

ALLEN-OTTER CREEK C.C.S.D. NO. 65
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
RGS Resource Room
May 20, 2026
7:15 P.M.

MINUTES

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Board President Meghan McCoy.

B. Roll Call

Board Members present were: Lucas Coonan, Angie Graff, Jessica Brennan, Heidi Daugherity and Meghan McCoy. Maranda Trainor and Marty Bedeker were absent. Also present were Dr. Lindsey Paul, Superintendent, and Linda Plymire, recording secretary.

C. Recognition of visitors

Anita Dally, Brad Coughlin, Tina Gagnon; representation of the Allen-Otter Creek Teachers's Union.

D. Correspondence

1. Natalie Williams

A thank you letter from Natalie Williams thanking the Board for allowing her to student teach at Ransom Grade School.

2. Marty Bedeker- Resignation

A letter of resignation was read from Marty Bedeker explaining he could no longer serve on the board due to being reappointed as the road commissioner.

E. Approval of Minutes

1. April 8, 2026 Regular Board Minutes

A motion was made by Jessica Brennan and seconded by Heidi Daugherity to approve the April 8, 2026 Regular Board Minutes as presented. Roll call: Coonan—yea; Graff—yea; Brennan—yea; Daugherity—yea; and McCoy—yea. Motion carried 5-0-0.

2. May 7, 2026 Special Board Meeting

A motion was made by Jessica Brennan and seconded by Heidi Daugherity to approve the May 7, 2026 Board Minutes as presented. Roll call: Coonan—abstain; Graff—yea; Brennan—yea; Daugherity—yea; and McCoy—yea. Motion carried 4-0-1.

F. Financial Reports

a. Auditor's Request for July 2025 thru April 2026 Treasurer's Reports

A motion was made by Jessica Brenna and seconded by Heidi Daugherity to make changes to the July 2025 thru April 2026 Treasurer's Reports. Roll call: Coonan—yea; Graff—yea; Brennan—yea; Daugherity—yea; and McCoy—yea. Motion carried 5-0-0.

b. March 2026 Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Meghan McCoy and seconded by Jessica Brennan to approve the March 2026 Treasurer's Report. Roll call: Coonan—yea; Graff—yea; Brennan—yea; Daughterity—yea; and McCoy—yea. Motion carried 5-0-0.

c. April 2026 Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Jessica Brennan and seconded by Angie Graff to approve the April 2026 Treasurer's Report. Roll call: Coonan—yea; Graff—yea; Brennan—yea; Daughterity—yea; and McCoy—yea. Motion carried 5-0-0.

d. Payment of Bills

A motion was made by Jessica Brennan and seconded by Heidi Daughterity to approve the payment of bills. Roll call: Coonan—yea; Graff—yea; Brennan—yea; Bedeker—yea; Daughterity—yea; and McCoy—yea. Motion carried 6-0-0.

G. Old Business

a. Discussion Items

1. Calendar Survey Results

A motion was made by Meghan McCoy and seconded by Angie Graff to enter Executive Session at 7:42 p.m. to discuss personnel. Roll Call: Coonan—yea; Graff—yea; Brennan—yea; Daughterity—yea; and McCoy—yea. Motion carried 5-0-0. A motion was made by Meghan McCoy and seconded by Angie Graff to return to Regular Session at 8:10 p.m. Roll Call: Coonan—yea; Graff—yea; Brennan—yea; Daughterity—yea; and McCoy—yea. Motion carried 5-0-0. In the Executive Session, we discussed the calendar survey and the effect on personnel.

b. Action Items

1. 2026-2027 Calendar

A motion was made by Meghan McCoy and seconded by Angie Graff to approve the 2026-2027 Calendar. The District will stay with 2 early dismissals a month on the first and third Wednesday. The Board will also continue to discuss training options for staff for the next school year. Roll Call: Coonan—yea; Graff—yea; Brennan—yea; Daughterity—yea; and McCoy—yea. Motion carried 5-0-0.

2. Playground Equipment

A motion was made by Lucas Coonan and seconded by Meghan McCoy to approve the the purchasing of new playground equipment. Roll Call: Coonan—yea; Graff—yea; Brennan—yea; Daughterity—yea; and McCoy—yea. Motion carried 5-0-0.

