

ALBERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #63
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AUGUST 23, 2023
REGULAR MEETING, 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

VISITORS

Kristie Weh and Angie Wellen were present. Recording Secretary Janel Zurliene and Superintendent Mike Toeben were also present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There is nothing at this time.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Boeckmann made the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Negotiations in New Business. Wuebbels made the second motion. Voice votes show all present in favor.

BOOSTER CLUB

- A secretary is still needed.
- Spirit wear orders are currently being collected. The meeting dates for the school year are being scheduled.
- Box Tops are still being collected in the digital format.

COMMITTEE REPORTS & ASSIGNMENTS

- BUILDING & GROUNDS, Lucas, Henry, Boeckmann – There is nothing at this time.
- TECHNOLOGY, Athmer, Wuebbels, Lucas – There is nothing at this time.
- SPORTS CO-OP/FRIENDS OF THE COUGARS, Jung, Boeckmann – The group reviewed the stipend schedule and will try to complete an updated stipend schedule for coaches soon.
- 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 – There is nothing at this time.
- 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 July 26, 2023, regular meeting; approve the financial report; approve the bills in the amount of \$ 200,005.25. Boeckmann made the second motion. Roll call vote shows: Boeckmann, aye; Henry, absent; Huegen, aye; Jung, aye; Lucas, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye.

OLD BUSINESS

- 2023 MAINTENANCE GRANT – This item was tabled. The roof is complete. Staff will complete the punch list on August 24, 2023, with the architects and D7 Roofing.
- TRANSPORTATION AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES - This item was tabled. Mr. Toeben has been in contact with Southern Illinois Bus and Mobility regarding used vans and buses.
- SUMMER MAINTAINANCE PROJECTS – The project is complete. The sensors on the motion-activated lights will be adjusted.
- IASB CONVENTION – This item was tabled. Board members are asked to let Mr. Toeben know by next month if they would like to attend.
- EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS – Wuebbels made the motion to approve the updated stipend schedule for extra school duties with a retroactive payment of \$200.00 to C. Bretz for the previous Book Fair. Athmer made the second motion. Roll call shows: Huegen, aye; Jung, aye; Lucas, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Boeckmann, aye; Henry, absent.
- 2023-2024 EMPLOYMENT – Boeckmann made the motion to hire Jacob Toennies for the 5th & 6th grade boys basketball coaching position. Athmer made the second motion. Roll call shows: Lucas, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Boeckmann, aye; Henry, absent; Huegen, aye; Jung, aye.
- 2023-2024 EMPLOYMENT – Athmer made the motion to appoint Susan Scott as the Head Teacher. Wuebbels made the second motion. Roll call shows: Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Boeckmann, aye; Henry, absent; Huegen, aye; Jung, aye; Lucas, aye.
- 2023-2024 EMPLOYMENT – It was noted that an additional individual aide may be needed for the 2023-2024 school year. Brad Huegen is also taking some days off and it was noted that the summer help may be used to cover his absences. All other positions were tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

- STRATEGIC PLANNING – The date of the next meeting will be November 2, 2023, at 6:00 PM. A list is being created of local business owners, community members, former students, and parents that would be willing to assist.
- BUDGET HEARING – Athmer made the motion to set the budget hearing for September 27, 2023, at 6:45 PM. Boeckmann made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.
- WORKING CASH ABATEMENT – Wuebbels made the motion to approve the resolution to abate \$210,000.00 from the Working Cash Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund. Athmer made the second motion. Roll call votes shows: Athmer, aye; Boeckmann, aye; Henry, absent; Huegen, aye; Jung, aye; Lucas, aye; Wuebbels, aye.
- INVESTMENTS – This item was tabled.
- NEGOTIATIONS – Wuebbels, Lucas and Athmer volunteered to be on the school board negotiations team. Negotiations can start at any time for the next Albers IEA/NEA contract.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- The walk-in freezer stopped working causing the school to remove approximately \$1,000.00 of frozen foods. We are looking for an alarm system to help monitor the outdoor freezer temperatures.
- The heat wave has canceled some Cross Country meets and practices. The students will remain inside for recess and PE.
- IAR scores have been released. Mrs. Mungai had 85.29% of the students meet or exceed which is a phenomenal improvement. Overall 60.31% met or exceeded. Last year 50% met or exceeded.
- Former paraprofessional, Gayle Klitzing, has passed away. A plant will be sent to the funeral.
- The girls' basketball team has started team practices.
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ADJOURNMENT

Lucas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 PM. Jung made the second motion. Roll call shows: Athmer, aye; Boeckmann, aye; Henry, absent; Huegen, aye; Jung, aye; Lucas, aye; Wuebbels, aye.

Lynette Huegen, President

Courtney Athmer, Secretary