

**Alburgh School Board
Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2015**

Present: For the Board, Chairman Savage, Mr. Prairie, Ms. Lund; Mr. Goodrich (recording); for the Administration, Superintendent Phillips and Principal Cerro; for the Faculty and Staff, Mr. Bushey, Ms. Prefontaine, Ms. Savage and Ms. Giroux; for the Public, Ms. Reed, Ms. Gotshall, Mr. Gotshall.

Call to Order: Mr. Savage called for order at 5:04 and for the Minutes of the March 16, 2015 meeting which were accepted (with typo correction) on a motion by Mr. Prairie (2nd by Ms. Lund.)

Public Input: Ms. Reed inquired about the status of class configurations and room assignments for S.Y. 2015-2016. Ms. Cerro responded that research is being gathered and action is forthcoming.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Phillips provided information and thoughts regarding

- a staff resignation and maternity leave request (see Board Action)
- the Legislature's Act 361 implications for Island Schools and Small Schools' Grant cessation
- the Legislature's H. 76, eliminating rights for teacher strikes and board impositions
- legislation that could affect mandatory reporting (of child endangerment) guidelines
- the need for a GISU business manager and Vermont schools' shortages of them

Principal's Report: Ms. Cerro (and ACEC Principal's Report, April, 2015) reported on

- our current enrollment (205)
- open positions (a pre-K assistant and a middle level paraeducator)
- the MTSS or Multi-Tiered System of Success program
- SBAC testing current and future endeavors
- ACEC's Food Service Program's 100% certification rating
- the First Annual *GISU Rowing Regatta's* initiation at our school on April 3
- Middle School Scholars' honoraria

Additionally, Ms. Reed offered that Ms. Renee Creller is interested in volunteering her participation in Ms. Cerro's work at reconfiguration plans for the next school year:

Additionally, Ms. Cerro provided handouts and a detailed report on *SWIFT* – related impacts on ACEC. Additionally, Administration provided reports and reflections on SBAC assessments and the transition away from NECAP assessments. The Board expressed keen interest in the process of eliminating our school's remaining an "identified school" by the *Vermont Agency of Education*. An "identified school" is labeled as being in need of improvement, and mandated tests appear to prolong that identification.

Board Discussion: Topics SBAC, Room Assignments and Configurations: See above.

- Franklin Northwest Supervisory Union invited the Alburgh Board to discuss possible collaboration (on May 6 at 7 pm) at the Swanton Babcock School.
- Mr. Prairie presented the Accounts Payable for April, 2015.
- The Board received and reviewed a Petition For Village School Bus presented by Ms. Gotshall; the Board discussed the process for presenting a town warning for voting on this proposal.
- The Board discussed the possibility of having the future Principal involved in the process of S.Y. 2015-16 room assignments and configurations.

Executive Sessions:

Mr. Goodrich moved to enter Executive Session at 6:40 pm "to discuss ACEC's employee contracts." (Unan.) Executive Session ended at 6:55 pm.

Mr. Goodrich moved to enter Executive Session at 7:00 pm. "to discuss an employee's contract." Executive Session ended at 7:41 pm.

Mr. Goodrich moved to enter Executive Session at 7:44 pm "to discuss an employee matter." (Unan.) Executive Session ended at 7:55 pm.

Board Action: - Mr. Goodrich moved (Ms. Lund 2nd) "to accept the resignation of Ms. Kendra Wobby, teacher." (Unan.)

- Mr. Goodrich moved (Ms. Lund 2nd) "to authorize payments of the Accounts Payable (with one exception to be reviewed by Central Office and reported back) as presented by Mr. Prairie." (Unan.)

- Mr. Goodrich moved (Ms. Lund 2nd) "to sign an Administrative Contract employing Mr. James Ross as Alburgh Community Education Center's Principal for S.Y. 2015-2016." (Unan.)

- Mr. Goodrich moved (Ms. Lund 2nd) "to sign properly prepared Teaching Contracts for eligible teachers for S.Y. 2015-2016." (Unan.)

- Mr. Prairie moved (Mr. Goodrich 2nd) "to record that the administrator's leave, effective on March 10, ended on March 17, 2015." (Unan.)

Agenda Building: Mr. Goodrich again reminded the Board to consider hiring a meeting recorder (personnel or machine) to assist with the Board Clerk's duties.

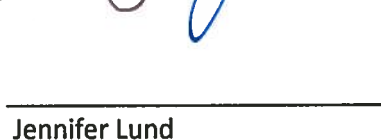
Adjournment occurred at 8:02 pm.


Respectfully submitted,


Allyson Sweeney (Clerk)


John Goodrich (recording)


Rene "Skip" Prairie


Jennifer Lund


Michael Savage, Chairman