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**Alburgh Board of School Directors
Minutes of January 6, 2014
Alburgh Community Education Center**

Present: For Administration, Ms. Candy Chaples, Business Manager, Ms. Beth Hemingway, Director of Student Support Services and Robert Phillips, GISU Superintendent; for the Board, Mr. Savage, Chairman, Mr. Prairie, Mr. Bruso, Ms. Patterson and Mr. Goodrich (recording).

Mr. Savage called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Phillips distributed "*FY 2015 REVENUE Worksheet*" prepared by CM Chaples 1/6/2014. All three Administrators detailed line items and compared "actuals" of 2011 through 2013 with 2014's Budget figures. 2015 *proposed* budget figures were featured and discussed at length, as were budget percentage increases and decreases. Final considerations and adjustments will be made at our January 13 meeting at 8a.m. at the Town Clerk's Office. The warning will be published before January 15, 2014.

Board Discussion: FY15 Budget (see above.) – Building update: The "skirt" for the cottage is taking longer than anticipated and frozen water pipes are a concern; project to be expedited.
- An "actuator" may be installed in the Kindergarten area to improve heating. – The Board explored tuition costs for children of faculty and decided that no change in policy is advised.
- The Board examined **Act 153** consolidation incentives and resolved to attend the January 8 GISU Meeting with mixed views. Four members expressed grave reservations and disinterest in a consolidation study; Mr. Goodrich remains open to the idea. – Bussing and emergency school closings were discussed. The Board reminded Administration that we resolved in 2012-13 that high school buses should make student transits on days that high schools are open, *regardless* of K-8 school closings. (The Superintendent did remind the Board that the bus company reserves the right to cancel transits in situations of extreme hazard.) – Mr. Bruso presented Accounts Payable. (See **Board Action**.)

Board Action: Mr. Goodrich moved (Ms. Patterson 2nd) "to authorize payments of accounts as presented tonight." (Unan.)

At 7:30 p.m. Mr. Bruso moved (Ms. Patterson 2nd) for **Adjournment**. (Unan.)

Respectfully submitted,
John Goodrich, Clerk
Renee Patterson
Alto Bruso
Rene "Skip" Prairie
Mike Savage, Chairman