

ALBERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #63
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MARCH 25, 2026
REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

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

VISITORS

Susan Scott, Julia Ritter, and Amanda Beer 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 11e Social Worker. Wuebbels made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.

BOOSTER CLUB

- Dine-Out events at Knotty Pine on March 10, 2026, and Joe's Pizza on April 22, 2026.
- Raffle tickets are available. The first cash raffle drawing was held at the Christmas concert. The winner for February is Mary Klein.
- Flower orders are due March 27, 2026.
- Puff Pastries fundraiser will be in March with delivery on March 31, 2026.
- Hog Raffle winners were Cyndi Flagerbush and Leo Vetter.
- A golf tournament will be held on Sunday, June 7, 2026.
- The next meeting is April 14, 2026.
- The Spring concert is May 5, 2026. The BC will help with decorations.
- Field Day will be at Whispering Pines on May 15, 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 February 25, 2026, regular meeting; approve the financial report; and approve the bills for \$ 47,363.60. Henry made the second motion. Roll call shows Deimeke, aye; Henry, aye; Hilmes, aye; Lucas, aye; Norrenberns, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye.

OLD BUSINESS

- 2026 MAINTENANCE GRANT – The application was approved by the State of Illinois. Dr. Toebe contacted Kohnen for an approval of the weight of the HVAC units on the roof.
- EMPLOYMENT, HEAD COOK – This item was moved to new business.
- KINDNESS CLUB – There are 16 students interested in the Kindness Club. The first meeting was today to promote kindness and gratitude. The group will create a word wall in the cafeteria. Several speakers will be at the school, including: Ending the Silence on April 1; Bullying presentation on April 13, and Coping for Kids on May 6 during Mental Health month.
- POLICY REVIEW – Dr. Toebe presented a few of the current policies and reviewed them with the board members.
- SUMMER POSITIONS – The school has received two applications and will continue to accept them until the April board meeting.
- 2025-2026 REVISED SCHOOL CALENDAR – Athmer made the motion to approve the 2025-2026 revised calendar. Norrenberns made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.
- 2026 – 2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR – Athmer made the motion to approve the 2026 – 2027 school calendar. Norrenberns made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.
- 2026 – 2027 SCHOOL FEES – This item was tabled. Dr. Toebe will gather more information from the other schools in the county.
- GRADUATION DATE – Wuebbels made the motion to set the graduation to May 14, 2026, at 7:00 PM. Henry made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

- RESIGNATION – Norrenberns made the motion to approve the resignation of Tracy Schulte. Hilmes made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.
- 2026 – 2027 TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT – This item was tabled.
- SOCIAL WORKER – This item was tabled. There is a possibility of sharing a Social Worker with Aviston.
- EMPLOYMENT – Athmer made the motion to rehire tenured staff including Weh, Wellen, Beckemeyer, Bretz, Kampwerth, Scott, Peters, Ritter. Norrenberns made the second motion. Roll call vote: Henry, aye; Hilmes, aye; Lucas, aye; Norrenberns, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Deimeke, aye.
- EMPLOYMENT – Wuebbels made the motion to rehire and grant tenure to Mungai and Groennert. Athmer made the second motion. Roll call vote: Hilmes, aye; Lucas, aye; Norrenberns, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Deimeke, aye; Henry, aye.
- EMPLOYMENT – Athmer made the motion to rehire Scheibel, K. Richter; Braundmeier; C. Richter. Wuebbels made the second motion. Roll call vote: Lucas, aye; Norrenberns, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Deimeke, aye; Henry, aye; Hilmes, aye.
- EMPLOYMENT – Wuebbels made the motion to rehire Dumstorff at 60% for Music and Band. Athmer made the second motion. Roll call vote: Norrenberns, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Deimeke, aye; Henry, aye; Hilmes, aye; Lucas, aye.
- EMPLOYMENT - Wuebbels made the motion to rehire Paraprofessionals, including Eilers, Goestenkors, Halstead, Gravitt, Swink, Albers, Kraljev, Eversgerd. Athmer made the second motion. Roll call vote: Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Deimeke, aye; Henry, aye; Hilmes, aye; Lucas, aye; Norrenberns, aye.
- EMPLOYMENT - Athmer made the motion to hire Naomi Kollmann as the Head Cook for the 2026-2027 school year. Norrenberns made the second motion. Roll call shows Athmer, aye; Deimeke, aye; Henry, aye; Hilmes, aye; Lucas, aye; Norrenberns, aye; Wuebbels, aye.
- EMPLOYMENT – Athmer made the motion to rehire Etter as the Head Custodian. Wuebbels made the second motion. Roll call shows Deimeke, aye; Henry, aye; Hilmes, aye; Lucas, aye; Norrenberns, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye.
- EMPLOYMENT – Wuebbels made the motion to rehire B. Huegen as the Sub Custodian. Henry made the second motion. Roll call shows Henry, aye; Hilmes, aye; Lucas, aye; Norrenberns, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, abstain; Henry, aye.
- EMPLOYMENT – Athmer made the motion to rehire C. Huegen as the District Secretary, Lunch Bookkeeper; Technology Coordinator. Deimeke made the second motion. Roll call vote: Hilmes, aye; Lucas, aye; Norrenberns, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Deimeke, aye; Henry, aye.
- EMPLOYMENT – Wuebbels made the motion to rehire Janel Zurliene as the Superintendent's Secretary, District Bookkeeper, and Substitute Coordinator. Norrenberns made the second motion. Roll call vote: Lucas, aye; Norrenberns, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Deimeke, aye; Henry, aye; Hilmes, aye.
- EMPLOYMENT – The Kitchen Substitute position was tabled.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Toebe shared that the IAR testing was started this week and will be completed by Wednesday, April 1, 2026.
- The Preschool and Kindergarten screenings will be on Thursday, March 26, 2026.
- The Science Assessment will be April 14-16.
- Kaskaskia College will present to the 8th grade students and parents on March 30, 2026. They will share information regarding the Pathways program.
- The teachers will begin making recommendations for Summer School next week.
- The school will be getting new subscriptions for the Reading and Math series. The bills could be larger due to the new series.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Athmer made a motion to enter into the executive session at 7:55 PM. Norrenberns made the second motion. Roll call shows: Athmer, present; Deimeke, present; Henry, present; Hilmes, present; Lucas, present; Norrenberns, present; Wuebbels, present. Dr. Toebe, present.

Athmer made a motion to exit the executive session at 8:15 PM. Norrenberns made the second motion. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Athmer made a motion to exit the regular session at 8:17 PM. Wuebbels made the second motion. All in favor.

Marshall Lucas, President

Courtney Athmer, Secretary