

**ALDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES  
Iowa Falls-Alden Joint Board Meeting and Public Hearing  
February 16, 2026**

The Alden Community School Board of Education met on February 16, 2026, at 5:30 P.M. in the Alden Community Schol Library.

Board Members Present: Jon Bartlett, Kari Scholte, Heather Vierkandt, Lucy Rodriguez

Board Members Absent: Jessica Christensen

Others Present: Dr. Tony Neumann, Kim Sharar, Jacki Kooistra, Justin Ites

Board President, Jon Bartlett, called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. and declared a quorum. The agenda was presented for approval. Kari Scholte motioned to approve the agenda. Heather Vierkandt seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Visitors were welcomed.

A public hearing was held regarding the adoption of the 2026-27 school calendar. The school calendar option was reviewed and input from the audience was requested.

After discussion and further review of the calendar, Kari Scholte motioned to approve the calendar as presented. Lucy Rodriguez seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The boards discussed the make up days for the 2025-26 school year. After discussion between the Boards, there will be no school days added at this time.

Dr. Neumann recommended approval of the continuation of shared contracts for the following positions:

- Transportation
- Buildings and Grounds
- Elementary Counselor
- Part-Time Special Education Director
- TLC Elementary Instructional Coach
- School Social Worker
- Physical Education Teacher
- Instrumental Music Teacher
- Vocal Music Teacher
- District Librarian

Kari Scholte motioned to approve as presented. Heather Vierkandt seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion was held regarding the shared superintendent agreement, as it is a one-year agreement. Kari Scholte motioned to continue with the shared agreement. Lucy Rodriguez seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Dr. Neumann shared the current whole grade sharing agreement, which will be reviewed on an annual basis. It is set to expire in 2027-28.

Dr. Neumann presented a slide presentation with the Boards regarding the current enrollment and financial conditions of each district and decisions that will need to be made in the near future regarding the long-term plans for each district.

Heather Vierkandt made a motion to adjourn the joint meeting at 6:52 P.M. Lucy Rodriguez seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

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PRESIDENT – JON BARTLETT

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SECRETARY – KIM SHARAR