

**ALBERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #63**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**FEBRUARY 23, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

President Rickhoff called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Roll call shows: Athmer, present; Huegen, present; Kloeckner, present at 7:02 PM; Richter, present at 7:06 PM; Rickhoff, present; Winterbottom, present; Wuebbels, present. Everyone in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS

Lynn Boeckmann, Tina Wuebbels, Susan Scott and Christelle Bretz were present. Recording Secretary Janel Zurliene and Superintendent Mike Toebe were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Huegen made the motion to approve the agenda. Athmer made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.

BOOSTER CLUB

- The meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2021.
- A donation of \$10,000.00 is anticipated to use for the purchase of the Clear Touch boards.
- The SCRIP program is still running. Mrs. Bretz has offered to be the coordinator this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- SIP – There is nothing at this time.
- BUILDING & GROUNDS – Mr. Toebe is working on the memorial benches placement for future donations. Student Council may be able to donate funds to improve the landscaping at the front entrance. Mr. Toebe, Mr. Etter and Louis Boeckmann will meet to discuss suggestions for improvement. A new water fountain was ordered for the primary hall. A leak caused water to enter some classrooms.
- PARENT ADVISORY BOARD – There is nothing at this time.
- TECHNOLOGY – There may be an increase in grant money availability from the ISBE. More information will be presented as received.
- BULLYING – There is nothing at this time.
- SPORTS CO-OP/FRIENDS OF THE COUGARS – Plans are changing under the SIJHSAA leadership and the State of Illinois. Mr. Toebe will monitor as things develop. The Friends of the Cougars will begin their carry-out only dinner on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021 and every Friday during Lent.
- SAFETY – There is nothing at this time.
- CAT TEAM – There is nothing at this time.

TEACHER REPORTS

- There is nothing at this time.

AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS

Huegen made the motion to approve the January regular meeting minutes; seal the January executive session; approve the minutes from the February 1 special meeting; approve the bills (including final payment to Glandt Roofing) \$ 47,173.32 and approve the financial report. Athmer made the second motion. Roll call vote: Huegen, aye; Kloeckner, aye; Richter, aye; Rickhoff, aye; Winterbottom, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye.

OLD BUSINESS

- MAINTAINANCE GRANT / SUMMER PROJECTS – The parking lot and sidewalk work will be performed as weather allows. Environmental Consultants will present a bid to remove the asbestos near the boiler.
- COVID – 19 UPDATES & PROCEDURES – A weekly update will be sent via Teacherease. Currently, there is one staff member quarantined and zero students positive or quarantined. Staff members that were interested received their second vaccine.
- SPORTS CO-OP –A meeting needs to be organized with Damiansville to review the Co-op. Gym use by outside groups is still not permitted at this time. A cleaning policy needs to be created. A bus may be needed to get the Smithton game.
- SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION – This item was tabled.
- EMPLOYMENT – Huegen made the motion to hire Casey Thole as the volleyball coach for JV and Varsity. Wuebbels made the second motion. Roll call vote: Richter, aye; Rickhoff, aye; Winterbottom, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Huegen, aye; Kloeckner, aye.

- VOLUNTEER ASSISTANTS – Richter made the motion to approve volunteer assistants – Spencer Campbell and Kate Glynn. Athmer made the second motion. Roll call vote: Rickhoff, aye; Winterbottom, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Huegen, aye; Kloeckner, aye; Richter, aye.
- EMPLOYMENT – All other positions were tabled.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- TRS SSP – Athmer made the motion to adopt the resolution for the TRS SSP Employer Participation Agreement. Winterbottom made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.
- CARES ACT Funding – The school will receive additional funding estimated near \$ 59,000.00. More information will be shared as it is received.
- CALENDAR – The 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 calendars were reviewed. No action was taken at this time.
- IEA/NEA CONTRACT – The current contract is expiring in August 2021. Mr. Glynn and Mrs. Recker are the staff representatives. Winterbottom, Wuebbels and Richter volunteered to represent the Board of Education.
- FIELD TRIPS – If there is a location that accepts schools and students the staff may present a request to Mr. Toebe. The chaperones on the bus and at the site may be limited.
- SIJHSAA GOLF – Wuebbels made the motion to participate in Spring golf this year. Athmer made the second motion. Roll call vote: Kloeckner, aye; Richter, aye; Rickhoff, aye; Winterbottom, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Huegen, aye. The coach would be paid the same rate as track. More information will be sent with a parent permission slip.
- MATERNITY LEAVE COVERAGE – This item was tabled for further information from the ROE.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Toebe shared information regarding items on the agenda.

- The last day is tentatively scheduled for June 1, 2021.
- Birth to Five and Kindergarten screenings are scheduled for March 16, 2021.
- SIP training on February 26, 2021 will consist of Dyslexia Training.
- March 11, 2021 the State Fire Marshal and Regional Office of Education will inspect the school.
- March 16, 2021 will be the Birth to Five screenings and also Kindergarten screening for the 2021-2022 school year.
- March 6, 2021 will be 8<sup>th</sup> grade night for boys' basketball.
- Graduation date and location to be determined.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Wuebbels made a motion to enter into the executive session at 8:13 PM. Athmer made the second motion. Roll call shows: Athmer, present; Huegen, present; Kloeckner, present; Richter, present; Rickhoff, present; Winterbottom, present; Wuebbels, present. Mr. Toebe was also present.

Athmer made a motion to exit the executive session at 8:39 PM. Wuebbels made the second motion. Roll call shows: Huegen, aye; Kloeckner, aye; Richter, aye; Rickhoff, aye; Winterbottom, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Wuebbels made the motion to adjourn at 8:40 PM. Athmer made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.

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Kurt Rickhoff, President

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Lynette Huegen, Secretary