

**ALBERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #63**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**DECEMBER 16, 2024**  
**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

Katie Richter, Jennifer Scheibel and Chris Norrenberns 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. Boeckmann made the second motion. Voice votes show all present in favor.

BOOSTER CLUB

- Box Tops are still being collected in the digital format.
- The playground equipment needs some repairs. It was noted that the Booster Club would like to work to raise money for new equipment over several years. A suggested drawing of the new playground was shared. The estimate is approximately \$100,000.00. A Dueling Piano fundraiser will be held March 8, 2025, at the Albers Legion.
- There is a Hog Raffle with the winning tickets drawn at the Christmas program on December 18, 2024.
- The officers are considering a dinner auction, glow bingo, or another large fundraiser to raise money for the playground.
- SCRIP gift cards will be available before Christmas.
- Perfect Pastries will be delivered on December 18, 2024.

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 – 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 – There is nothing at this time.
- PARENT ADVISORY BOARD – There is nothing at this time.
- BULLYING – There is nothing at this time.

TEACHER REPORTS

Students have been working with their class buddies using the word of the month, Empathy. The students made a chain decoration, which will be displayed in the hallways. Students also collected ten boxes of items for needy families and donated them to the Coping For Kids Holiday Drive.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Athmer made the motion to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2024, E-learning hearing; regular meeting; approve the financial report; and approve the bills for \$ 50,108.07. Wuebbels made the second motion. Roll call shows Boeckmann, aye; Henry, absent; Huegen, aye; Jung, aye; Lucas, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye.

OLD BUSINESS

- 2023-2024 MAINTENANCE GRANT – The offices have started to move to their temporary location across the hall. The DBA trophy case information was reviewed. The demolition is going well. The glue on the walls in the front room needs to be discussed to decide if it needs drywall coverage or coating.
- 2025 MAINTENANCE GRANT – The State of Illinois is offering another grant opportunity. The grant was submitted for wooden door replacement; door trim painting; curtain replacement; boiler replacement and removal. This item was tabled.
- TAX LEVY – The levy from the last year was reviewed. Athmer made the motion to approve the tax levy. Jung made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.
- PRESS POLICY UPDATES – The second reading was held. Lucas made the motion to approve as presented. Athmer made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.
- EMPLOYMENT – Golf, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball, Track, Robotics were tabled. The golf position will be advertised.

- EMPLOYMENT – All volunteer positions were tabled.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- BULLYING POLICY – Athmer made the motion to adopt the Bullying Policy, 7:180, as presented without any changes. Jung made the second motion. Voice votes show all present in favor.
- PUBLIC HEARING BOND RESOLUTION – The public hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Education to sell \$310,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds for the purpose of increasing the District's Working Cash Fund was held. There was no public comment.
- CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN – Wuebbels made the motion to approve the plan as presented. Athmer made the second motion. Voice votes show all present in favor.
- INVESTMENTS / CD RENEWAL – Athmer made the motion to reinvest \$1,000,000 for 12 months with Wintrust and cash out one CD in the amount of \$250,000. Wuebbels made the second motion. Roll call shows Huegen, aye; Jung, aye; Lucas, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Boeckmann, aye; Henry, absent.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Board Elections are in April 2025. There will be 5 seats available.
- JV and Varsity basketball seasons have begun. The 8th-grade nights will be combined at one game to consolidate sports. More information will be available at the next meeting. The conference tourney was last week for the girls and the boys this week.
- January 3, 2025, is a staff in-service at District 12, CPI training. On January 6, the students are scheduled to return. January 8 is the annual Stand Up to Cancer Night versus Wesclin. January 17 is an in-service, and teachers will learn about Artificial Intelligence.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Athmer made the motion to enter executive session at 7:39 PM. Boeckmann made the second motion. Roll call shows: Athmer, present; Boeckmann, present; Henry, absent; Huegen, present; Jung, present; Lucas, present; Wuebbels, present. Mr. Toeben; present.

Lucas made a motion to exit the executive session at 7:56 PM. Jung made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Lucas made a motion to exit the regular session at 7:57 PM. Jung made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.

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Lynette Huegen, President

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Courtney Athmer, Secretary