

ALBERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #63
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MARCH 26, 2025
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, present; Huegen, present; Jung, absent; Lucas, present; Wuebbels, present. Everyone in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS

Holly Dumstorff, Amanda Swink, 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. The estimate is approximately \$100,000.00. A Dueling Piano fundraiser was held on March 8, 2025, at the Albers Legion. Auction items, volunteers, and donations raised over \$38,000.00.

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

- There is nothing at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Athmer made the motion to approve the minutes from the February 26, 2025 regular meeting minutes; approve the financial report; and approve the bills for \$ 38,767.97. The payments to Millennium will be approved when the certified payroll and documentation is received. Wuebbels made the second motion. Roll call shows Boeckmann, aye; Henry, aye; Huegen, aye; Jung, absent; Lucas, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye.

OLD BUSINESS

- 2023-2024 MAINTENANCE GRANT – The doors and frames are at the supplier and will be delivered Thursday or Friday. A quote is being prepared by Print Craze for vinyl coverings with the school logos on the main windows. Athmer made the motion to approve the payment of \$140,094.00 to Millennium when the certified payroll, lien waivers and other documents are received. Boeckmann made the second motion. Roll call shows Henry, aye; Huegen, aye; Jung, absent; Lucas, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Boeckmann, aye. Wuebbels made the motion to approve the Trophy Case from DBA not to exceed \$4,600.00. Athmer made the second motion. Roll call shows Huegen, aye; Jung, absent; Lucas, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Boeckmann, aye; Henry, aye.
- 2025 MAINTENANCE GRANT – The State of Illinois is offering another grant opportunity. The grant was submitted for door replacement and trim painting project. The bid was awarded to WWCS, INC. Mr. Toebe will scan the agreement and share with all board members. The windows in the doors will have mesh inserts so there is no need for ballistic glass.
- SUMMER POSITIONS – Athmer made the motion to offer the positions to Quinten Engelman and Jake Kloeckner. Wuebbels made the second motion. Roll call shows Jung, absent; Lucas, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Boeckmann, aye; Henry, aye; Huegen, aye. They began working on March 19, 2025 to assist with coverage during Mr. Etter's absence.
- SUBSTITUTE EVENING CUSTODIAN – This item was tabled. There were no applicants.
- 2025-2026 SCHOOL FEES – This item was tabled.
- SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT – This item was tabled for executive session.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2025-2026 Transportation contract – This item was tabled.
- GYM FLOOR – Athmer made the motion to approve work with Doulous Floor Finishing in the amount of \$4,104.00. Henry made the second motion. Roll call shows Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Boeckmann, aye; Henry, aye; Huegen, aye; Jung, absent; Lucas, aye.
- EGYPTIAN TRUST – Mr. Toebe shared information regarding the employee health insurance additional premium from Egyptian Area Trust.
- EMPLOYMENT – Athmer made the motion to rehire all tenured teachers, Ms. Weh, Mrs. Wellen, Mrs. Beckemeyer, Mrs. Bretz, Mrs. Kampwerth, Mrs. Scott. Wuebbels made the second motion. Roll call shows Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Boeckmann, aye; Henry, aye; Huegen, aye; Jung, absent; Lucas, aye.
- EMPLOYMENT – Athmer made the motion to rehire and grant tenure to Mr. Peters and Mrs. Ritter. Boeckmann made the second motion. Roll call shows Athmer, aye; Boeckmann, aye; Henry, aye; Huegen, aye; Jung, absent; Lucas, aye; Wuebbels, aye.
- EMPLOYMENT – Athmer made the motion to rehire non-tenured teachers, Ms. Mungai, Mrs. Groennert, Mrs. Scheibel, Mrs. Richter, Ms. Long and Ms. Braundmeier. Wuebbels made the second motion. Roll call shows Boeckmann, aye; Henry, aye; Huegen, aye; Jung, absent; Lucas, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye.
- EMPLOYMENT – Athmer made the motion to rehire Ms. Dumstorff at 60%. Boeckmann made the second motion. Roll call shows Henry, aye; Huegen, aye; Jung, absent; Lucas, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Boeckmann, aye.
- EMPLOYMENT – Athmer made the motion to rehire paraprofessionals, Mrs. Eilers, Mrs. Halstead, Mrs. Goestenkers, Mrs. Gravitt, Mrs. Swink and Ms. Albers. Boeckmann made the second motion. Roll call shows Huegen, aye; Jung, absent; Lucas, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Boeckmann, aye; Henry, aye.
- EMPLOYMENT – Athmer made the motion to rehire Tracy Schulte, Head Cook; Peggy Fehrmann and JoAnn Langenhorst, Substitute Kitchen Staff; Craig Etter, Head Custodian; Brad Huegen, Substitute Custodian; Chris Huegen, District Secretary, Lunch Bookkeeper, Technology Coordinator; Janel Zurliene, Superintendent's Secretary, District Bookkeeper, Substitute Coordinator. Lucas made the second motion. Roll call shows Jung, absent; Lucas, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Boeckmann, aye; Henry, aye; Huegen, aye.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Board Elections are in April 2025. There will be 5 seats available. There are two, two year terms. Please let Mr. Toebe know if you know anyone interested.
- The access points in the junior high wing are struggling in the afternoons. Jason Stockmann of TechKnow Solutions was here to evaluate. There is E-rate funding available for Category 2 items up to \$28,000.00. The school will receive 60% of the purchase price returned. To obtain the reimbursement, the items must be purchased before midnight today. Lucas made the motion to place the order for 13 new hot spots today. Henry made the second motion. Roll call shows Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Boeckmann, aye; Henry, aye; Huegen, aye; Jung, absent; Lucas, aye.
- The students are working hard on the annual testing. March 24 through April 4 is the IAR testing and the State Science testing is the following week.
- The volleyball regional tournament for our Region was held at our school on March 24, 2024. The Lady Cougars battled until the last point but lost to Germantown.
- Track and golf seasons begin next week
- Field Day will be at Whispering Pines near Carlyle, IL on May 20, 2025. Volunteers are needed to assist with activities.
- Classroom clean out day will be May 21, 2025.
- Awards Day will be May 22, 2025.
- March 31, 2025 there will be an 8th grade graduation planning meeting. Kaskaskia College will also present information on the Career Pathways program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Athmer made the motion to enter executive session at 7:48 PM. Boeckmann made the second motion. Roll call shows Athmer, present; Boeckmann, present; Henry, present; Huegen, present; Jung, absent; Lucas, present; Wuebbels, present. Mr. Toebe was also present.

Lucas made a motion to exit the executive session at 8:36 PM. Henry made the second motion. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Athmer made a motion to adjourn the regular session at 8:37 PM. Wuebbels made the second motion. All in favor.

Lynette Huegen, President

Courtney Athmer, Secretary