

ALBERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #63
BOARD OF EDUCATION
JULY 28, 2026
REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Lucas called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Roll call shows Athmer, present; Deimeke, present; Henry, present at 6:03 PM; Hilmes, present; Lucas, present; Norrenberns, present; Wuebbels, present. Everyone in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS

Susan Scott and Kyle Peters 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 with the addition of FOIA. Norrenberns made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.

BOOSTER CLUB

- There is a portion of the monkey bar area that has water gathering below. It will be monitored for any repairs.
- The meetings for this school year are August 25, October 5, January 20 and April 6.

COMMITTEE REPORTS & ASSIGNMENTS

There is nothing at this time.

TEACHER REPORTS

There is nothing at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Wuebbels made the motion to approve the minutes from the June 23, 2026, budget amendment hearing, June 23, 2026 meeting; approve and seal the executive session minutes from June 23, 2026; approve the financial report; and approve the bills for \$164,374.89. Athmer made the second motion. Roll call shows Deimeke, aye; Henry, aye; Hilmes, aye; Lucas, aye; Norrenberns, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye.

OLD BUSINESS

- 2026 MAINTENANCE GRANT – The State of Illinois approved the application. The curtain from 1968 has been replaced. The window decals have been installed by PrintCraze. Kohnen removed the old boiler and placed HVAC on the roof.
- POLICY REVIEW – State funding codes were reviewed and explained to the board members.
- SUMMER PROJECTS – Christopher Rolfingsmeyer, Quinten Engelmeyer, and Trigg Goestenkors have been busy completing summer duties. They are making good progress on getting the school ready for the new school year.
- 2026-2027 ATHLETIC HANDBOOK – The first reading was held, and it was tabled. The co-op committee will also review at the meeting on July 29, 2026.
- 2026-2027 JUNIOR HIGH HANDBOOK – The second reading was held. Items to note include: no squishy toys will be permitted, late homework collections, and reduced Chromebook use during morning attendance and announcements.
- 2026-2027 PARAPROFESSIONALS – The schedules should be completed this week. This item was tabled pending the schedule.
- EMPLOYMENT – The Kitchen Substitute position was tabled. Wuebbels made the motion to increase the daily kitchen sub rate to \$50 per day. Athmer made the second motion. Teacher and paraprofessional sub rates will remain the same as last year. Athmer made the second motion. Roll call shows: Henry, aye; Hilmes, aye; Lucas, aye; Norrenberns, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Deimeke, aye.
- 2026-2027 ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – This item was approved after the executive session last month. The contract was presented and signed.
- IASB ANNUAL CONVENTION – This item was tabled.
- 2026-2027 COACHING EMPLOYMENT – Athmer made the motion to hire Lynn Boeckmann, 5th & 6th girls basketball coach; Casey Thole, JV & V volleyball coach; Olivia Winkeler, 5th grade volleyball coach; Sally Albers, 6th grade volleyball coach; John Kohnen, golf coach. Norrenberns made the second motion. Roll call shows: Hilmes, aye; Lucas, aye; Norrenberns, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Deimeke, aye; Henry, aye.
- 2026-2027 COACHING EMPLOYMENT – Wuebbels made the motion to appoint the following volunteers: Solana Schumacher, cheer; Cole Horstmann, golf; Alicia Von Bokel, bowling; Dough Netemeyer, softball; Dawn McClellan, softball; Phillip Arentsen, baseball. Athmer made the second motion. Basketball, volleyball, track, cross country and robotics volunteer coaches were tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

- PRESS POLICY UPDATES – The first reading was reviewed.
- SALARY, BOOKKEEPER, SUB COORDINATOR, RECORDING SECRETARY – This item was tabled for executive session.
- SALARY, DISTRICT SECRETARY, TECH COORDINATOR – This item was tabled for executive session.
- SUB TEACHER AND PARA RATE – The rates will remain the same as last school year.
- COPING FOR KIDS CONTRACT – Wuebbels made the motion to renew the Coping for Kids contract for the 2026-2027 school year. Athmer made the second motion. Roll call shows: Lucas, aye; Norrenberns, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Deimeke, aye; Henry, aye; Hilmes, aye.
- SOCIAL WORKER – Wuebbels made the motion to split the Social Worker with Aviston. The Albers portion is 20%. Athmer made the second motion. Roll call shows: Norrenberns, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Deimeke, aye; Henry, aye; Hilmes, aye; Lucas, aye.
- HEALTH INSURANCE COOPERATIVE – Athmer made the motion to allow our employees to purchase health insurance from the Clinton County Cooperative. Wuebbels made the second motion. Roll call shows: Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Deimeke, aye; Henry, aye; Hilmes, aye; Lucas, aye; Norrenberns, aye.
- SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS – Candidates may start circulating petitions for signatures in August. Paperwork can be collected at the school office or on the Clinton County Clerk's website.
- FOIA – Wuebbels made the motion to approve the fee of \$10.00 per request and the email address FOIAOFFICER@alberscougars.com. Athmer made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor. Athmer made the motion to approve the payment of \$752.00 to Legal Solved. Deimeke made the second motion. Roll call shows: Athmer, aye; Deimeke, aye; Henry, aye; Hilmes, aye; Lucas, aye; Norrenberns, aye; Wuebbels, aye.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Molly Diekemper will be the speech therapist assigned to our school by KSED.
- Currently, we have four new students enrolled.
- August 11, 2026 will be the staff in-service, and the Open House will be 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM.
- The school will be hosting a ProKids assembly on August 24, 2026 for the students from Albers and Damiansville. There will be an evening show for parents and students to attend as well.
- Dr. Toebe shared information on the Truancy policy. Students who have a doctor's note will not be counted in the truancy policy. Dr. Toebe will prepare a statement regarding the policy and share with families.
- The audit was July 23 and 24, 2026. Everything went well.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Athmer made a motion to enter into the executive session at 7:40 PM. Wuebbels made the second motion. Roll call shows: Athmer, present; Deimeke, present; Henry, present; Hilmes, present; Lucas, present; Norrenberns, present; Wuebbels, present. Dr. Toebe; present.

Wuebbels made a motion to exit the executive session at 7:59 PM. Athmer made the second motion. All in favor.

Exit Regular Session

Wuebbels made a motion to exit the regular session at 8:00 PM. Athmer made the second motion. All in favor.

Marshall Lucas, President

Courtney Athmer, Secretary