



Alburnett
Community School District

Alburnett School Board Names Finalists for Next District Superintendent

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ALBURNETT, IA — The Alburnett Community School District has announced three finalists in its search for the district's next superintendent following a comprehensive review process with staff at [Grundmeyer Leader Services](#).

The finalists are Jessica Johnson, Darin Jones, and John Zimmerman.

Johnson currently serves as district administrator/district assessment coordinator for the Dodgeland School District. In this role, she developed, revised, and implemented policies to enhance student learning and ensure compliance with employment laws and regulations. As part of her role, Johnson serves as district assessment coordinator, overseeing all assessments and analysis of data to align curriculum and teaching practices. She also serves as an adjunct professor in educational leadership at Viterbo University.

Johnson holds a doctorate degree in education and earned her superintendent certification from Edgewood College. She has more than 20 years of experience in K-12 leadership and instruction.

Serving as superintendent of the AHSTW CSD, Jones collaborates with school business officials on the development of the annual budget, works with the school board on the finances of the district, and leads in collective bargaining. Additionally, he created community college relationships to expand programming opportunities for students. Prior to this role, Jones served as PK-6 principal for Montezuma CSD.

Jones holds a master's degree in principalship and earned his superintendent certification from the University of Northern Iowa. He has more than 30 years of experience in K-12 leadership and instruction.

Currently, Zimmerman serves as superintendent of Midland CSD. In this role, he supervises and ensures compliance with board policy, regulations, ethics, and laws. Zimmerman also oversees the usage of district property, facilities, and fiscal resources and facilitates strategic planning for the board of education. Prior to serving as superintendent, he held positions at Grant Wood Area Education Agency as director of teaching and learning and as a regional administrator.

Zimmerman holds a master's degree in K-12 administration from the University of Northern Iowa and has more than 25 years of experience in K-12 education and leadership.

As a next step, the board and stakeholder interview teams will conduct formal interviews with each of the three finalists. The board then plans to discuss the candidates and reach a final decision soon after the interviews.

The next superintendent will begin leading the Alburnett Community School District effective July 1, 2025.

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