

ALBERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #63
BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOVEMBER 29, 2023
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, present; Lucas, present; Wuebbels, present. Everyone in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS

Taylor Kampwerth and Becky Groennert (arrived 7:26 PM) were present. Recording Secretary Janel Zurliene and Superintendent Mike Toebe 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 votes show all present in favor.

BOOSTER CLUB

- A secretary is still needed.
- Raffle tickets are currently being sold by students and their families. The early bird drawing will be held at the Christmas concert.
- The December 7, 2023 concert will have decorations done by an outside organization.
- Box Tops are still being collected in the digital format.
- The playground equipment needs some repairs. It was noted that the Booster Club would like to work to raise money for new equipment over several years.

COMMITTEE REPORTS & ASSIGNMENTS

- BUILDING & GROUNDS, Lucas, Henry, Boeckmann – Russ and Elaine Huegen donated a picnic table and a bench in honor of their son, Jordan Huegen. They collected caps and the items were made from recycled plastic.
- 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

Wuebbels made the motion to approve the minutes from the October 25, 2023, regular meeting; approve the financial report; and approve the bills in the amount of \$ 30,992.27. Athmer made the second motion. Roll call shows Boeckmann, aye; Henry, aye; Huegen, aye; Jung, aye; Lucas, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye.

OLD BUSINESS

- TRANSPORTATION AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES - This item was tabled. Mr. Toebe has been in contact with Southern Illinois Bus and Mobility regarding used vans and buses.
- STRATEGIC PLANNING – The meeting was held on November 2, 2023. Many positive conversations and ideas have resulted from the community members and staff in attendance. The list of items for improvement was reviewed.
- HOLIDAY PARTY – December 1 will be the annual party for staff and board members.
- 2023-2024 MAINTAINANCE GRANTS – This item was tabled.
- TAX LEVY – Mr. Toebe shared the projected tax levy and rates. Athmer made the motion to set a Tax Levy hearing for December 19, 2023, at 6:45 PM. Jung made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.
- ARCHITECTS – Athmer made the motion to set a Special Meeting for December 4, 2023, at 5:30 PM to review the Requests for Qualification of the Architects and a Special Meeting on December 13, 2023, at 5:30 PM to interview Architects that have supplied their information. Jung made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.
- NEGOTIATIONS – Wuebbels, Lucas and Athmer volunteered to be on the school board negotiations team. Negotiations can start at any time for the next Albers IEA/NEA contract. A tentative meeting date of December 13, 2023, was discussed.
- HANDBOOK – Jung made the motion to approve the second reading to amend the Parent & Student handbook to require a physician's note for four consecutive days of absences. Athmer made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.

- EMPLOYMENT – PARAPROFESSIONAL – This item was tabled.
- EMPLOYMENT – Athmer made the motion to hire Julia Ritter as Scholar Bowl coach. Wuebbels made the second motion. Roll call vote shows: Henry, aye; Huegen, aye; Jung, aye; Lucas, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Boeckmann, aye. All other positions were tabled. It was noted to advertise for Track and Golf.

NEW BUSINESS

- IASB CONVENTION – Toebe and Boeckmann attended and shared information on the workshops they attended.
- SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT – This item was tabled.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- The engagement survey was discussed. Huegen will prepare the survey for a February or March timeline. All responses will remain anonymous.
- Toebe shared the concept of creating podcasts to share with the community. The podcasts would share information about the monthly board meeting. Weekly activities, updates of ongoing Booster Club activities, possible student or teacher spotlight, and other useful information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Athmer made the motion to go into executive session at 8:20 PM. Lucas made the second motion. Roll call shows Athmer, present; Boeckmann, present; Henry, present; Huegen, present; Jung, present; Lucas, present; Wuebbels, present. Mr. Toebe; present. Lucas made a motion to exit the executive session at 8:36 PM. Boeckmann made the second motion. All in favor.

Motion made to hire Mr. Peters as the bowling coach. Motion made by Athmer; second by Lucas. Boeckmann, aye; Henry, aye; Huegen, aye; Jung, aye; Lucas, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye.

ADJOURNMENT

Lucas made a motion to exit the regular session at 8:38 PM. Athmer made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.

Lynette Huegen, President

Courtney Athmer, Secretary