

**Alburgh School Board  
Alburgh Community Education Center  
Minutes for Meeting of May 4, 2015**

**Present:** For the Administration, Principal Janet Cerro, Superintendent Robert Phillips; for the Faculty and Staff, David Mangan, Custodian, Kathleen Kramer, Guidance Counsellor, Robin Belanger, Teacher, Tracy Giroux, Teacher; for the Public, Ms. Amy Gotshall; for the Board, Rene "Skip" Prairie, Jenny Lund, John Goodrich (recording) and Mike Savage, Chairman

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 and *Minutes* of April 20, 2015, were approved on a motion by Mr. Goodrich (2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Prairie)

**Public Input:** Mr. Mangan advised the Board that the bleachers on the athletic fields are weak and hazardous. Mr. Prairie volunteered to examine the planks and recommend remedies. Mr. Mangan also advised that the snow blower is beyond repair; the Board supports Mr. Savage's suggestion to dispose of it. (Also note Ms. Gotshall's input under "Bus Lane")

**Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Phillips informed the board that auditors from the Vermont *Agency of Education* studied our bookkeeping records of federal and state programs; a Business Manager is needed for this process. – VSBA and Superintendents' Association will have representatives here to review GISU operations on May 7.

**Principal's Report:** (See Ms. Cerro's printed *Principal's Report*, May 2015.) Also, a Pre-school program recommendation was also presented with two schedule formats. At this point, seven 3-year-olds and seven 4-year-olds are enrolled. The hours-in-attendance interested the Board and prompted the most inquiry. Additionally, teacher service hours and planning hours generated concerns as did expectations of the *Agency of Education*, parents and others. Exploration of space and schedule concerns need more review.

**Board Discussion:** The concept of a Champlain Street bus lane was discussed; Mr. Prairie will investigate the Select Board's and Road Commissioner's feasibility prospects for this idea and "*Vermont Safe Routes*" may have guidelines and resources available to us. Ms. Gotshall added that some \$280,000 are earmarked for Vermont schools' transportation/infrastructure needs. – Mr. Goodrich inquired if the room assignments, "configurations", etc. are settled for 2015-16; Ms. Cerro advised that April 16<sup>th</sup>'s presentation settled that item. – Mr. Mangan advised that the old snow-blower needs to be replaced; the Board agreed that Mr. Savage should dispose the old unit. – Mr. Prairie reported that \$15,000 is a proper figure for our front and gym door needs. He is pursuing that project mindfully. – Mr. Goodrich expressed appreciation for the Board's support of his April 25, VSBA

Negotiations training. – Mr. Goodrich expressed support for a seamless, coordinated principal transition in June.

**Executive Sessions:**

- At 6:43 pm, Mr. Prairie moved (Mr. Goodrich 2<sup>nd</sup>) “to enter **Executive Session** to discuss an employee matter.” (Unan.) **Executive Session** concluded at 7:06 pm, with no action taken.

- At 7:07 pm, Mr. Goodrich moved (Mr. Prairie 2<sup>nd</sup>) “to enter **Executive Session** to discuss an employee matter.” (Unan.) **Executive Session** concluded at 7:10 pm, with no action taken.

- At 7:11 pm, Ms. Lund moved (Mr. Goodrich 2<sup>nd</sup>) “to enter **Executive Session** to discuss an employee matter.” (Unan.) **Executive Session** concluded at 7:15 pm without action taken.


**Agenda Building:** (All pending need)


- Doors and window replacements for summer, 2015.
- Maintenance matters.
- Graduation 2015.
- Bussing 2015-2016
- Legislative news and Acts

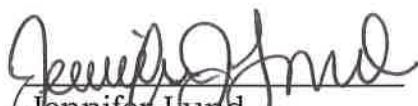
**Adjournment** by consensus at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
John Goodrich

  
Allyson Sweeney

  
Rene “Skip” Prairie

  
Jennifer Lund

  
Mike Savage, Chairman