

ALBERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #63
BOARD OF EDUCATION
JANUARY 28, 2026
REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

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

VISITORS

Susan Scott, Rachel Beckemeyer and Carla Richter 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. Wuebbels 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 volleyball 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 drawing is March 13, 2026.
- Puff Pastries fundraiser will be in March with delivery on March 31, 2026.
- A golf tournament will be held on Sunday, June 7, 2026.
- The next meeting is April 14, 2026.

COMMITTEE REPORTS & ASSIGNMENTS

There is nothing at this time.

TEACHER REPORTS

There is nothing at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Wuebbels made the motion to approve the minutes from the December 29, 2025 tax levy meeting, December 29, 2025, regular meeting; approve the financial report; and approve the bills for \$ 40,468.67. Henry made the second motion. Roll call shows Henry, aye; Hilmes, aye; Lucas, aye; Norrenberns, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Deimeke, absent.

OLD BUSINESS

- INVESTMENTS – The investments that were approved last month were reviewed.
- 2026 MAINTENANCE GRANT – Athmer made the motion to apply for the State of Illinois Matching Maintenance grant. Norrenberns made the second motion. Roll call shows Henry, aye; Hilmes, aye; Lucas, aye; Norrenberns, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Deimeke, absent. Dr. Toebe will contact Kohlen for an additional bid for boiler work. Lucas will also contact another company regarding the boiler.
- EMPLOYMENT, HEAD COOK – This item was tabled. Currently, there are three applicants. This item was tabled.
- 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. This item was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

- STRATEGIC PLAN – The current plan was presented, and the goals that were met were reviewed.
- EMPLOYMENT, 5th GRADE VOLLEYBALL COACH – Athmer made the motion to hire Olivia Winkeler as the 5th grade volleyball coach. Wuebbels made the second motion. Roll call shows Hilmes, aye; Lucas, aye; Norrenberns, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Deimeke, absent; Henry, aye.
- REVIEW EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES JULY 2024 – DECEMBER 2024 – Athmer made the motion to review and keep the minutes sealed. Henry made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.
- DESTROY AUDIO TAPES PRIOR TO JULY 2023 – Wuebbels made the motion to destroy the audio tapes before July 2023. Athmer made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.

- POLICY REVIEW – Dr. Toebe presented a few of the current policies and reviewed them with the board members.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Toebe shared that the staff will be attending the Tri-County Institute in Centralia on February 13, 2026.
- The GBB team will be in the SIJHSAA State Tourney on Friday.
- The BBB will be in the Regionals this week. We are hosting the Regional.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Athmer made a motion to adjourn at 7:48 PM. Henry made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.

Marshall Lucas, President

Courtney Athmer, Secretary