ALBERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #63
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AUGUST 26, 2026
REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

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

VISITORS

Susan Scott, Christelle Bretz and Julia Ritter 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 meetings for this school year are August 25, October 5, January 20, and April 6.
- The meeting was held on August 25m 2026. A brief description of the meeting was shared with staff and families via TeacherEase.
- The officers are looking at the fundraising programs.
- McTeacher Night is September 8, 2026, 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

COMMITTEE REPORTS & ASSIGNMENTS

There is nothing at this time.

TEACHER REPORTS

There is nothing at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Wuebbels made a motion to approve the minutes from July 28, 2026, approve and seal the executive session minutes from July 28, 2026; approve the financial report; and approve the bills for $94,061.12. Athmer made the second motion. Roll call shows Deimeke, absent; Henry, absent; Hilmes, aye; Lucas, aye; Norrenberns, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye.

OLD BUSINESS

- 2026 MAINTENANCE GRANT – The State of Illinois approved the application. The curtain from 1968 has been replaced. The window decals have been installed by PrintCrazee. Kohnen removed the old boiler and placed HVAC on the roof. The last item needed is the numbers on each window.
- POLICY REVIEW – The budget process was reviewed and explained to the board members.
- 2026-2027 ATHLETIC HANDBOOK – The second reading was held. The changes were reviewed and discussed. Athmer made a motion to approve as presented. Norrenberns made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.
- EMPLOYMENT – The Kitchen Substitute position was tabled. We will continue to staff with substitutes.
- IASB ANNUAL CONVENTION – This item was tabled.
- PRESS POLICY UPDATES – The second reading was reviewed. Athmer made the motion to approve as presented. Wuebbels made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.
- HEALTH INSURANCE COOPERATIVE – The cooperative starts September 1, 2026. St. Rose, Wesclin and Albers are the current schools participating.
- SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS – Candidates may start circulating petitions for signatures in August. Paperwork can be collected at the school office or on the Clinton County Clerk's website.
- FOIA – The claim has been paid.
- SALARY, BOOKKEEPER, SUB COORDINATOR, RECORDING SECRETARY – Wuebbels made the motion to increase the salary by 6% and an additional vacation day. Albers made the second motion. Roll call vote shows: Hilmes, aye; Lucas, aye; Norrenberns, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Deimeke, absent; Henry, absent.
- SALARY, DISTRICT SECRETARY, TECH COORDINATOR – Wuebbels made the motion to increase the secretary salary by 6% and an additional vacation day. Albers made the second motion. Roll call vote shows: Lucas, aye; Norrenberns, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Deimeke, absent; Henry, absent; Hilmes, aye.
- 2026-2027 COACHING EMPLOYMENT – Track assistant and robotics coaches were tabled.
- 2026-2027 COACHING VOLUNTEERS – This was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

- AUTHORIZED SIGNER AT FCB – It was noted that Jamie Jung was listed as a signer for the accounts. Athmer made the motion to replace Jamie Jung with Mike Toeben and keep Tiffany Engelmann as a signer. Hilmes made the second motion. Voice vote shows all in favor.
- BULLYING POLICY – Wuebbels made the motion to approve the Bullying Policy with updates as presented. Norrenberns made the second motion. Voice vote showed all present in favor.
- BUDGET HEARING – Norrenberns made the motion to set the budget hearing for September 23, 2026 at 6:45 PM. Athmer made the second motion. Voice vote shows all in favor.
- ABSENTEEISM AND TRUANCY POLICY – Dr. Toeben will prepare a letter to send to parents regarding the Regional Office of Education policy updates regarding attendance and truancy. The Board of Education will review the letter prior to sending to parents. Wuebbels made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.
- E-LEARNING PLAN - The plan was reviewed. There are no changes from last year. Wuebbels made the motion to approve. Athmer made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- The school hosted a ProKids assembly on August 24, 2026, for the students from Albers and Damiansville. The evening show was well attended. The program had positive messages for students, staff, and parents.
- The IAR scores increased by approximately 6%. 66% of students are meeting or exceeding.
- The School Improvement Day on September 4, 2026, will have presentations from KSED staff to review 504 Plan guidelines and IEP guidelines.
- The final tax rate was 2.59 for the tax levy.
- Dr. Toeben's contract was reviewed. The total accumulation of sick days needs to be reviewed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There is nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Wuebbels made a motion to adjourn at 7:44 PM. Athmer made the second motion. All in favor.

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Marshall Lucas, President Courtney Athmer, Secretary