

ALBERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #63
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MAY 28, 2025
REGULAR MEETING, 5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Lucas called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Roll call shows Athmer, present; Henry, absent; Lucas, present; Norrenberns, present; Wuebbels, present. Everyone in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS

Brian Winterbottom, Kristen Huelsmann, Jackie Thuenemann, Jennifer Scheibel, Julia Ritter and Susan Scott were present. Superintendent Mike Toebe and Bookkeeper Janel Zurliene were also present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There is nothing at this time.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Athmer made the motion to approve the agenda. Wuebbels made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.

APPOINT BOARD MEMBER – Wuebbels made the motion to appoint Brian Winterbottom to a two-year term. Athmer made the second motion. Roll call shows Norrenberns, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Henry, absent; Lucas, aye. Winterbottom recited the Oath of Office.

BOOSTER CLUB

- Field Day was moved from Whispering Pines to the school due to the weather.
- They currently have \$70,000.00 for the playground.

COMMITTEE REPORTS & ASSIGNMENTS – The new assignments will be discussed when the full board is seated.

TEACHER REPORTS - There is nothing at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Athmer made the motion to approve the minutes from the April 23, 2025, regular meeting; approve the financial report; and approve the bills for \$ 163,206.42, including two voided checks. Norrenberns made the second motion. Roll call shows Lucas, aye; Norrenberns, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Henry, absent.

OLD BUSINESS

- 2023-2024 MAINTENANCE GRANT, OFFICE – Progress is being made in the new front office. The estimated completion date is in approximately three weeks. A punch list was reviewed with contractors. An open house will be planned later this summer.
- 2025 MAINTENANCE GRANT, DOORS – The project will begin on June 1, 2025. All doors and frames will be painted blue. The wooden doors will be replaced with metal doors. The estimated completion date is mid-July.
- SUBSTITUTE EVENING CUSTODIAN – There were no applicants. The summer help may be asked to work if Brad will be absent.
- EGYPTIAN TRUST – Mr. Toebe shared information regarding the employee health insurance additional premium from Egyptian Area Trust. This item was tabled.
- SUMMER MAINTENANCE PROJECTS – The primary end of the building is almost completely finished with summer cleaning.
- 2025-2026 SCHOOL FEES – This item was tabled. The income and expenses were reviewed.
- 2025-2026 PARENT & STUDENT HANDBOOK – The first reading was held. This item was tabled.
- 2025-2026 ATHLETIC HANDBOOK – This item was tabled. A coach handbook also needs to be created and approved. There is a meeting next week with the Albers and Damiansville administration and Mr. Peters.
- 2025-2026 JUNIOR HIGH HANDBOOK – This item was tabled. There is a meeting Junior High staff on June 20, 2025.
- COACHING STAFF – Athmer made the motion to hire Dean Oelze, Baseball coach; Abby Braundmeier, Softball coach; Andra Goestenkors, Cross Country coach; Melissa Kohnen, 6th grade Volleyball coach; John Kohnen, Golf coach; Andra Goestenkors, Head Track coach; Ashley Galbiati, Assistant Track coach. Wuebbels made the second motion. Roll call vote shows: Norrenberns, aye; Winterbottom, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Lucas, aye; Henry, absent. All other positions were tabled.
- COACHING VOLUNTEERS – Athmer made the motion to have the following volunteers assist with coaching: Hobie Timmons and Phillip Arentsen, Baseball; Doug Netemeyer, Softball; Brian Barth, Girls Basketball; Alicia Von Bokel, Bowling; Cole Horstmann, Golf. Wuebbels made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

- PRESSE POLICY UPDATES – The first reading was held.
- HAZARDOUS BUS ROUTES – Athmer made the motion to approve the hazardous routes, including students who reside south of State Route 161 and East of Aviston Road. Wuebbels made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.
- TAX RATES – Dr. Toebe reviewed the tax levy worksheets and the County EAV. There was a slight change in what was projected.
- LATCHKEY PROGRAM – Jodie Lucas estimated 4-5 more students this fall. A checklist for staff needs to be completed daily, including locking doors and wiping tables each evening.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- July 22, 2025, is the In-person Registration for all students.
- The next board meeting is June 25, 2025, at 7:00 PM.
- One more member is needed for a two-year term. It will be advertised for potential candidates.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There is nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Athmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 PM. Winterbottom made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.

Marshall Lucas, President

Courtney Athmer, Secretary