

**ALBERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #63  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 28, 2015**

President Rickhoff called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Roll call shows: Broeckling, present; Kloeckner, absent; Lucas, present; Rickhoff, present; Santel, present; Schroeder, present; Toennies, present. Everyone in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**VISITORS**

Visitors present at the meeting include: Becky Campbell and Melissa Becker representing the Albers staff. Tim King of King Financial was also present. Recording Secretary Janel Zurliene and Superintendent Mike Toeben were also present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tim King shared information about income from bonds and a potential tax freeze on real estate taxes.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Toennies made the motion to approve the agenda. Santel made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.

**BOOSTER CLUB**

McTeacher night was October 6 at the New Baden McDonald's. The Booster Club earned \$519.00 for McTeacher Night. The Turkey Raffle will begin soon. The SCRIP gift card program will also begin in November.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- SIP – There is nothing at this time.
- BUILDING & GROUNDS – Prairie State Insurance made suggestions to prevent risk management claims.
- PARENT ADVISORY BOARD – There is nothing at this time.
- TECHNOLOGY – There is nothing at this time.
- BULLYING – There is nothing at this time.
- SPORTS CO-OP/FRIENDS OF THE COUGARS – There is nothing at this time.
- SAFETY – There is nothing at this time.
- CAT TEAM – There is nothing at this time.

**TEACHER REPORTS**

- The 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade recently traveled to Springfield, IL for their field trip. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade class went to Agriculture Safety Day sponsored by the Fam Bureau at the Clinton County Fairgrounds. Parent and Teacher conference are schedule for Thursday, October 29, 2015.
- The Student Council and Mrs. Eilers met the 400 pound goal for caps for benches and will continue to collect the caps. The student council also sent a survey to students regarding recess equipment and what they would like to have for the playgrounds. A LEGO club is also being formed. Students in Grades 2-8 will also be permitted to bring a water bottle to class.

**AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS**

Santel made the motion to approve the consent items on the agenda. Schroeder made the second motion. Roll call shows: Lucas, aye; Rickhoff, aye; Santel, aye; Schroeder, aye; Toennies, aye; Broeckling, aye; Kloeckner, absent. Minutes were approved with the executive session remaining sealed; financial report; bills \$ 32,338.83.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- MAINTENANCE GRANT – Maintenance grant is for removal of the boiler and replacement. Roof top units have been discussed. Broeckling made the motion to have Lunsford perform an energy efficiency study with a cost of up to \$ 1,000.00. Lucas made the second motion. Roll call shows: Lucas, aye; Rickhoff, aye; Santel, aye; Schroeder, aye; Toennies, aye; Broeckling, aye; Kloeckner, absent.
- TECHNOLOGY – Some desktops are having issues and may need to be replaced soon. St. Joseph's Hospital has indicated that they have some computers available to donate to the school. The technology committee also recommends replacing the server this summer. There is a school technology revolving loan program for up to \$ 53,000.00 with a 2% rate. An additional mobile lab could be an option. An inventory should also be updated.
- POLICY REVISION / PRESS UPDATES – The second reading was approved. Broeckling made the first motion. Toennies made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.
- PARKING LOT LEASE – Rickhoff attended the Parish Council meeting to discuss the increase. The rate will remain at \$ 4,000 for this year but will increase next year as part of the 5 year rate adjustment documented in the lease.
- EMPLOYMENT – Employment was tabled. Volleyball coaching positions will be advertised. There are some candidates interested in the volleyball coaching positions.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- TAX LEVY – Broeckling made the motion to set the Tax Levy Hearing for December 21, 2015 at 6:45 PM. Schroeder made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.
- DISTRICT HOLIDAY PARTY – December 4, 2015 is the date for the District Holiday party.
- ALBERS 125 ALL SCHOOL REUNION – April 23, 2016 is the date that was chosen for the All School Reunion. The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a spaghetti dinner and outdoor activities will be organized.
- EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANT COOK / EVENING CUSTODIAN – This item was tabled.
- VOLLEYBALL DONATION – Broeckling made the motion to utilize the money donated by Andres Irizarry to purchase a volleyball net system up to \$ 1,500.00. Santel made the second motion. Roll call vote shows: Rickhoff, aye; Santel, aye; Schroeder, aye; Toennies, aye; Broeckling, aye; Kloeckner, absent; Lucas, aye.
- FACEBOOK – Lucas made the motion to start a Facebook page for Albers Elementary and also approve the Albers-Damiansville Athletics page. Santel made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.
- SECTION 125 PLAN – Broeckling made the motion to approve American Fidelity to manage the Section 125 plan. Schroeder made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.
- MATH CLASSES – A discussion was held regarding the 8<sup>th</sup> grade math classes and the level of math and algebra being taught. Mr. Toeben will have more information at the next board meeting regarding the 8<sup>th</sup> grade math classes.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Toeben shared information regarding the items on the agenda.

- Veteran's Day program will be November 10, 2015 at 1:30 PM.
- The 6<sup>th</sup> grade girl's basketball team has completed their season and they were undefeated.
- Vision and hearing screenings will be held on November 3, 2015 with re-screens two weeks after.
- Earthquake drill was held on October 15, 2015.
- Andrea Landis has donated over \$ 400.00 worth of signs from Uppercase Living to the school. She will hang them in various places inside the school. Thank you for the generous donation.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Broeckling made the motion to enter executive session at 10:01 PM for personnel. Lucas made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor. Roll call vote shows: Broeckling, present; Kloeckner, absent; Lucas, present; Rickhoff, present; Santel, present; Schroeder, present; Toennies, present.

Broeckling made the motion to exit executive session at 10:29 PM. Lucas made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Broeckling made the motion to adjourn at 10:30 PM. Lucas made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor. Roll call vote shows: Broeckling, present; Kloeckner, absent; Lucas, present; Rickhoff, present; Santel, present; Schroeder, present; Toennies, present.

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Kurt Rickhoff, President

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Stacy Schroeder, Secretary