

Alburgh Board of School Directors  
Minutes of October 21, 2013  
Alburgh Community Education Center

Present: For Administration: GISU Superintendent Robert Phillips, Principal Janet Cerro; Director of Student Services Beth Hemingway; for the Board, Chairman Mike Savage, Mr. Alton Bruso, Ms. Renee Patterson, Mr. Rene "Skip" Prairie; John Goodrich, recording.

Mr. Savage called the meeting to order at 5 pm and October 7 Minutes were approved, as presented, on a motion by Mr. Bruso, seconded by Ms. Patterson.

**Superintendent's Report:** "Next Generation" Science Standards are being added to the Common Core Transition Plan training, which is scheduled for November 4 and 11. – Mr. Phillips distributed PLANNING SCHEDULE FY 2015 BUDGET PROCESS which includes this month through January, 2014 and concludes at Town Meeting, 2014. – The Superintendent closed with an announcement that a paraprofessional's assignment may be supplanted by a Behavior Interventionist's. (See Board Discussion.)

**Principal's Report:** Ms. Cerro's report included our school's student census (209) and our continued need for qualified paraprofessionals (2) as well as our need for custodial service (See Board discussion.) – A \$2,000 grant has been awarded to ACEC by the Children's Literacy Foundation and Jolley Associates are presenting a thousand dollar grant to our school's arts programs. – Our School Health Program Coordinator, Dara Kell, is teaching early primary children about personal safety strategies.

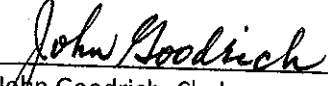
**Board Discussion:** The Board inquired about the distinctions between paraprofessionals and behavior interventionists. Ms. Hemingway explained that the later must be trained and/or experienced in psychology, social work or counselling and must possess a Bachelor's Degree. Paraprofessionals may become "B.I.s" once credentialed. IEP Teams determine if certain students' needs demand the services of Behavior Interventionists if paraprofessional services are determined to be inadequate. – To date, Alburgh has not found a participant in this year's VSBA Conference. - The Board discussed our custodial shifts, needs and personnel and, by consensus, directed Administration to seek a full-time substitute custodian for our school's second shift.

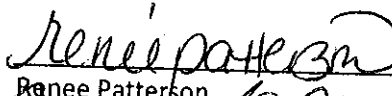
**Board Action:** Mr. Bruso delineated the current accounts payable and Mr. Goodrich moved (Ms. Patterson 2<sup>nd</sup>) "to pay all current ACEC bills as reviewed tonight." (Unan.)

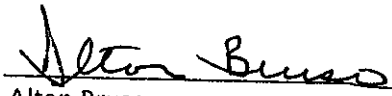
**Executive Session:** At 5:35 Ms. Patterson moved (Mr. Goodrich 2<sup>nd</sup>) "to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter." Executive Session ended at 6:04, with no action taken.


Ms. Patterson moved (Mr. Bruso 2<sup>nd</sup>) to adjourn at 6:05. (Unan.)


Respectfully submitted,

  
John Goodrich, Clerk

  
Renee Patterson

  
Alton Bruso

  
Rene "Skip" Prairie

  
Mike Savage, Chairman

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