

ALBERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #63
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AUGUST 25, 2021
REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Roll call shows: Athmer, present; Boeckmann, present; Huegen, present; Jung, present; Richter, present; Winterbottom, present; Wuebbels, present. Everyone in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS

Kristie Weh, Lisa Eversgerd and Scott McDonald were present. Recording Secretary Janel Zurliene and Superintendent Mike Toebe were also present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott McDonald presented concerns with mask mandates for students. Scott McDonald also thanked the staff for working during this difficult time.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Winterbottom made the motion to approve the agenda with addition of Bus Contract addendum. Wuebbels made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.

BOOSTER CLUB

- New officers include: Amy Haselhorst & Lori Catanzaro, Co-Presidents; Kelly Macias & Leigha Steuart, Co-Vice Presidents; Janine Albers-Hubert, Treasurer; Megan Porterfield, Secretary.
- The next meeting will be on August 31, 2021 at 6:30 PM.
- The Spirit Wear site through AVH is open for orders.

COMMITTEE REPORTS & ASSIGNMENTS

- BUILDING & GROUNDS, Winterbottom, Boeckmann, Jung – Mr. Toebe is working on the memorial bench placement for future donations.
- TECHNOLOGY, Athmer and Wuebbels – There is nothing at this time.
- SPORTS CO-OP/FRIENDS OF THE COUGARS - Richter, Boeckmann – A FOTC meeting was held on August 23, 2021 with the Damiansville representatives and both Superintendents. The stipend schedules will also need to be reviewed. The FOTC will pay for the Concussion testing as well as new uniforms for Cheer and Volleyball. Bids will be gathered from multiple vendors to ensure competitive pricing. The FOTC will also offer support for students that qualify for Free & Reduced lunches if requested. The creation of a Pep Club is underway.
- SAFETY – There is nothing at this time.
- CAT TEAM – There is nothing at this time.
- FINANCE – Huegen, Wuebbels, Boeckmann
- KASKASKIA COLLEGE COMMITTEE – Huegen, Richter, Athmer – There was a meeting on Thursday, July 29, 2021 with George Evans and Julie Obermark from Kaskaskia College. They are offering any assistance to local school districts. The KC Workforce Pathway was presented. They would like to introduce it to students as young as Grade 7. Athmer, Richter and Huegen attended.
- 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 July 28, 2021 regular meeting, special meeting on August 10, 2021 and approve and seal the executive session minutes from July 28, 2021 and August 10, 2021; approve the financial report; approve the bills in the amount of \$ 23,144.56. Jung made the second motion. Roll call vote shows: Boeckmann, aye; Huegen, aye; Jung, aye; Richter, aye; Winterbottom, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye.

OLD BUSINESS

- COVID – 19 UPDATES & PROCEDURES – Students and staff will adhere to the mask mandate. A weekly report will be sent with the status of COVID cases and quarantines within the school. Currently, one teacher and two students are quarantined. Boeckmann and Athmer volunteered to meet with Toebe to review plans for mask mandates if the COVID situation changes.
- CARES ACT FUNDING – The school will receive additional funding. Other recommended items include: HVAC updates; IXL Math series; phone system.
- ASBESTOS/BOILER REMOVAL – This item was tabled. A matching maintenance grant is also being released by the State of Illinois. Mr. Toebe will contact the architects.
- EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS – This item was tabled.
- EMPLOYMENT – Athmer made the motion to hire Bree Gerfen as the Track coach. Boeckmann made the second motion. Roll call vote shows: Huegen, aye; Jung, aye; Richter, aye; Winterbottom, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Boeckmann, aye.

- EMPLOYMENT – Jung made the motion to hire Andra Goestenkers as the Track coach. Athmer made the second motion. Roll call vote shows: Jung, aye; Richter, aye; Winterbottom, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Boeckmann, aye; Huegen, aye.
- EMPLOYMENT – Athmer made the motion to approve the following volunteers to assist with coaching: Ed Kramer, gbb; Brooke Zurliene, cheer. Richter made the second motion. Roll call vote shows: Richter, aye; Winterbottom, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Boeckmann, aye; Huegen, aye; Jung, abstain.
- EMPLOYMENT – All other positions were tabled.
- BUS CONTRACT - Richter made the motion to pay 75% of the contract rate before the 100th day of school and after the 100th day 50% of the contract if students have to have remote learning. Jung made the second motion. Roll call vote shows: Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye; Boeckmann, aye; Huegen, aye; Jung, aye; Richter, aye; Winterbottom, aye.

NEW BUSINESS

- SET BUDGET HEARING – Wuebbels made the motion to set the Budget Hearing for September 22, 2021 at 6:45 PM. Athmer made the second motion. Voice vote shows all present in favor.
- STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE - Mr. Toeben reviewed the current goals with everyone present. Strategic
- CUSTODIAL STAFF – Brad & Ann Huegen are doing a phenomenal job with cleaning after school. Mr. Toeben and Mr. Etter are creating a schedule to allow items to be cleaned weekly rather than daily. Richter made the motion that if additional time is needed the salary could be increased to \$90 per day. Jung made the second motion. Roll call vote shows: Boeckmann, aye; Huegen, aye; Jung, aye; Richter, aye; Winterbottom, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, abstain.
- PRESS POLICY UPDATES – The first reading was held.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Toeben shared information regarding items on the agenda.

- The school will have an Intruder Drill with the Albers Police Department.
- Open gyms practices for girls 5th & 6th grade basketball teams will begin next week.
- Staff will be allowed time on September 3, 2021 to compete insurance video trainings.
- The District Holiday party will be December 3, 2021.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Athmer made a motion to enter into the executive session at 8:26 PM to discuss personnel. Boeckmann made the second motion. Roll call shows: Athmer, present; Boeckmann, present; Huegen, present; Jung, present; Richter, present; Winterbottom, present; Wuebbels, present. Mr. Toeben was also present.

Richter made a motion to exit the executive session at 8:42 PM. Jung made the second motion. Roll call shows: Boeckmann, aye; Huegen, aye; Jung, aye; Richter, aye; Winterbottom, aye; Wuebbels, aye; Athmer, aye.

ADJOURNMENT

Jung made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Richter made the second. All present were in favor. The time was 8:43 PM.

Lynette Huegen, President

Courtney Athmer, Secretary