

ALBERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #63
BOARD OF EDUCATION
FEBRUARY 25, 2026
REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Lucas called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Roll call shows Athmer, absent; Deimeke, present; Henry, present; Hilmes, present; Lucas, present; Norrenberns, present; Wuebbels, absent. Everyone in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS

Susan Scott, Taylor Kampwerth, Holly Dumstorff, Lori Catanzaro, and Jesse Porterfield were present. Superintendent Mike Toebe and Bookkeeper Janel Zurliene were also present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There is nothing at this time.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Hilmes made the motion to approve the agenda. Norrenberns made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.

BOOSTER CLUB

- There will be Dine-Out events at Knotty Pine on March 10, 2026, and Joe's Pizza during the next few months.
- Volunteers are needed in the concession stands at home volleyball games. There is a Sign-up Genius page for volunteers to schedule a date.
- Raffle tickets are available. The first cash raffle drawing was held at the Christmas concert.
- Hog Raffle tickets were distributed in December. The drawing is on March 13, 2026.
- Puff Pastries fundraiser will be in March with delivery on March 31, 2026.
- A golf tournament will be held on Sunday, June 7, 2026.
- The next meeting is April 14, 2026.
- The Spring concert is May 5, 2026. The BC will help with decorations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS & ASSIGNMENTS

There is nothing at this time.

TEACHER REPORTS

There is nothing at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Norrenberns made the motion to approve the minutes from the January 29, 2026 regular meeting; approve the financial report; and approve the bills for \$ 60,341.33 Henry made the second motion. Roll call shows Deimeke, aye; Henry, aye; Hilmes, aye; Lucas, aye; Norrenberns, aye; Wuebbels, absent; Athmer, absent.

OLD BUSINESS

- 2026 MAINTENANCE GRANT – The application was submitted to the State of Illinois. Dr. Toebe contacted Kohlen for an additional bid for boiler work. Lucas will also contact another company regarding the boiler. Rooftop units were also discussed as an option. The window clings and the large curtain are also on the list. The building committee should meet to discuss options.
- EMPLOYMENT, HEAD COOK – This item was tabled. Four candidates were interviewed. It was discussed about possibly adding a part-time person as an assistant.
- KINDNESS CLUB – Lori Catanzaro read information requesting a program and shared the definition from the ISBE. Jesse Porterfield spoke on behalf of his child. Lucas shared that the club has been discussed at multiple meetings and that the board is ready to support the process. Lucas suggested a weekly staff meeting to discuss bullying and policies. Dr. Toebe met with Lori Catanzaro to discuss implementing the Kindness Club to expand Character Education. It was also mentioned that a Cougars Council should be created with members from the staff, administration, and student body. Dr. Toebe will work with Cindy Grapperhaus from Coping 4 Life and staff members to form a committee. The board will review the bullying policy and make any changes to how it is handled. It was also mentioned to review the Girls on the Run program or a Girls Group with conversations about what is happening in their lives. This item was tabled.
- POLICY REVIEW – Dr. Toebe presented a few of the current policies and reviewed them with the board members.

NEW BUSINESS

- SUMMER CLEANING POSITIONS – Mr. Etter is requesting two summer cleaning positions. Quentin Engelmann is willing to return. Henry made the motion to advertise for the other position. Norrenberns made the second motion. Roll call vote shows: Hilmes, aye; Lucas, aye; Norrenberns, aye; Wuebbels, absent; Athmer, absent; Deimeke, aye; Henry, aye.
- SENIORITY LIST – Norrenberns made the motion to approve the Seniority list. Henry made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.
- 2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR – The last day is tentatively scheduled for May 19, 2026. This item was tabled for the next meeting, hopefully after all snow days.
- 2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR – The initial calendar was reviewed. This item was tabled.
- 2026-2027 SCHOOL FEES – A discussion was started to review the fees for the 2026-2027 school year. The price of Chromebooks has increased. The lunch program will be evaluated based on income versus expenses. This item was tabled.
- GRADUATION DATE – This item was tabled.
- GYM FLOOR – Norrenberns made the motion to hire Doulous Floor Refinishing for \$ 4,320.00. Deimeke made the second motion. Roll call shows: Lucas, aye; Norrenberns, aye; Wuebbels, absent; Athmer, absent; Deimeke, aye; Henry, aye; Hilmes, aye.
- ECONOMIC INTEREST – A discussion was held to remind all board members to complete the statement for the Clinton County Clerk.
- 5 ESSENTIALS SURVEY – Dr. Toebe shared information on the annual requirement. Parent participation is highly encouraged. The Strategic Planning goals benefit from this survey. The deadline is the end of March.
- AUDIT PROPOSAL – Henry made the motion to hire Glass & Shuffett not to exceed \$8,600.00 for the annual audit. Norrenberns made the second motion. Roll call shows: Norrenberns, aye; Wuebbels, absent; Athmer, absent; Deimeke, aye; Henry, aye; Hilmes, aye; Lucas, aye.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Toebe shared that the staff attended the Tri-County Institute in Centralia on February 13, 2026.
- IAR testing will be from March 24 to April 9, 2026.
- The Science Assessment will be April 14-16.
- Ameren contacted Dr. Toebe about an audit review of usage. They suggested programmable thermostats to assist with savings. More details will be shared as they become available.
- The volleyball team was undefeated this year. 8th-grade night will be on March 3, 2026.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Henry made a motion to adjourn at 8:21 PM. Norrenberns made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.

Marshall Lucas, President

Courtney Athmer, Secretary