

Alburgh School Board

September 15, 2014

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Principal Janet Cerro, GISU Superintendent Robert Phillips; for the Board, Michael Savage, John Goodrich, Allyson Sweeney (recording).

Mr. Savage called the meeting called to order at 5:04pm. Minutes from the September 3, 2014 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Mr. Goodrich (Ms. Sweeney 2nd).

Adjustments to the agenda include reviewing a *Building Use Contract* which will be discussed under *Board Discussion*.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Phillips presented two candidates for the school nurse and EEE position at the Alburgh School. Bonnie Francis, LPN will be taking the position of School Nurse. Alicia Adams will be taking the position of EEE. Both come highly endorsed by all who were able to be a part of the interviews. Mr. Goodrich extended a huge *thanks* to Beth Hemmingway for stepping into the EEE position while it was vacant. The Board was hugely impressed.

GISU meeting will be held on Wednesday September 17, 2014 at North Hero School. This meeting will start at 7pm.

Regional Meeting on October 1st at 5:00pm will be held in Milton, VT. Mr. Phillips encouraged all Board members to attend who might be a part of negotiations in the future. This is also open to the public.

We were approached by Efficiency Vermont to give recommendations that would be cost efficient to install and also would, overtime, lower electric bills. We will continue along this study to see how we might benefit from their services. At this point, there is no financial obligation. If there ^{are} ~~is~~ any actual projects or work that ~~is~~ ^{are} being considered, the Board will be presented with the complete information to weigh-in on.

Principal's Report:

Karen Giroux was hired as the GRACE Project Director. She comes to us from St. Albans.

The first Alburgh School & Community Council will meet tomorrow night from 5-6pm in the art classroom.

There are currently 201 students enrolled in the Alburgh School.

We are still looking for a highly qualified candidate to fill the Math Interventionist position. Janet approached people who had expressed interest previously and none of which were interested at this time. We will continue the search to fill this role as well as the 8th grade para-educator.

Ms. Cerro provided an update on the 2012 SPAC Administration. She reviewed the grades that took it, outside factors that were currently taking place that may have had an impact on scores, and also the feedback from the administration of this assessment which was positive. Our new Library Media Specialist is working on better preparing students to be as comfortable as possible with this format before March 2015 when the test will be administered again. Much of this preparation includes enhancing computer skills.

Ms. Cerro would like to compensate Ann Goodrich at the rate she was being paid at the end of the school year days she has filled in as our School Nurse rather than being paid the \$75 daily sub rate. Past practice has been that when a retired teacher has come back, they've been compensated on a per-diem basis.

Ms. Cerro discussed the amount of hours that the Pre-K teacher is putting in on a daily basis. She requested that we consider increasing her position to a .8 FTE from a .7 FTE. We will discuss this position further at the next Board Meeting when all members are present.

Board Discussion:

Building Use Contract was presented for use of the school gymnasium on January 24, 2015 for the Zumbathon 8th grade fundraiser.

Meeting for MaryAnn Galica's fundraiser at the Alburgh Legion on Oct 25, will be held next Monday at 3pm. We are looking for donated items to be auctioned off.

The Board has been invited to an after school gathering at Tracy Giroux's house on Thursday September 18th.

Board Action:

Mr. Goodrich moved (Ms. Sweeney 2nd) that we accept the hiring of Bonnie Francis as the .8 FTE School Nurse beginning October 6, 2014.

Mr. Goodrich moved (Ms. Sweeney 2nd) that we support the hiring of Alicia Adams as the .8 FTE EEE beginning September 28th, 2014.

Ms. Sweeney motioned (Mr. Savage 2nd) that we compensate Ann Goodrich retroactive to the beginning of the school year for the days worked and continue

this rate of \$17.97/hr. for the remaining days she will work this year (2 yes, 1 abstained).

Mr. Goodrich motioned (Ms. Sweeney 2nd) that we approve the Building Use for Zumbathon on January 24th, 2015 (Unan.).

Mr. Goodrich (Ms. Sweeney 2nd) motioned to approve the accounts payable as presented with the correction of the Gauthier Trucking bill which should reflect \$558.59 (Unan.).

Executive Session If Needed:

Mr. Goodrich (Ms. Sweeney 2nd) moved that we go into executive session at 5:52pm to discuss personnel matters.

Executive Session ended at 6:12pm with no action taken.


Meeting was adjourned at 6:39pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



John Goodrich

Alton Brusio



Skip "Rene" Prairie



Allyson Sweeney



Michael Savage, Chair