

**Alburgh Board of School Directors
Minutes of September 16, 2013
Alburgh Community Education Center**

Present: For Administration, Janet Cerro, Principal, Robert Phillips, GISU Superintendent, Beth Hemingway, GISU Director of Student Services; for the Board: Michael Savage, Chairman, Renee Patterson, Alton Brusco and John Goodrich (recording).

Mr. Savage opened the meeting at 5:02 pm. *Minutes* for the August 19 meeting were accepted unanimously on a motion by Ms. Patterson (Mr. Brusco 2nd)

Principal's Report: Ms. Cerro's written report included the current student census (212) and current vacancies (three – to – four paraeducator positions) as well as notification that our GRACE Program has a new site coordinator in Marilyn Hackett. The Board inquired about the hiring process with this selection. – Our Emergency Response Plan has been updated with current personnel names, contact numbers, etc. (See **Board Action**) – Librarian Jennifer Mitchell is soliciting a CLIF scholarship for literacy programming and books. – ACEC is compliant with **Act 68's** requirement for a *Concussion Management Team*. – Our Principal concluded her prepared remarks with reflections on our September 12 Open House and our first "*Alburgh Almanac*", a newsletter to the ACEC community.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Phillips' written update apprised the Board that *Common Core State Standards, Next Generation Science Standards* and the new *Smarter Balance Assessment* programs can be viewed on the GISU website under "curriculum". – The Champlain Valley Superintendent's Association's *Calendar 2.0*, which would alter our schools' semesters and vacations significantly, was presented by Mr. Phillips and is featured at <http://scoolcalendar2.blogspot.com/2013/08/regional-forumlocationslocations-and-dates.html> - GISU is contracting with three educators to add support to teachers of math and Language Arts at all five island schools. – GISU's administrators will meet with SWIFT representatives on October 2. SWIFT is an intensive in-service program to support educators' efforts to improve academic and behavioral student growth. – Mr. Phillips presented a handout, **Health Care Reform Action List** for the Board to digest regarding the Supervisory Union's obligations to comply with the *Healthcare Reform Act*.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed job openings within the Alburgh District and the federal law (**No Child Left Behind**) that addresses these vacancies. – Three building use permits were reviewed: *Girl Scouts* (Mondays after school in the cafeteria and occasionally the computer lab and library); *Northwest Riding and Driving Club* (the gym on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.) and *Jennifer and Cortland Reynells* (the gym, from 6 to 8:30 p.m.) (See **Board Action**)

Board Discussion (con't)

- Mr. Bruso presented the accounts payable for August-Early September (see **Board Action.**)

Board Action:

- Mr. Bruso moved (Ms. Patterson 2nd) "to accept and sign the Alburgh Community Education Center's *Emergency Response Plan*, revised edition, as presented." (Unan.)

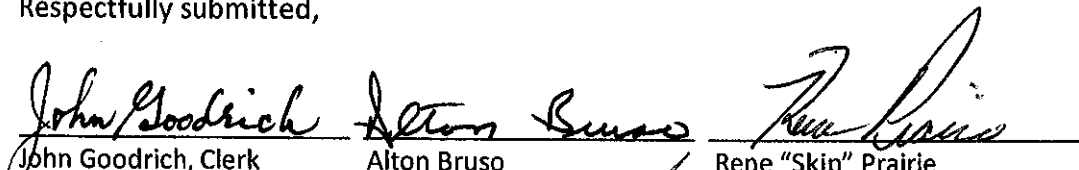
- Mr. Bruso moved (Mr. Goodrich 2nd) "to permit the *Alburgh Sno Springers* to maintain their snow trail on the eastern boundary (only) of the Alburgh School campus." (Unan.)

- Ms. Patterson moved (Mr. Bruso 2nd) "to approve the Building Use Forms as presented tonight." (See **Board Discussion**) (Unan.)


- Mr. Goodrich moved (Ms. Patterson 2nd) "to authorize payments of the current accounts payable as presented by Central Office and Mr. Bruso." (Unan.)

Adjournment: Mr. Bruso moved (Mr. Goodrich 2nd) "to adjourn" at 6:45. (Unan.)

Respectfully submitted,



John Goodrich, Clerk Alton Bruso Rene "Skip" Prairie



Renee Patterson Michael Savage, Chairman

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