

Alburgh Community Education Center

School Board Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2015

Present: John Goodrich, Skip Prairie, Alton Bruso, Allyson Sweeney, Michael Savage, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Cerro, Rick Baker, Shalen Wells-Brunet, Tracey Giroux, Mona Reed, Sally Forgues

Meeting Called to order at 5:04pm. Adjustments to the agenda include meeting our new Math Interventionist- Shalen Wells-Brunet. Mr. Goodrich motioned (2nd Mr. Prairie) that we accept the minutes as presented (Unan.).

Public Input:

Parent came to meeting and asked questions regarding square footage per class size, student:teacher ratio, and plans for guidance and art for next year. Ms. Cerro introduced Shalen Wells-Brunet. Parents brought up concerns around the Kindergarten class-size growing and also their use of the public bathroom. Parents note that students are walking to/from the main bathroom without supervision. Parents brought up more concerns around general security of the building and the main entrance being open to public during different points during the day. We discussed when the door is open and at what time people need to buzz in/out. Ms. Cerro is going to look into staffing to see if there is any staff members who could be present at the door during the "busy" times during the day to observe the coming/going of public.

Superintendent's Report:

General Information: The Small Schools Grant is changing for the smaller schools of Vermont. Alburgh appears to be safe for the next year. Our student population has increased. The plan for tonight includes trying to finish up and warn the budget tonight. We technically have until Friday to send the final expenditure, but hope to discuss and finalize it this evening.

Principal's Report:

Facility Update: Student population is 206. Rick Baker presented quotes for replacing the main door and the two gymnasium doors. Because we won't be completing the work right away, these quotes may increase. We are using these quotes to help build the budget. Mr. Baker brought up concerns regarding more windows throughout the building. He has prioritized the windows that he would recommend. The furnace needs a new fan as well. Due to it being winter, they'd like to do the work in the spring/summer or during an upcoming school vacation. The work is expected to take about 1-2 days. Mr. Baker will do some follow-up with the quotes to see about warranties.

Board Discussion:

Mr. Phillips and Mr. Gifford came up with a budget proposal for us to consider. This budget includes a 2% increase in expenditure and a 4.7% tax increase. We discussed contributing money to the GRACE Program as other schools in the district do. The town currently contributes \$2000. We talked about contributing \$3000 in the budget towards the GRACE Program. Through discussion with the families, teachers, administration and Board members, the Board considered making Art a 1.0FTE. The major changes the budget is looking at for 2016 include having Art as 1.0FTE, Guidance at 1.2FTE, 1BI, and Pre-K at FTE. This total budget is \$5,386,419.57.

The American Legion has requested to use our field on May 22nd for parking for an event being held at the legion.

The custodians requested we advertise for a substitute custodian.

Mr. Goodrich gave the Board the GISU Budget Proposal for FY16.

The Board wishes to extend their thoughts and appreciation for the event held at the school in honor of Don Galica.

Board Action:

Mr. Bruso motioned (2nd Ms. Goodrich) that we expend \$3000 to the GRACE Program (Unan.).

Mr. Goodrich motioned (2nd Mr. Prairie) that we warn for the 2016 budget with a figure of \$5,386,419.57 (40, 1A).

Mr. Goodrich motioned (2nd Mr. Prairie) that we approve the use of the athletic field on May 22, 2015 (Unan.).

Mr. Goodrich motioned (2nd Mr. Prairie) authorize payment of the invoices as presented (Unan.).

Executive Session:

Entered Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters at 7:30pm.

Executive session ended at 7:47pm with no action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

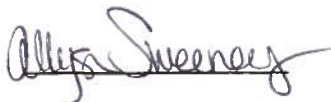
John Goodrich



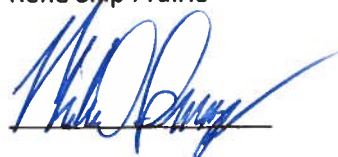
Rene Skip Prairie



Alton Bruso



Allyson Sweeney



Michael Savage