

ALBERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #63
BOARD OF EDUCATION
DECEMBER 29, 2025
TAX LEVY HEARING, 5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Lucas called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Roll call shows Athmer, present; Deimeke, absent; Henry, present; Hilmes, present; Lucas, present; Norrenberns, present; Wuebbels, absent. Everyone in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS

Susan Scott and Christelle Bretz 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. Norrenberns made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.

TAX LEVY HEARING

The tax levy was reviewed. There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Athmer made the motion to adjourn. Henry made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor. The time was 5:03 PM.

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Lucas called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM. Roll call shows Athmer, present; Deimeke, absent; Henry, present; Hilmes, present; Lucas, present; Norrenberns, present; Wuebbels, absent. Everyone in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS

Susan Scott and Christelle Bretz 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 with the addition of New Business – Kindness Club. Norrenberns made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.

BOOSTER CLUB

- There will be Dine-Out events at 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.
- Raffle tickets are available. The first cash raffle drawing was held at the Christmas concert.
- Hog Raffle tickets were distributed in December.
- The wreath and poinsettia sales were successful.
- The SCRIP program was popular for the holiday.
- A golf tournament will be held in June 2026.
- The next meeting is January 13, 2026.

COMMITTEE REPORTS & ASSIGNMENTS

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 the November 25, 2025, regular meeting; seal and approve the executive session minutes from November 25, 2025; approve the financial report; and approve the bills for \$ 40,078.57. Henry made the second motion. Roll call shows Hilmes, aye; Lucas, aye; Norrenberns, aye; Wuebbels, absent; Athmer, aye; Deimeke, absent; Henry, aye.

OLD BUSINESS

- TAX LEVY – The rates were reviewed. Athmer made the motion to approve the tax levy. Henry made the second motion. Roll call shows Lucas, aye; Norrenberns, aye; Wuebbels, absent; Athmer, aye; Deimeke, absent; Henry, aye; Henry, aye.
- INVESTMENTS – Athmer made the motion to re-invest \$750,000. for six months and \$750,000.00 for nine months with Wintrust. Norrenberns made the second motion. Roll call shows Norrenberns, aye; Wuebbels, absent; Athmer, aye; Deimeke, absent; Henry, aye; Hilmes, aye; Lucas, 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. Toebe should review the charges from Baysinger versus the contract signed. Applications are due January 30, 2026. The curtain estimate was \$61,862.00. The boiler room estimate was approximately \$50,000.00, and decals on all windows were estimated at \$4,616.00. This item was tabled.
- PRESS POLICY REVISIONS – The second reading was held. Athmer made the motion to approve as presented. Norrenberns made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

- EMPLOYMENT, HEAD COOK - Henry made the motion to advertise for the Head Cook position for the 2026-2027 school year. Hilmes made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.
- KINDNESS CLUB – Dr. Toebe met with a parent regarding the implementation of the Kindness Club to expand Character Education. It was also mentioned to create a Cougars Council with members from the staff, administration, and student body. Dr. Toebe will work with Cindy Grapperhaus from Coping 4 Life. Shannon Hilmes will share what methods are used at her school for students to “check in” regarding mindfulness and mental well-being.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Toebe shared that the staff will be attending CPI training on January 5, 2026.
- We are hosting the girls' regional in mid-January.
- The annual Albers-Damiansville versus Wesclin basketball games will be on January 7, 2026.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Athmer made a motion to adjourn at 5:46 PM. Henry made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.

Marshall Lucas, President

Courtney Athmer, Secretary