H. New Business

a. Discussion Items

1. PRESS Policy

Dr. Paul asked the Board to read over the policy changes and will vote on them at the next board meeting.

b. Action Items

1. Acceptance of Board Member Resignation

Letter of Resignation from Marty Bedeker: "Dear Allen-Otter Creek School Board: It is with regret to inform you that, I, Martin Bedeker, will be resigning from the school board.

After being reappointed Road Commissioner after the resignation of the prior Road Commissioner, I was informed that I cannot legally serve on both Boards together. I enjoyed working with all of you. I am proud to say that you all make a great team and will continue to do an outstanding job. Thank you again for the time we served together. Sincerely, Mary Bedeker.” A motion was made by Lucas Coonan and seconded by Meghan McCoy to approve the resignation of Marty Bedeker with regret. Roll Call: Coonan—yea; Graff—yea; Brennan—yea; Daugherty—yea; and McCoy—yea. Motion carried 5-0-0.

2. Oath of Office

This has been tabled.

3. Consolidated District Plan

A motion was made by Heidi Daugherty and seconded by Angie Graff to approve the Consolidated District Plan. Roll Call: Coonan—yea; Graff—yea; Brennan—yea; Daugherty—yea; and McCoy—yea. Motion carried 5-0-0.

4. Third Grade Teaching Position

A motion was made by Meghan McCoy and seconded by Lucas Coonan to approve the hiring of Natalie Willaims. Roll Call: Coonan—yea; Graff—yea; Brennan—yea; Daugherty—yea; and McCoy—yea. Motion carried 5-0-0.

5. Paraprofessionals Needed- IEP

A motion was made by Meghan McCoy and seconded by Lucas Coonan to approve the hiring of two new paraprofessionals to meet the IEP needs. Roll Call: Coonan—yea; Graff—yea; Brennan—yea; Daugherty—yea; and McCoy—yea. Motion carried 5-0-0.

6. Board Meeting Dates and Times

A motion was made by Meghan McCoy and seconded by Lucas Coonan to approve the date and times for the 26-27 board meetings.. Roll Call: Coonan—yea; Graff—yea; Brennan—yea; Daugherty—yea; and McCoy—yea. Motion carried 5-0-0.

7. Prairie Farms Milk Bid

A motion was made by Jessica Brennan and seconded by Meghan McCoy to approve the Prairie Farms Milk Bid. Roll Call: Coonan—yea; Graff—yea; Brennan—yea; Daugherty—yea; and McCoy—yea. Motion carried 5-0-0.

8. Summer School Dates 17-30 & Pro-Rate Salary for Brad Coughlin

A motion was made by Heidi Daugherty and seconded by Jessica Brenna to approve the the dates of June 17-30 & offering a pro-rated salary to Brad Coughlin for summer school. Roll Call: Coonan—yea; Graff—yea; Brennan—yea; Daugherty—yea; and McCoy—yea. Motion carried 5-0-0.

9. Brad Coughlin- Continuing Education

A motion was made by Heidi Daugherty and seconded by Lucas Coonan to pay 90% of the rate of a semester hour at Illinois State University as stated in the Union contract. Roll Call: Coonan—yea; Graff—yea; Brennan—yea; Daugherty—yea; and McCoy—yea. Motion carried 5-0-0.

I. Superintendent/Principal Report

a. Board Luncheon

The end of the year lunch will be held at The Hangar in South Streator. All staff and board members are invited to attend.

b. LaSalle County 1% Sales Tax

Information about a potential 1% Sales Tax will be coming to the Board within the next few months.

c. FOIA Requests

The District has received FOIA requests from Owen Wang and Michale Henry since the last board meeting.

J. Executive Session

1. Personnel

K. Adjournment

A motion was made by Heidi Daugherity and seconded by Angie Graff to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. All in favor—ayes. Opposed—none. Motion carried 5-0-0.

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING, August 17, 2026 @ 7 p.m.

_____ **Board President**

_____ **Board Secretary**