

Alburgh School Board

Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2015

In attendance:

Board: Michael Savage- Chairman, Rene Prairie, John Goodrich, Allyson Sweeney

Administration: Mr. Jim Ross, 2015/2016 Principal

Faculty: Ms. Belanger, Ms. Dobson, Ms. Giroux

Parents: Ameer Gotshall, Tyler Gotshall, Alan Bowser, Karen Steele

Meeting called to order at 5:01pm. Adjustments to the agenda include Ms. Giroux presenting a letter. Mr. Goodrich (2nd Mr. Prairie) motioned to approve the minutes as presented (Unan.).

Public Input:

- Mr. Gotshall was approached by Dr. Jodi Forward, MD about the possibility of having an AED machine in the school. There would be a team that would come and provide training with these machines for our staff. There is no cost for the training instructions, but there would be a cost for the AED machine and training material. There is some funding through the LAPC and also through NMC. We discussed the possibility of raising money for the remainder of the cost.
- Mr. Gotshall attended a walk-thru of the school in the fall with the State Police and Sheriff's department. There should have been a report compiled from this walk-thru. Mr. Ross will connect directly with Sheriff Allen. We would like to strengthen this relationship overall and have more involvement with the Sheriff in this school.
- Parent brought up concerns around a convicted sex-offender who walked on school property earlier this week. The Chairman of the Board addressed this person directly and we believe the Sheriff's department followed up with that person directly as well.
- Ms. Giroux presented a letter signed by several teachers asking for us to return to the previous parent-teacher conference schedule of having two ½ days for students followed by afternoon or evening conference times.

Board Discussion:

Summer Capital Improvements:

- Mr. Prairie will be conducting a walk-thru with Rick Baker to look at windows and provide estimate for replacement.
- Reviewed estimate by Gary Pidgeon & Son for door installation in the main entry and gymnasium double doors and single door. The quote requires some follow-up so we will be getting clarification and hope to take action on this at our next board meeting. Ms. Belanger brought up concerns about the single door that leaves the current primary area and heads towards the cottage.

Room Assignments, Class Groupings & Configurations 2015-16:

- Reviewed projected class sizes and room assignments for the 2015-16 school year.

Warning:

- Mr. Savage read warning regarding a vote on bringing back the village school bus. Warning reads,

The legal voters of the Alburgh Town School District are hereby warned to meet at the Alburgh Municipal Building on June 2, 2015, polls open between the hours of 7:00am and 7:00pm to vote by AUSTRALIAN BALLOT on the following articles:

Article 2 – Shall the voters of the Alburgh Town School District raise no more than \$40,000 necessary for the operation of a village school bus for the year beginning July 1, 2015?

Board Action:

- Mr. Goodrich (2nd Mr. Prairie) motioned that we authorize to renew the 2yr contract with The Island Lawn Service for the 2015/2016 growing season for \$125 per cutting (Unan.).
- Mr. Goodrich (2nd Ms. Sweeney) motioned that we accept the calendar proposal regarding the parent teacher conference schedule for 2015-16 as presented (Unan.).
- Mr. Goodrich (2nd Mr. Prairie) motioned that the Alburgh School Board provide the official warning and town meeting for June 1, 2015 at 7PM and a vote from 7AM-7PM on June 2, 2015 to add a third bus to our fleet presented by Mr. Phillips as amended (Unan.).
- Mr. Goodrich (2nd Ms. Sweeney) motioned that we approve our accounts payable as presented with the exception of 1 invoice (Unan.).
- Mr. Prairie (2nd Mr. Goodrich) motioned to complete the 2015/2016 teacher contracts with the acknowledgement that evaluations and recommendations were incomplete on this evening of April 20, 2015 (Unan.).

Executive Session:

Mr. Goodrich (2nd Ms. Sweeney) motioned that we go into Executive Session to discuss the employment of a public employee at 7:36pm. Executive session ended at 8:36pm with no action taken.

Ms. Sweeney (2nd Mr. Savage) moved to adjourn Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm (Unan.).

Respectfully Submitted,


John Goodrich

 
Jennie Lund Rene Prairie

Allyson Sweeney


Michael Savage