Alburgh Board of School Directors Minutes of October 7, 2013 Alburgh Community Education Center

Present: For Administration, Superintendent Robert Phillips and Principal Janet Cerro; for the Board, Michael Savage, Chair, Alton Bruso, Rene "Skip" Prairie, Renee Patterson and John Goodrich (recording.)

Mr. Savage called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and *Minutes* of the September 16 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Mr. Prairie (Ms. Patterson 2nd).

<u>Superintendent's Report</u>: Mr. Phillips reviewed the SU's recent faculty in-service (professional development), school improvement work and the SWIFT Project, which supports Administration's school improvement goals. – Recent independent audits indicate that our financial picture is improving and Mr. Phillips presented Alburgh's "budget-to-actuals" spreadsheets. – A new paraprofessional contract was presented (see <u>Board Action</u>.) – The Champlain Valley Superintendents' Calendar 2.0 meetings were reviewed for the Board. A <u>Side Letter of Agreement</u> from the Alburgh Unit of the GISU-NEA was presented by the Superintendent (see <u>Board Action</u>.)

<u>Principal's Report</u>: Ms. Cerro presented a packet of *NECAP Assessment Reports* detailing scores from last year's grades 4 and 8 Science tests as well as a schedule of this month's testing. — Our enrollment is currently 213.

<u>Board Discussion</u>: Mr. Bruso presented current *accounts payable* (see <u>Board Action</u>.) - The Board was reminded that Special Education-mandated expenses are often refunded by the *Agency of Education* at 56% of cost. – Mr. Goodrich asked that estimates be sought for the cost of air conditioning the school's main office areas.

Board Action:

- Mr. Goodrich moved (Mr. Prairie 2^{nd}) "to authorize payments of accounts payable through October 7, 2013." (Unan.)
- Mr. Prairie moved (Mr. Bruso 2nd) "to table the Alburgh Unit of the GISU-NEA's *Side Letter of Agreement* (behavior Interventionist inclusion language.)" Unan.
- Mr. Prairie moved (Mr. Goodrich 2nd) "to authorize Central Office to pay the U.S. Bank's monthly copier fee upon receipt thereof." (Unan.)
- Mr. Goodrich moved (Ms. Patterson 2nd) "to accept and sign a 2013-2014 *Paraprofessional Contract* for Ms. Susan Larkin." (Unan.)

Executive Session(s):

- At 6:22, Mr. Goodrich moved (Mr. Prairie 2nd) "to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter." Executive Session concluded at 7:10 with no action taken.
- At 7:11, Mr. Goodrich (Mr. Prairie 2nd) moved "to enter **Executive Session** to discuss a student matter. **Executive Session** ended at 7:17 without action taken.

Mr. Goodrich (2nd by Ms. Patterson) moved to adjourn at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Prairie

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Mr. Savage, Chairman

