ALBERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #63
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SEPTEMBER 23, 2026
BUDGET HEARING

CALL TO ORDER
Lucas called the meeting to order at 6:55 PM. Roll call shows Athmer, absent; Deimeke, present; Henry, absent; Hilmes, present; Lucas, present; Norrenberns, present; Wuebbels, absent.

VISITORS
Rochelle Halstead and Kelly Mungai were present. Superintendent Mike Toeben and Bookkeeper Janel Zurliene were also present.

PUBLIC COMMENT
There is nothing at this time.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Norrenberns made the motion to approve the agenda. Deimeke made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.

BUDGET HEARING
The budget summary was discussed and reviewed.

ADJOURNMENT
Norrenberns made the motion to adjourn at 6:59 PM. Deimeke made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER
Lucas called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Roll call shows Athmer, absent; Deimeke, absent; Henry, absent, arrived at 7:05 PM; Hilmes, present; Lucas, present; Norrenberns, present; Wuebbels, absent, present at 7:14 PM. Everyone in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS
Rochelle Halstead and Kelly Mungai were present. Superintendent Mike Toeben and Bookkeeper Janel Zurliene were also present.

PUBLIC COMMENT
There is nothing at this time.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Norrenberns made the motion to approve the agenda. Deimeke made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.

BOOSTER CLUB
- The meetings for this school year are October 5, January 20, and April 6.
- The officers are looking at the fundraising programs.
- McTeacher Night was September 8, 2026, 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM.
- Dairy King is hosting a fundraiser October 12-16, 2026.
- The monthly raffle tickets have been sent home with students.

COMMITTEE REPORTS & ASSIGNMENTS
There is nothing at this time.

TEACHER REPORTS
There is nothing at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
Norrenberns made a motion to approve the minutes from August 26, 2026; approve the financial report; and approve the bills for $39,646.31. Hilmes made the second motion. Roll call shows Henry, absent; Hilmes, aye; Lucas, aye; Norrenberns, aye; Wuebbels, absent; Athmer, absent; Deimeke, aye.

OLD BUSINESS
- Henry arrived at 7:05 PM.
- 2026 MAINTENANCE GRANT – All items have been completed and paid.

- POLICY REVIEW – The budget process was reviewed and explained to the board members.
- IASB ANNUAL CONVENTION – This item was tabled.
- 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.
- 2026-2027 COACHING EMPLOYMENT – Track assistant and robotics coaches were tabled.
- 2026-2027 COACHING VOLUNTEERS – This was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

- BUDGET – Norrenberns made the motion to approve the budget. Henry made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.
- Wuebbels arrived at 7:14 PM.
- CD INVESTMENTS – A discussion was held about the possibility of opening another CD after the real estate taxes are distributed. This item was tabled.
- 2025-2026 AUDIT – Wuebbels made the motion to approve the Audit report as presented. Hilmes made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.
- ADMINISTRATOR & TEACHER SALARY REPORT – Wuebbels made the motion to approve the report as presented. Norrenberns made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.
- NOVEMBER MEETING DATE – Wuebbels made the motion to change the November meeting date to November 18, 2026 at 6:00 PM. Deimeke made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.
- DECEMBER MEETING DATE – Wuebbels made the motion to change the December meeting date to December 16, 2026 at 6:00 PM. Voice vote shows all present in favor.
- HOLIDAY PARTY – December 4, 2026 at the Jaycee Building.
- STRATEGIC PLANNING – A date will be scheduled for community input.
- TAX LEVY – The upcoming Tax Levy was discussed. Transportation and IMRF will be reviewed further.
- ELECTRICAL SAVINGS – Ben from the IEC met online with the Board members and everyone present. The board will continue to evaluate electrical bills and proposals for additional savings.
- SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT – Wuebbels made the motion to review and change the sick day clause to allow accrual of sick days for TRS retirement. Henry made the second motion. Roll call vote shows Norrenberns, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, absent; Deimeke, aye; Hilmes, aye; Lucas, aye.
- RETIREMENT NOTICE – Wuebbels made the motion to accept the retirement notice from Chris Huegen as presented. Deimeke made the second motion. It should be noted that purchased health insurance coverage may not be available. Voice vote shows all present in favor.
- SIDEWALK RESOLUTION – Wuebbels made the motion to approve the resolution showing support for the installation of a sidewalk north of town along Aviston Road. Henry made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Voice vote shows all present in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Voice vote shows all present in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Wuebbels made a motion to adjourn at 7:59 PM. Hilmes made the second motion. All present in favor.

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Marshall Lucas, President Courtney Athmer, Secretary