

Alburgh School Board Meeting

May 5, 2014

Alburgh Community Educational Center

In Attendance:

School Directors: Chairman Mike Savage, Alton Brusco, John Goodrich, Allyson Sweeney recording

Administration: Principal Janet Cerro, Beth Hemmingway, Superintendent Robert Philips

Faculty: Liz Capito

Mr. Savage called the meeting ~~called~~ to order at 5:09pm. Mr. Goodrich (2nd Mr. Brusco) moved that we approve the meeting minutes from 4/21/14 as amended (Unan.).

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Philips provided legislation update to H883. This Bill passed in the House last week. Q&A meeting was held at Folsom School with Mizi Johnson and Bob Krebs on Friday night. Voting will be taking place this week. H889 is currently being discussed. More details will come over the next couple of weeks.

Principal's Report:

Ms. Cerro went over monthly report as complied.

Ms. Cerro presented 3 letters of resignation.

Board Discussion:

Staffing Updates:

We will need to begin advertising for Middle School math Teacher and School Nurse as well as continue running ad for Pre-K teacher and ~~2 para-professionals~~. 1 Behavioral Interventionist

Code of Ethics:

Board discussed Vermont Code of Ethics for School Board Members- its intent, purpose and why it's a non-binding standard for board members. Further discussed was tabled until we have a full board present.

Zumba:

Discussion about Zumba continuing during the summer months in the school gymnasium 2x/week. Mr. Goodrich (2nd Ms. Sweeney) moved that we present a letter to the Zumba group to permit their use of the school gym this summer (Unan.).

Board Action:

Approval of accounts payable for payment. Mr Goodrich (2nd Ms. Sweeney) moved to accept accounts payable as discussed (Unan.). .

Mr. Goodrich (2nd Mr. Brusio) moved that we accept the resignations of the three employees letters that were received and reviewed this evening (Unan.).

Mr. Goodrich (2nd Mr. Brusio) moved to accept and sign all contracts as presented on 5/5/14 (Unan.).

Executive Session:

Mr. Brusio (2nd Mr. Goodrich) moved that we go into Executive Session at 6:10pm (Unan.) to discuss a student and personnel matter. Executive session ended at 6:20pm.

Mr. Goodrich (2nd Mr. Brusio) moved that we go into Executive Session at 6:21pm (Unan.) to discuss a contractual issue. Executive Session ended at 6:33pm.

Other:

Mr. Brusio presented articles from the Burlington Free Press about School Consolidation.

Adjourn:

Mr. Goodrich (2nd Mr. Brusio) moved that we adjourn at 6:37pm (Unan.).

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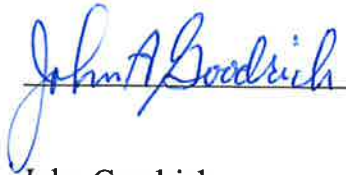
Principal's Report May 2014

- Our current total enrollment at the Alburgh School is 200 students.
- There remain two para openings at Alburgh. Substitutes are currently filling these classroom positions.
- The Alburgh School is excited to open and host (June 30th – August 11th) the 2014-GRACE Summer Program. In addition to fun filled sports, wellness and enrichment activities for the children, Circus Smirkus will be the featured guest during our hosting of the program. Circus Smirkus is Vermont's own award winning international youth circus. Their residency at Alburgh will allow students to learn traditional circus skills that will capture imaginations and build confidence for success.
- Students in grades 7 & 8 are participating in an American Legion Essay Contest. The focus of the essay is to describe what the word veteran means to them and our country. There were twenty nine essays submitted to Ray Bohannon, Commander of our local American Legion. Winners will be honored at our school's Memorial Day celebration on Friday, May 23rd.
- On Thursday, May 8th, we will be hosting our first ever Jazz Festival. The Mustang Band, Chorus, and World Drummers will be performing as well as special guest Rick Davies and his Latin Funk Thugtet. Many thanks to our music teacher Mr. Michael Lewandowski for coordinating this special event. Through his efforts, the festival will help foster an appreciation of, and propel our students toward, life-long musical experiences.
- Students in the fourth and eighth grade will take the Science NECAP's on May 12th, 14th and 15th. The test is comprised of short answer questions as well as an Inquiry Based Task. Classroom teachers are currently reviewing for this upcoming test administration.
- Alburgh Graduation is scheduled for Wednesday, June 18th @ 6pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Allyson Sweeney



John Goodrich



Alton Brusco



Rene "Skip" Prairie



Mike Savage, Chairman