

Alburgh School Board

DRAFT meeting minutes

6/2/2014

In Attendance:

For Administration: Superintendent Robert Philips and Principal Janet Cerro

School Directors: Michael Savage, Rene "Skip" Prairie, John Goodrich, Alton Bruso, Allyson Sweeney

Public: John Gifford and Bob Miller

Meeting called to order at 4:59pm. Adjustments to the agenda include John Gifford here to talk about the budget as well as Bob Miller here to discuss summer school program. Mr. Goodrich (2nd Mr. Prairie) moved that we approve the minutes from 5/19/14 as amended (unan.).

Public Input:

Mr. John Gifford went over FY14 Budget up to date. John will be talking with our Town Clerk and Treasurer to clear up a couple of questions regarding payments to the school. Following his findings, he will inform us where we will land at the end of the school year (+/-).

Mr. Bob Miller, resident of Alburgh and volunteer instructor for GRACE Program highlighted the importance for our children to have this program. He believes GRACE is an extension of education for our students. Alburgh is hosting this program for the first two weeks this year. Currently, we only have 3 students signed up. Ms. Cerro will be discussing this with teachers tomorrow at faculty meeting and stress the important of each of them to reach out to parents individually to encourage them to sign up.

Superintendent's Report

Public Meeting Law Changes

Agendas are now required to be posted 48 hours in advance of a regular meeting and 24 hours in advance of special meetings. Draft and finalized minutes should be posted on the town and school websites. If a violation occurs, the public body has 7 days to respond.

Executive Session Changes

Language around topics of discussion has changed. Boards may only enter executive session to discuss a limited number of topics. List of these topics can be found through the Vermont School Boards Association and was updated in May 2014.

Supervisory Union Personnel

We are still hiring for a Business Manager at the central office. John Gifford continues to be filling in until this position is hired for. We are going to expand our places of advertisement to try and reach both sides of Lake Champlain. We are also hiring for a Curriculum Coordinator for the Supervisory Union.

Energy Audit

All GISU schools will be going through an energy audit paid for by Efficiency Vermont. A contractor will come through and put together a plan of suggestions to present.

Principal's Report

Monthly Report

Current enrollment at Alburgh School is 201 students.

Shanna Aubin received a \$500 Grant from North Country Federal Credit Union. They were particularly impressed with her 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.

Our cooks have been asked to cater Isle La Motte's summer program. Isle La Motte would provide the food and deliver to/from our school to theirs. Ms. Cerro is looking into more details of this to see if it is feasible.

Classroom Configurations

Ms. Cerro presented their recommendation for classes and sizes. Currently we are projected to have 213 students to begin the school year.

Board Discussion

Graduation

Graduation is at 7pm on June 18th. GISU meeting is scheduled for the same day, this will be rescheduled so everyone can be present at graduation. Looking to possibly reschedule the meeting for June 26th. Mr. Philips will look at this date and send confirmation email.

8th grade is working on video presentations. 8th graders and parents take the lead on the events for the night and decorations.

More details to come on June 16th.

Other

Mr. Philips will send out letter for Isle La Motte families to register to utilize our bussing system to transport high school students to/from school of choice. Alburgh students would take precedence. Families can opt in/out individually.

Board Action

Accept Resignations

Mr. Goodrich (2nd Mr. Bruso) moved that we reluctantly accept the resignations 4 teachers, Tammy Baxter, Amy Kelliher, Sue Bachand, and Carol Egan (Unan.).

Mr. Goodrich (2nd Mr. Prairie) moved that we hire a certified elementary teacher for 2014/2015 (Unan.).

Approval of Bills for Payment

Mr. Goodrich (2nd Mr. Prairie) moved that we pay the accounts payable as presented (Unan.).

Executive Session

Mr. Goodrich (2nd Mr. Prairie) moved that we enter Executive Session at 7:15pm to discuss Employment of District Employee. Executive session ended at 7:42pm.

Adjourn

Mr. Bruso (2nd Mr. Prairie) moved that we adjourn at 7:53pm (Unan.).

Respectfully Submitted,

Allyson Sweeney

Rene "Skip" Prairie

John Goodrich

Alton Bruso

Mike Savage, Chairman