

**Alburgh Board of School Directors
Minutes of February 17, 2014
Alburgh Community Education Center**

Mr. Savage called the meeting to order at 4:30. *Minutes* for the January 24 meeting were approved on a motion by Ms. Patterson (Mr. Prairie 2nd).

Superintendent's Report: The Superintendent introduced our new Grade Three teacher, Ms. Amy Kelliher. Amy favored us by beginning last week prior to tonight's contract offer (see **Board Action.**) Mr. Phillips reported on House *Bill 270* which would effectively diminish local control by town school boards and provide a slight increase in funding. – On Wednesday, February 19, a viewing of a film, *The Hungry Heart* will be featured at the Grand Isle School at 7 pm. Alburgh residents are encouraged to attend this locally-produced production which informs Vermonters of the effects drugs are having on our society. – The *Vermont Labor Relations Board* informs us that all non-certified staff are entitled to **Negotiated Agreement** benefits even as there is no category for them and they have not been represented at bargaining sessions.

Principal's Report: The printed *Principal's Report, February, 2014*, distributed, included our hiring of a replacement third grade teacher, our librarian's "Turn Up the Heat" reading project, our PTO's "Favorite President" research project and the February 11 "Technicool" presentation on social media safety. – Ms. Cerro added that ACEC's **Provision Two Application** was approved, supporting our breakfast/lunch programs through 2017 – For our GRACE Program, Ms. Cerro distributed a handout, "**Mural Art Proposal,**" by Marilyn Hackett and Paul Bradley – Principal Cerro closed with proposals from our custodians regarding uniform rentals and an accounting of our bottled water costs.

Board Discussion: In our preparation for Town Meeting, the Board supported our Principal's presentation of a flier to distribute to taxpayers, outlining the 2014-2015 school budget changes. – Building maintenance discussion included updating plumbing and drinking water issues. – Chairman Savage read the current accounts payable. (see Board **Action**)

Executive Session: At 5:29 pm, Ms. Patterson moved (Mr. Goodrich 2nd) "to enter **Executive Session** to discuss a personnel matter." (Unan.) **Executive Session** ended, without action taken, at 5:45 pm. **Executive Session:** At 6:44 pm, Mr. Goodrich moved (Ms. Patterson 2nd) "to enter **Executive Session** to discuss a matter of personnel." (Unan.) **Executive Session** ended, with no action taken, at 7:04 pm.

Board Action: Mr. Goodrich moved (Mr. Prairie 2nd) "to sign a teaching contract for Ms. Amy Kelliher for the remainder of this school year." (unan.) - Mr. Goodrich moved (Ms. Patterson 2nd) "to approve the six *Building Use Permit Applications* as presented by Mr. Savage." Unan.) –

Mr. Goodrich moved (Mr. Prairie 2nd) "to authorize payments of the accounts payable as presented tonight, February 17." (Unan.)

Agenda Building and **Adjournment**: The Board agreed to meet next Wednesday, February 26 at 5 pm at the Alburgh Community Education Center Library to prepare for its budget presentation meeting at the school gym on March 3 at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Goodrich moved (Mr. Prairie 2nd) to adjourn at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Goodrich, Clerk

Rene "Skip" Prairie

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Michael Savage, Chairman