

**ALDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

February 16, 2026

The Alden Community School Board of Education met in regular session on February 16, 2026, in the Alden Elementary School Office Conference Room.

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

Board Members Absent: Jessica Christensen

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

Board President Jon Bartlett called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. with a quorum present. Kari Scholte made a motion to adopt the agenda. Heather Vierkandt seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

There were no board communications.

The Consent Agenda consisting of (A) Minutes of the January 19, 2026 meeting; (B) Bills for payment; (C) Financial Reports; (D) Contract from Hubbard-Radcliffe CSD for special education services for 2025-26 (E) Personnel matters approving retirement from Heather Huff; (F) Legislative Updates. Kari Scholte moved to approve the consent agenda. Lucy Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Dr. Neumann provided an update on Facility and Equipment Projects.

Dr. Neumann shared the At-Risk – Dropout Prevention Plan and recommended approval. Kari Scholte motioned to approve the At-Risk/Dropout Prevention Plan for the 2026-2027 school year. The motion was seconded by Heather Vierkandt. Motion passed 4-0.

Dr. Neumann reviewed the data analysis for the FY'27 budget.

Dr. Neumann shared that the first public hearing for FY'27 Budget will be held on March 23rd at 5:30 P.M. The second public hearing for the FY'27 Budget will be held on April 20th at 5:30 P.M.

Dr. Neumann requested approval of the Budget Guarantee Resolution as follows:

Resolved, that the Board of Directors of the Alden Community School District, will levy property tax for fiscal year 2026-27, for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under Section 257.14, Code of Iowa. Heather Vierkandt motioned to approve the Budget Guarantee Resolution and Lucy Rodriguez seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Dr. Neumann shared information regarding programming and staffing for the 2026-27 school year.

Dr. Neumann presented the Wellness Policy, 505.8, which needs to be reviewed annually. Kari Scholte motioned to approve the policy as presented. Heather Vierkandt seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Dr. Neumann presented Board Policies 202.02, 406.05, 406.06, 407.05, 501.15, 802.02 for 1st and final reading. After review and discussion, Heather Vierkandt motioned to approve the policies as presented. Kari Scholte seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Dr. Neumann reviewed the agenda items for the March school board meeting.

Heather Vierkandt made a motion to go into executive session, as provided for by Section 20.17 (3), Code of Iowa, for a strategy meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alden School to discuss confidential reports relating to employee negotiations which, if released, would give unfair advantage to others and serve no public purpose. Kari Scholte seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Heather Vierkandt	Aye
Lucy Rodriguez	Aye
Kari Scholte	Aye
Jon Bartlett	Aye

Motion carried 4-0

The Board went into closed session at 7:47 P.M. and at 8:25 P.M.; Heather Vierkandt made a motion to come out of closed session. Kari Scholte seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Heather Vierkandt	Aye
Lucy Rodriguez	Aye
Kari Scholte	Aye
Jon Bartlett	Aye

Motion carried 4-0

Kari Scholte made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 P.M. Lucy Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

PRESIDENT – JON BARTLETT

SECRETARY – KIMBERLEY SHARAR

Alden Elementary

February 2026 Approved Payments

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Access Elevator, Inc.	Repairs & Maintenance	521.00
Advantage Administrators	Dues & Fees	216.00
AgVantage FS, Inc.	Fuel	2,225.63
Alliant Utilities	Utilities	9,543.30
BC Roofing	Repairs & Maintenance	156.00
CAM Community School District	Purchased Services	663.88
Central Rivers Area Education Agency	Purchased Services	10,736.00
Chemsearch	Supplies	299.45
City of Alden	Utilities	392.46
Department of Inspections, Appeals & Licensing	Dues & Fees	120.00
Grand View University	Purchased Services	2,225.00
Greenbelt Lawn Care LLC	Purchased Services	125.00
Hubbard/Radcliffe Comm. School	Purchased Services	13,350.15
Iowa Central Electric	Repairs & Maintenance	170.00
Iowa Communications Network	Purchased Services	203.35
Iowa Falls Community School	Purchased Services	576,619.40
McDowell & Sons Contractors, Inc.	Purchased Services	150.00
Mid American Research Chemical	Supplies	2,577.18
NAPA Auto Parts	Repairs & Maintenance	578.43
Payment Remittance Center	Supplies	275.63
R Comm	Repairs & Maintenance	196.52
Shane, Steve	Supplies	15.73
Sharar, Kimberley	Purchased Services	3,925.00
State Industrial Products	Supplies	243.21
Times-Citizen, Co.	Advertising	64.68
Webster City Community School District	Purchased Services	19,937.66
Windstream	Telephone	473.13
General Fund Total		646,003.79
Green Belt Insurance Services	Insurance	148.00
Management Fund Total		148.00
Anderson Erickson Dairy Co.	Supplies	617.86
Martin Bros. Dist. Co., Inc.	Supplies	4,011.26
Summit Fire Protection	Repairs & Maintenance	304.75
Nutrition Fund Total		4,933.87
Payment Remittance Center	Supplies	108.98
Activity Fund Total		108.98
Alden Hot Lunch Fund	Donation	500.00
Payment Remittance Center	Supplies	30.40
Agency Fund Total		530.40
Hansen Technology Consulting	Purchased Services	3,150.00
Reliable1 Heating / AC / Plumbing	Repairs & Maintenance	2,175.09
Studio MELEE	Purchased Services	10,300.30
SAVE Fund Total		15,625.39
C. H. McGuiness Co., Inc.	Repairs & Maintenance	2,675.05
PPEL Fund Total		2,675.05