

ALBURGH SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

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Alburgh Board of School Directors Minutes of November 18, 2013 Alburgh Community Education Center

Present: For Administration, Superintendent Robert Phillips and Principal Janet Cerro; for the Candidate Erin Mora; for the Board, Chairman Michael Savage, Ms. Renee Patterson, Mr. Alt John Goodrich (recording).

Mr. Savage called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm. Minutes for November 4's meeting were accepted as presented on a motion by Mr. Bruso (Mr. Goodrich 2nd).

Ms. Cerro introduced Ms. Mora to the Board; she has been invited to serve as a Paraeducator in Kindergarten and offered interesting remarks about her background. (See **Board Action**)

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Phillips presented challenges that the federal *Affordable Care Act* ("Obamacare") has presented to GISU's Central Office Staff. The Act effectively defines the District as a "large employer", requiring us to determine which and how many of our staff work 30 hours per week (generally) and to create contract accommodations to retain them in the event of the VEHI's dissolution. Mr. Phillips acknowledged that this research is exacting, deliberative and time-consuming, and amounting to an additional "unfunded mandate" for our Administration. Administration seeks the Board's approval of its recommendation to enlist our School Counselor to assume one-half our Behavior Interventionist's responsibilities during her maternity leave. - Mr. Phillips noted his observation that the Superintendent for BFA St. Albans is inquiring about Alburgh's interest in Franklin County in 2014-15.

Principal's Report: Ms. Cerro updated the Board on our Paraeducator assignments; enrollment may obviate the need for one open position. - In anticipation of 2014-2015 budget preparation, Ms. Cerro provided printed rationales for an additional kindergarten paraeducator, a part-time behavior interventionist and an Act 77 ("e.g. *personalized learning plans, work-based learning, virtual learning, dual enrollment*") Coach. - Current census: 209.

Board Discussion: Building update: *Poquette Construction* is interested in "skirting and in a cottage; we're exploring cost estimates. - Custodial services for day-shift and night-shift are being examined; applications are being reviewed. - Mr. Bruso presented all current accounts payable.

Executive Session: At 6:30 pm, Mr. Goodrich moved (Ms. Patterson 2nd) "to enter **Executive Session** to discuss a personnel matter." **Executive Session** concluded at 7:14; no action taken.

Board Action:

- Mr. Brusio moved (Mr. Goodrich 2nd) "to approve two December (2013) *Building Use Request* Grade Fund Raiser and "Operation Happiness." (Unan.)
- Mr. Goodrich moved (Ms. Patterson 2nd) "to authorize payments of the current accounts presented on November 20, 2013." (Unan.)

Board Correspondence/Sharing:

To the delight of all, Superintendent Phillips presented to Chairman Michael Savage a *Certificate of Appreciation* from the Vermont School Boards Association for his five years of service to the District.

Mr. Brusio moved (Mr. Goodrich 2nd) to **Adjourn** at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Goodrich, Clerk

Ms. Patterson

Mr. Brusio

Mr. Prairie

Mr. Savage, Chairman