

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
ALTENBURG DISTRICT #48
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2026
OPEN SESSION**

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

Members Present:	Amanda Klaus	Brittany Hecht	Richard Sachs
	Andrew Lichtenegger	Mark Scholl	Cary Roth
	Lindsay Palisch		

Members Absent:

Others Present: Dr. Ward, Superintendent

1. Call to Order

Richard Sachs called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

2. Approval of Agenda

Mark Scholl moved, and Cary Roth seconded a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Motion approved 7-0.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

Amanda Klaus moved, and Mark Scholl seconded a motion to approve the Consent of Agenda, including Board Minutes from July 9, 2026 open and closed session, Board Minutes from July 23, 2026, August Bills, and the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion approved 7-0.

4. Public Comments

5. Superintendent Report

Dr. Ward updated the board on legislative happenings.

Marmic will be done with the fire alarms on Friday.

The summer maintenance list will continue into the school year.

Back to School open house will be next week on Thursday. Teachers will return to school Tuesday with PD in the morning, lunch has been donated each day for teachers and staff.

Dr. Ward would like to change the APS Express to a student ran newsletter. He would have a weekly or biweekly event letter that gets sent out but the APS Express would be done by 7th and 8th grade students once a month.

Dr. Ward updated the board on the budget for the 26-27 school year.

6. Action Items

A. Student Handbook

Lindsay Palisch moved, and Brittany Hecht seconded to approve the 2026-2027 Student Handbook as amended. Motion approved 7-0.

- B. Staff Handbook
Mark Scholl moved, and Cary Roth seconded a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Staff Handbook as presented. Motion approved 7-0.
- C. Preschool Handbook
Brittany Hecht moved, and Lindsay Palisch seconded a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Preschool Handbook. Motion approved 7-0.
- D. Alternative Methods of Instruction Plan
Brittany Hecht moved, and Amanda Klaus seconded a motion to approve the AMI Plan as presented. Motion approved 7-0.
- E. Bus Routes
Cary Roth moved, and Lindsay Palisch seconded a motion to approve the 2026-2027 bus routes as presented. Motion approved 7-0.
- F. IXL Renewal
Cary Roth moved, and Brittany Hecht seconded a motion to approve IXL for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion approved 7-0.
- G. Substitute List
Lindsay Palisch moved, and Brittany Hecht seconded a motion to approve the 2026-2027 substitute list as presented. Motion approved 5-0, Andrew Lichtenegger and Mark Scholl abstained.
- H. Before School Stipends
Amanda Klaus moved, and Mark Scholl seconded a motion to pay teachers \$15 a day for before school care stipends. Motion approved 7-0.
- I. Approve Tax Rate Hearing
Lindsay Palisch moved, and Brittany Hecht seconded a motion to approve the 2027 tax rate at the tax rate ceiling. Motion approved 7-0.
- J. Transfer from Fund 1 to Fund 4 FY26 Budget
Mark Scholl moved, and Cary Roth seconded a motion to transfer \$50,000 from Fund 1 to Fund 4 for the FY 2026 budget. Motion approved 7-0.
- K. Amend and Approve FY26 Budget to actual with audit adjustments
Cary Roth moved, and Brittany Hecht seconded a motion to approve the FY 26 Budget. Motion approved 7-0.
- L. Roll Call Vote to go into Close Session
Mark Scholl moved, and Brittany Hecht seconded a motion to go into Closed Session at 7:53 pm. Roll Call
Mark Scholl, Yea
Amanda Klaus, Yea
Andrew Lichtenegger, Yea
Lindsay Palisch, Yea
Brittany Hecht, Yea
Cary Roth, Vice President, Yea

7. Hiring

Amanda Klaus moved, and Brittany Hecht seconded a motion to hire Abby Lichtenegger as a full time SPED Aide for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion approved 6-0, Andrew Lichtenegger abstained.

8. Adjourn

Amanda Klaus moved, and Cary Roth seconded a motion to adjourn open session. Motion moved 7-0.

October board meeting will be held October 15th.



President, Board of Education



Secretary, Board of Education