

ALBERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #63
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OCTOBER 22, 2025
REGULAR MEETING, 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Lucas called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Roll call shows Athmer, present; Deimeke, present; Henry, absent; Hilmes, present; Lucas, present; Norrenberns, present; Wuebbels, present at 7:06 PM. Everyone in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS

Kelly Mungai and Susan Scott were present. Superintendent Mike Toeben 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. Norrenberns made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.

BOOSTER CLUB

- The playground is complete. More mulch will be ordered in the future.
- Pete's hosted a fundraiser for the Booster Club on October 21, 2025.
- There will be Dine-Out events at El Indio, Knotty Pine, and Joe's Pizza during the next few months.
- Volunteers are needed in the concession stands at home basketball games. There is a Sign-up Genius page for volunteers to schedule a date.
- A golf tournament will be held this summer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS & ASSIGNMENTS

The new assignments will be discussed when the full board is in attendance.

TEACHER REPORTS

The 7th and 8th-grade students enjoyed a field trip to Springfield, IL, today. Parent and teacher conferences are being held this week.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Athmer made the motion to approve the minutes from the September 24, 2025, budget hearing and regular meeting; approve the financial report; and approve the bills for \$ 99,979.90. Wuebbels made the second motion. Roll call shows Deimeke, aye; Henry, absent; Hilmes, aye; Lucas, aye; Norrenberns, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye.

OLD BUSINESS

- APPOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERS – Building & Grounds – Henry, Norrenberns, Lucas; Technology – Athmer, Lucas, Hilmes; Sports Co-op/Friends of the Cougars – Norrenberns, Wuebbels; Finance – Deimeke, Lucas, Wuebbels.
- IASB CONVENTION – Information was reviewed about the November 2025 convention in Chicago. Any board member interested in attending should contact Dr. Toeben.
- PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT – The installation is complete.
- HOLIDAY PARTY – It is scheduled for December 5, 2025.
- TAX LEVY – Clinton County does not have the EAV prepared. Tax rate options were discussed and reviewed. This item was tabled.
- COACHING VOLUNTEERS – All volunteer positions were tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

- INVESTMENTS – Athmer made the motion to reinvest the maturing CDs for twelve months at a rate of 3.65%. Wuebbels made the second motion. Roll call shows Henry, absent; Hilmes, aye; Lucas, aye; Norrenberns, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Deimeke, aye.
- 2026 MAINTENANCE GRANT – The state will be offering matching grants for use in 2026. The Building Committee will meet to discuss potential projects. It was also noted that Dr. Toeben should review the charges from Baysinger versus the contract signed. Applications are due January 30, 2026. This item was tabled.
- E-LEARNING PLAN – The plan was reviewed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Toeben shared that the staff will attend an In-service at Central High School on Friday, October 24, 2025. There will be a guest speaker

- IAR scores have arrived. The scores have declined slightly since last year. The staff will meet to discuss and review how to improve the scores.
- It was noted that Mrs. Tracy Schulte will be completing her degree and may be leaving at the end of the school year. A replacement should work with her before her departure.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There is nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Wuebbels made a motion to exit the regular session at 8:07 PM. Athmer made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.

Marshall Lucas, President

Courtney Athmer, Secretary