

Alburgh School Board

Meeting Minutes

6/15/2015

**In Attendance:**

Board: Jennie Lund, Skip Prairie, Allyson Sweeney, Mike Savage-Chair

Administration: Jim Ross- Incoming Principal, Beth Hemmingway- Student Support Services,  
Lynne Carpenter-Business Office Manager

Public: Donna Bohannon, Renee Creller

Faculty: Tracey Giroux

Meeting called to order at 5:00PM. Donna Bohannon is here from the town to discuss the Warning about upcoming bus vote. Minutes were approved as amended on a motion by Mr. Prairie (2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs. Lund).

**Superintendent's Report:**

Mr. Phillips was attending two other graduations being held tonight in Isle La Motte and North Hero. He asked that we review the amended contracts and also the contracts for two new hires.

**Principal's Report:**

FIT Results- See attached.

**Board Discussion:**

**Bussing Warning & Ballot-** Donna Bohannon attended tonight's meeting to discuss the Warning for the re-vote for the addition of a village bus. Lynne Carpenter brought the Warning that was prepared by the GISU. We will amend the warning to specify that the money will be raised by taxation. Informational meeting will be held in the ACEC gymnasium on June 29, 2015 at 6PM. Voting will take place at the town office on June 30, 2015 from 7AM-7PM.

**PreK-** Mr. Ross met with the PreK team and have decided that the Monday/Wednesday/Friday schedule for PreK from 7:45am-11:30am would be most beneficial. Tuesday & Thursday's will allow for the intervention for K-3 and also the EEE teacher working with students at daycare or home. We currently have 16 confirmed students, 9 four-year olds and 7 three-year olds. There is a possibility of 3 additional three-year olds coming in. We will know in August if there is space for them to join our program. There is a classroom teacher, teacher assistant, EEE teacher, 1:1 para and the SLP assistant part-time dedicated to this class. James Ross will oversee the

program this year with the assistance of Beth Hemmingway. They will do a more collaborative team approach and will be meeting as a team once a week.

**Parking Lot Ideas:** Mr. Ross met with the fire chief about the concerns of the current set up of the parking lot. The congestion and the road blockage are the major concerns. Mr. Ross brought all attendees of this meeting outside and showed some ideas. He will begin meeting with teachers to talk further about ideas and coming up with a plan over the school year.

**Sound System Enhancement for Gym:** We discussed events and quality of sound in the gymnasium. Mr. Ross has experience with this area and will work with Mr. Lewandowski and Mr. Goodrich to research what the costs of improvements/replacements of the sound system would look like.

6/18 — **New Hires:** The 5<sup>th</sup> grade position has been filled. The long-term sub for art has been filled as well. We offered a position for the ELA position and they declined the offer due to location. This will be reposted. The BI position had scheduled interviews, but they have been rescheduled for this coming Thursday. The School Counselor (.4) is yet to be scheduled on this day. To recap, to be hired includes: ELA, School Counselor, and para-educator(s).

**Building Updates:** Mr. Prairie called Iron Horse regarding a leak in the roof. They do not have anyone who can come service this building since they did not install it. He also reached out to several other companies who felt the same. Mr. Prairie will look at the roof during the installation of the windows.

Mr. Prairie will also be looking into the cost of new outdoor bleachers.

We are keeping an eye on the oil tank. At this time it is not broke but it starting to age which gives us reason to watch it more closely.

**Summer Classroom Moves:** No further moves than what has been discussed previously.

**Other:** We discussed the Ada. B. Cameron C.D. and future plans for it.

#### **Board Action:**

Mr. Prairie (2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Sweeney) motioned that warn the village bus vote based on the amendments made to read as follows (Unan.):

*Shall the voters of the Alburgh Town School District appropriate no more than \$40,000, to be raised by taxation for the operation of a village school bus for the year beginning July 1, 2015?*

Ms. Lund (2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Prairie) motioned to accept the amended contracts for the Home School Coordinator and Behavioral Specialist as presented (Unan.).

Mr. Prairie (2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Lund) motioned to accept the contract for the Long-term substitute for K-8 Art and the new hiring of the fifth grade teacher position (Unan.).

Mr. Prairie (2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Lund) motioned to accept the ACEC Pre School program schedule for 2015/2016 based on the recommendation on the incoming principal James Ross' to the Board (Unan.).

Ms. Sweeney (2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Lund) that we approve the bills as presented minus omissions that require further clarification (Unan.).

Ms. Lund (2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Prairie) motioned to cash in the Ada. B. Cameron (ABC C.D.) and place the proceeds in the Ada B Cameron sub-category of the school account to maintain the annual \$50 award to the 8<sup>th</sup> grader with excellence in spelling over the next 20 years (Unan.).

**Executive Session:**


Entered Executive Session at 7:27pm to discuss a contractual matter of a public employee.  
Executive session ended at 7:37PM with no action taken.

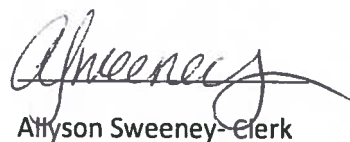
Meeting adjourned at 7:38PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Jennie Lund

  
John Goodrich

  
Skip Prairie

  
Allyson Sweeney-Clerk

  
Mike Savage-Chair