Town Meeting- School Board

March 1, 2015

DRAFT Minutes

Town meeting was called to order at 7:00pm moderated by Terry Tatro. Meeting began with an invitation for all to say the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Tatro read the warning as follows,

*The legal voters of the Alburgh School District are hereby warned to meet at the Alburgh School District on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 7:30pm to transact the following business:*

*Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of the Alburgh Town School District officers as published in the Town Report as of June 30, 2014.*

*Article 2. Will the Alburgh Town School District authorize the Alburgh School Board to borrow in anticipation of taxes?*

*Article 3. To transact any other business proper to come before this meeting.*

*Article 4. Adjourn*

*The Legal voters of the Alburgh Town School District are hereby warned to meet at the Alburgh Town Office on Tuesday March 3, 2015, polls open between the hours of 7:00AM and 7:00PM., to vote by AUSTARALIAN BALLOT on the following articles:*

*Article 5. Shall the voters of the Alburgh Town School District appropriate $5, 386, 419.57 necessary for the support of school for the year beginning July 1, 2015?*

*(Results: 205 in favor, 202 against)*

*Article 6. To elect all School Officers as required by Law.*

*(Results: For School Director: 357 Votes for John Goodrich, For School Director Write-in: Jennie Lund 97 votes, Bernard Savage 47 votes and Alton Bruso 19 votes)*

Mr. Polk (2nd Mr. Creller) moved that we accept Article 1 (Unan.).

Mr. Ernst (2nd Mr. Beaulac) moved that we accept Article 2 (Unan.).

Prior to the Board presentation, Mr. Savage announced the retirement from the School Board of fifteen-year veteran, Alton Bruso. The Board, our school and our town will miss his tireless contributions and sage counsel. The meeting gave Alton a well-deserved appreciative round of applause.

Mr. Goodrich presented our proposed budget for 2015-2016 highlighting the areas we’ve increased (returning Art to full-time, adding a Behavioral Interventionist, adding a .4 Guidance counselor with a focus on Primary grades, funding for innovative technology). Mr. Hammel was invited by the Board with no opposition from the town to do a presentation on technology and what our students are using today/what is expected from them which demonstrates our need for more advanced technology in our school.

There was discussion around bussing to BFA, MVU and suggestions to bring back the village bus.

Town member suggested we look into getting computer donations from IBM.

Mr. Phillips gave a brief overview of what being a SWIFT school is and what additional benefits we will be receiving because of it this year: Improved instruction and courses being offered for teachers on Saturday’s and throughout the summer.

Mr. Polk moved (2nd Mr. Vincelette) that we adjourn the School Board potion of the Town Meeting at 8:07pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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