

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
ALTENBURG DISTRICT #48  
WEDNESDAY MARCH 18, 2026  
OPEN SESSION**

Open session convened at 6:30 pm in the Art/Music Room at Altenburg District #48.

Members Present:     Richard Sachs             Jessica Hecht             Lindsay Palisch  
                              Amy Welker                 Andrew Lichtenegger     Cary Roth

Members Late:         Brittany Hecht, arrived at 6:40 pm

Others Present:        Debbie Haertling, Superintendent, Mark Scholl, Tom Roth, Amanda Klaus

1. Approval of Agenda  
Andrew Lichtenegger moved, and Cary Roth seconded a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Motion approved 6-0.
2. Approval of Open Session Minutes from February 12, 2026  
Amy Welker moved, and Cary Roth seconded a motion to approve the open session minutes from February 12, 2026, as presented. Motion approved 7-0.
3. Approval of Closed Session Minutes from February 12, 2026  
Andrew Lichtenegger moved, and Amy Welker seconded a motion to approve the closed session minutes from February 12, 2026, as presented.  
Motion approved 7-0.
4. Approval of Closed Session Minutes from February 25, 2026  
Lindsay Palisch moved, and Cary Roth seconded at motion to approve the closed session minutes from February 25, 2026, as presented. Motion approved 7-0.
5. Public Comments  
None
6. Treasurer's Report was reviewed.
7. Approval of March Bills  
Cary Roth moved, and Richard Sachs seconded a motion to approve the March bills as presented. Motion approved 6-0. Jessica Hecht abstained.
8. Budget Outlook and Amendments  
Cary Roth moved, and Lindsay Palisch seconded a motion to approve the budget outlook and amendments as presented. Motion approved 7-0.
9. Staffing 2026-2027  
Cary Roth moved, and Andrew Lichtenegger seconded a motion to extend contracts for the 2026-2027 school year to the following certified employees: Amy Borowiak, Jennifer Eifert, Kimberly Lohmann, Josey Paar, Luke Ponder, Jessika Ray, Allyson Schnurbusch, Renea Schnurbusch, Macy Slinkard, Timothy Steffens,

and Amy Tucker. And the following non certified employees: Jill Barber, Kimberly Bauer, Kyle Bohnert, Tessa Burroughs, Brenda Doerhoff, Tina Kuntze, Sue Roth, Tom Roth, Val Sachs, Julie Spencer, Ashley Steffens, and Kathy Weber.

Roll Call Vote:

Amy Welker, Yea  
Andrew Lichtenegger, Yea  
Richard Sachs, Abstained  
Brittany Hecht, Yea  
Lindsay Palisch, Yea  
Cary Roth, Vice President, Yea

10. MAP Testing

Debbie Haertling presented the board with the MAP testing schedule.

11. Preschool Fees for 2026-2027

Richard Sachs moved, and Amy Welker seconded a motion to increase preschool fees to \$28 a day, \$2 for before school care, and \$2 for after school care. Motion approved 7-0.

12. Health Insurance Update

Mrs. Haertling and Dr. Ward are discussing. They have received quotes from Coalter, MO educators Trust, & OSBA. No recommendation at this time.

13. Parents as Teachers Report

The school board reviewed a letter from Jill Barber regarding the Parents as Teachers program.

14. Projected Enrollment for 2026-2027

Debbie Haertling reported 94 students, grades K-8, currently enrolled for 2026-2027 school year.

15. After School Care Grant-Open

Mrs. Haertling is currently working on the SAC grant and will submit it when it is ready.

16. Roof Bids

Brittany Hecht moved, and Cary Roth seconded a motion to accept the bid from River Hills Construction to repair the roof from the brick building to the old cafeteria. Motion approved 7-0.

17. Student Handbooks

Will be sent out in July after Dr. Ward has reviewed.

18. APS Events

Debbie Haertling went over upcoming events.

19. Misc.

Brittany Hecht moved, and Cary Roth seconded the motion to add Rachel Lichtenegger to the sub list. Motion approved 6-0, Andrew Lichtenegger abstained.

20. Adjourn Open Session

Richard Sachs moved, and Cary Roth seconded a motion to adjourn open session.  
Motion approved 7-0.

21. Richard Sachs moved, and Brittany Hecht seconded a motion to go into closed session for legal issues pursuant to 610.021(1) RSMo for the purpose of hiring, firing, discipline, or promoting of personnel employed by the Altenburg School District #48 and certain legal consideration.

Roll Call Vote:

Andrew Lichtenegger, Yea  
Richard Sachs, Yea  
Amy Welker, Yea  
Lindsay Palisch, Yea  
Brittany Hecht, Yea  
Cary Roth, Vice President, Yea

Open session adjourned at 7:11pm.

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education