

**ALBERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #63**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**MAY 17, 2023**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER

Roll call shows: Athmer, present; Boeckmann, present; Henry, present; Huegen, present; Jung, present; Lucas, present; Wuebbels, present. Everyone in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS

Tiffany Zurliene, Rachel Beckemeyer, Rochelle Halstead and Marshall Lucas were present. Recording Secretary Janel Zurliene and Superintendent Mike Toebe were also present.

OATH OF OFFICE

All members of the board recited the Oath of Office. This was done since this was Lucas' first official meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There is nothing at this time.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Athmer made the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business – Phones and speakers. Wuebbels made the second motion. Voice votes show all present in favor.

BOOSTER CLUB

- Field day is scheduled for May 24, 2023. Volunteers are still needed.
- Officers are still needed for two positions.
- Bids for a new laminator are being collected.

COMMITTEE REPORTS & ASSIGNMENTS

- BUILDING & GROUNDS, Lucas, Henry, Boeckmann – The bathroom sinks need to be replaced. Parts are unavailable. An estimate of \$10,000.00 was received. They are original to the building – 1968.
- TECHNOLOGY, Athmer, Wuebbels, Lucas – There is nothing at this time.
- SPORTS CO-OP/FRIENDS OF THE COUGARS, Jung, Boeckmann – There is nothing at this time.
- SAFETY – There is nothing at this time.
- CAT TEAM – There is nothing at this time.
- FINANCE – Huegen, Wuebbels, Boeckmann – There is nothing at this time.
- KASKASKIA COLLEGE COMMITTEE – Huegen, Henry, Athmer – There is nothing at this time.
- SIP – The Strategic Planning Goals were reviewed. Many items that were suggested have been completed.
- PARENT ADVISORY BOARD – There is nothing at this time.
- BULLYING – There is nothing at this time.

TEACHER REPORTS

- There is nothing at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Athmer made the motion to approve the minutes from April 26, 2023, reorganizational and regular meeting; Special meeting minutes from May 9, 2023; seal executive session minutes; approve the financial report; approve the bills in the amount of \$ 45,649.34. Boeckmann made the second motion. Roll call vote shows: Boeckmann, aye; Henry, aye; Huegen, aye; Jung, aye; Lucas, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye.

OLD BUSINESS

- ASBESTOS/BOILER REMOVAL – The project is complete.
- 2023 MAINTENANCE GRANT – This item was tabled.
- TRANSPORTATION AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES - This item was tabled. Mr. Toebe has been in contact with Southern Illinois Bus and Mobility regarding used vans and buses.
- SCHOOL FEES, 2023-2024 – Jung made the motion to not increase any fees for the 2023-2024 school year. Athmer made the second motion. Voice votes show all present in favor.
- SUMMER MAINTAINANCE PROJECTS – Athmer made the motion to proceed with projects to update the bathroom sinks, toilets, partitions, and plumbing as needed not to exceed a combined amount of \$100,000.00. Wuebbels made the second motion. Roll call vote shows: Henry, aye; Huegen, aye; Jung, aye; Lucas, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Boeckmann, aye.
- CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS – Mr. Toebe shared information regarding the placement of the salary schedule with granting prior years of employment for certified staff. This item was tabled.
- CD RENEWAL – Wuebbels made the motion to reinvest \$500,000.00 for 12 months with Wintrust. Athmer made the second motion. Roll call vote shows: Huegen, aye; Jung, aye; Lucas, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Boeckmann, aye; Henry, aye.

- SUMMER POSITIONS – Athmer made the motion to hire Landon Schroeder and Wyatt Jung as summer cleaning staff. Boeckmann made the second motion. Roll call vote shows: Jung, abstain; Lucas, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Boeckmann, aye; Henry, aye; Huegen, aye.
- 2023-2024 EMPLOYMENT – Athmer made the motion to hire Katie Richter for the Junior High ELA teaching position. Jung made the second motion. Roll call shows Lucas, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Boeckmann, aye; Henry, aye; Huegen, aye; Jung, aye.
- 2023-2024 EMPLOYMENT – Athmer made the motion to hire John Nadler as a long-term sub for the 3-day per week Music and Band position. Jung made the second motion. Roll call shows Lucas, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Boeckmann, aye; Henry, aye; Huegen, aye; Jung, aye.
- 2023-2024 EMPLOYMENT - All other positions were tabled.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- RESIGNATION – This item was tabled.
- ADVERTISE OPEN POSITIONS – Athmer made the motion to advertise for the Junior High Math teaching positions as well as coaching for Volleyball and Cheerleading. Wuebbels made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.
- A-D SPORTS CO-OP – Athmer made the motion to sign the 2-year agreement with Damiansville. Lucas made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor. It was noted during the meeting with Damiansville that the coach's stipend schedule should be reviewed and increased; encourage more meetings with the AD and all coaches; continue to transport kids to events that begin after school; guidelines also need to be reviewed for select/travel teams that conflict with varsity practices and games; there will be an increase for volleyball and basketball referees.
- COPY MACHINE LEASE – This item was tabled.
- PHONE & SPEAKERS – Wuebbels made the motion to purchase a phone for the speech room and install intercom speakers for the halls, bathrooms, and outside the building not to exceed \$6,955.00. Athmer made the second motion. Roll call vote shows: Boeckmann, aye; Henry, aye; Huegen, aye; Jung, aye; Lucas, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye. It was also noted to discuss options to possibly use the automatic door closing system, red button, in conjunction with the phone system.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- The May 3, 2023 ISBE lunch programs audit went well.
- Graduation is May 18, 2023 at 7:00 PM.
- The length of the sports banquet was presented as a concern. It will be reviewed to possibly consolidate or change to Junior Varsity and Varsity only.
- A retirement assembly for Mrs. Lisa Groennert was held in the school gymnasium today.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was nothing at this time.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Athmer made a motion to adjourn at 8:34 PM. Jung made the second motion. All in favor.

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Lynette Huegen, President

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Courtney Athmer, Secretary