,678.58

02 Food Services \$130,693.40

04 Community Services \$59,641.41

06 Building Construction \$66,627.35

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Dirkes to approve the November 2024 Consent Agenda.

Supported by all present.

7. Reports

7.1 Purple Pride

8. Business

8.1 Enrollment Report

Enrollment is down from the projected numbers for this year. The Board asked to talk about open enrollment next month.

8.2 2025-2026 Boys' Soccer Season Approval

Motion by Sands, seconded by Dirkes, to approve the 2025-2026 Boys' Soccer Season. Supported by all present. Per the previous arrangements, the Board will require the sum of \$22,000 donated to the school district prior to April 16th in order to fully 'self-fund' the program.

8.3 Resolution Canvassing Return of Votes

Motion by Kreuzer, seconded by Dirkes, to approve the Resolution Canvassing Return of Votes of School District General Election.

The following votes in favor there of: Kreuzer, Hansen, Sands, Sand, Dirkes

the following voted against: None

Absent: Rueter, Henkelman

Where upon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

8.4 Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Certificates of Election

Motion by Dirkes, seconded by Kreuzer, to approve the Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Certificates of Election as presented. The chair and clerk are hereby authorized to execute certificates of election on behalf of the school board of Independent School District No. 745 to the following candidates:

Tim Sands, Scott Hansen, Shalon Ronning, Dustin Henkelman

The following voted in favor of: Kreuzer, Hansen, Sands, Sand, Dirkes

The following voted against: None

Absent: Rueter, Henkelman

Whereupon said resolution was duly passed and adopted.

8.5 Combined Polling Place Resolution

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Dirkes, to approve the Combined Polling Place Resolution as presented.

The following voted in favor of: Kreuzer, Hansen, Sands, Sand, Dirkes

The following voted against: None

Absent: Rueter, Henkelman

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

8.6 Facilities Rental Revisions and Updates

Cassie Novak presented updates and revisions to the facilities rental fees. Motion by Hansen, seconded by Dirkes to approve the revisions and updates as presented. Supported by all present.

8.7 Strategic Planning Contract with Big River Group, LLC Approval

Motion by Dirkes, seconded by Hansen, to approve the strategic planning contract with Big River Group, LLC. Supported by all present.

8.8 Resolution of Governing Board Supporting Form A Application to MSHSL Foundation

Motion by Sand, seconded by Kreuzer to approve the resolution as presented. Supported by all present.

8.9 Resolution of Governing Board Supporting Form B Application to MSHSL Foundation

Motion by Sand, seconded by Kreuzer to approve the resolution as presented. Supported by all present.

8.10 Fundraiser Approvals

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Sands, to approve the 2024-2025 fundraisers as presented. Supported by all present.

8.11 Albany Educational Support Professionals E-Learning Days Memorandum of Understanding

Motion by Sands, seconded by Dirkes, to approve the MOU as presented. Supported by all present.

8.12 Superintendent's Contract Approval

Motion by Sand, seconded by Hansen to approve the 2025-2028 Superintendent's contract as presented. Supported by all present.

8.13 Recap of Closed Meeting for AESP Negotiations Update

The Board met in a closed session during the last meeting to discuss the progress and strategies for negotiations with the AESP union.

9. Committee Reports

9.1 Schools Advocating for Fair Funding Update

10. Superintendent Report

The first AFT Meet and Confer meeting of the year is tomorrow.

A facilities maintenance plan is being developed with ICS and will be shared with the Finance Committee next month. A Board presentation is expected in January or February. Board approval will be needed for any major projects that may require 'above the line' funding.

11. Adjournment

Agenda completed at 6:52 p.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Member Hansen and seconded by Member Dirkes. Supported by all present.

Amy Sand, Clerk

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elected to a one year term beginning the first Monday in January, 2025.

- Adopted the Resolution Authorizing Issuance Of Certificates Of Election And Directing School District Clerk To Perform Other Election Related Duties.
• Approved the revised 2024 School Board Calendar.
• Approved the 2025 School Board Calendar.
• Approved the 2023-24 Achievement and Integration Progress Report.
• Mr. Swenson summarized the World's Best Workforce/Comprehensive Civic Readiness Report. He stated many goals were met and will continue to aim for a 100% graduation rate. Approved the 2023-24 World's Best Workforce/Comprehensive Civic Readiness Report.

Personnel:

- Approved the request for maternity leave for Ashley Koester.
• Approve to hire Christina Quarve for a Secondary ParaProfessional position with a start date of 11/18/2024.
• Approved the request for maternity leave for Ellen VanOverbeke.
• Approved the request for paternity leave for Kyle VanOverbeke.
• Hired Denise Waletzko for a 1st Grade Long Term Substitute Teacher.
A review of upcoming important dates took place.
• 11/26/24 Strategic Planning mtg. 5:30 PM in the LMC Rm.
• 12/11/24 Strategic Planning mtg. 5:30 PM in the LMC Rm.
• 12/18/24 Regular School Board Meeting 6:00 PM in the HS Mtg Rm. Truth in Taxation

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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Albany Area Schools
Albany, Minnesota 56307
Administration Office Telephone 320/845-2171 – FAX 320/201-5878
Work Session
Albany Area Schools – ISD #745
District Board Room
30 Forest Ave
Albany, Minnesota 56307
November 20, 2024, 6:00 PM
AG E N D A

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. School Resource Officer Introduction
4. Band Trip Presentation
1. Recap of New Orleans Trip
2. Preview of Next Trip
5. Student Representatives
6. World's Best Workforce Presentation
7. Schools Advocating for Fair Funding Update
8. 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

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