

Alburgh School Board

Meeting Minutes

5/19/2014

**In Attendance: School Directors: Chairman Mike Savage, Alton Bruso, John Goodrich, Allyson Sweeney
recording**

Administration: Principal Janet Cerro, Superintendent Robert Philips,

Faculty: Carol Egan, Ken Hertz

Mr. Savage called the meeting to order at 5:03pm. Adjustment of Agenda includes 1 letter of resignation. Mr. Bruso (2nd Mr. Goodrich) moved that we approve the meeting minutes from 5/5/14 as amended (Unan.).

Board Visioning Activity lead by Ken Hertz and Carol Egan around creating a vision statement for Alburgh Community Education Center.

Superintendent's Report:

Legislative Update:

Last week H883 and H889 did not make it out of the House.

Board Member Training:

Board Member Training scheduled for Tuesday May 27th at 6:30pm. Anticipated about 15 participants. Alburgh is hosting this event.

Isle La Motte Request:

Isle La Motte families requesting to pay for transportation for their child to go to/from High School. Mr. Philips drafted a letter to present to Isle La Motte parents. He will make some changes to this letter.

Other:

Search continues for new Business Office Manager. Mr. Gifford has stepped in in the interim. We will also be hiring for new Curriculum Coordinator as Debbie King has accepted a new position.

Principal's Report:

Interviews started today for middle school Math Teacher. 2 or 3 interviewees will be asked to come back to present a lesson.

On next Board Meeting's agenda, Ms. Cerro has asked to go over reconfiguration of classes for June 2nd.

Board Discussion:

NECAP:

This is the last year that the Language Arts and Math NECAP will be given. Science will continue for 2 more years. The National Governors Conference formed the Common Core Standards Group reducing standards which in turn lead them to create a new assessment system- Smarter Balance and Park.

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Principal's Report June 2014

- Our current total enrollment at the Alburgh School is ²⁰¹~~202~~ students.
- There remain two para openings at Alburgh. Substitutes are currently filling these classroom positions.
- Congratulations to Shanna Aubin, Alburgh's Art Educator for being selected to receive a \$500 Grant from NorthCountry Federal Credit Union. The selection committee was "impressed" with Shanna's vision to use the funding to build an art library for Alburgh children so that they have access to the work of both local and global artists.
- Students in Mrs. Belanger's 5th grade classroom recently hosted "Are you Smarter than a Fifth Grader" with great success. Fourteen of seventeen families attended/participated in the competition. Mrs. Belanger chose questions directly from the curriculum and when the questions were answered correctly; there was high-fiving everywhere. This is a great example of how Alburgh is committed to developing family partnerships through new school experiences. Nice job by all!
- Teachers have recently finished their work this year with Literacy Consultant and Coach, Julie Graham. Professional Development opportunities led by Julie included book discussion groups for grade level teams, modeling lessons, and collaborative lesson planning for the Reader's Workshop model. Julie will continue her work with Alburgh teachers next year in developing the critical elements of the workshop model.
- Alburgh Graduation is scheduled for Wednesday, June 18th @ 6pm.

Better Balance/Common Core:

The Common Core standards are important for our children to know. In NY this is being rejected and is misused as an assessment tool of teachers. Competencies around this topic are just beginning.

Staffing 2014-2015:

Will be discussed on June 2nd's Board meeting.

Other:

Zumba has asked for a key for the summer months. They will be given a letter with instructions to pick up the key.

Board will provide a light dinner for the Board Member Training next week.

Board Action:

Mr. Goodrich (2nd Mr. Bruso) moved to accept letter of resignation from Lincoln Martin (Unan.). Mr. Goodrich (2nd Mr. Prairie) moved to approve accounts payable for payment as presented by Mr. Bruso (unan.).

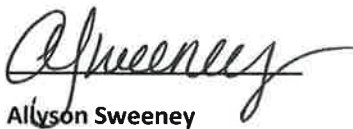
Executive Session:

Mr. Goodrich (2nd Mr. Bruso) moved that we go into Executive Session at 6:31pm (Unan.) to discuss a personnel issue with administration absent. Executive session ended at 7:15pm.

Adjourn:

Mr. Bruso (2nd Mr. Goodrich) moved to adjourn at 7:22pm (Unan.).

Respectfully Submitted,



Allyson Sweeney



John Goodrich



Rene "Skip" Prairie



Alton Bruso



Mike Savage, Chairman