

**MINUTES FROM 04/16/2018**  
**SCHOOLBOARD INFORMATIONAL MEETING**  
**PRIOR TO BUDGET RE-VOTE**

**PRESENT:** Moderator, Terry A. Tatro, Schoolboard Chairman, Michael Savage, Mallory Ovitt, Treavor Creller, Stephanie Waters, Virginia Wright, Clerk, Donna L. Bohannon

**GUESTS:** Sally Forgues, Abigail Alberico, Jen Parro, Martin Giuffre, Charles Shepherd, Clyde Yarnell, Carol Yarnell

**7:00 PM: OPEN MEETING:** Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Moderator, Terry Tatro

- Terry read the warning as written and opened the floor for discussion.
- Michael Savage informed all that there was an overall reduction in the budget in the amount of \$123,377.
- Mike was asked how that was possible since the budget amounts requested increased from \$5,461,376 to \$5,843,720.
- Mike explained that the original budget number was a misprint. The original budget number should have been \$5,967,097 NOT \$5,461,376.
- He also explained that the per pupil spending was correct, the overall budget was incorrect.
- Sally Forgues asked what items were cut to lower the budget.
- Mike explained that the cuts were made in building improvements, food transfer and part of the \$40,000 budgeted for fuel was taken out because the heat system was switched over to propane. There was also a tenured teacher who retired and that was not taken into consideration in the original budget.
- Sally was concerned that cuts would be made to building items geared toward the safety of the students.
- Mike confirmed that part of the budget that was cut was from the building fund and that part of that was focused on safety so yes, part of the cuts are related to safety.
- Sally also asked if the Board was working with the State at all about the safety issues.

- Mike replied that they have not yet been working with the State, but that Principal Ross has been doing research and gathering information.
- The primary focus of the building fund for next year will be safety.
- Door locks have been purchased to increase security of the school.
- Martin Giuffre asked why the per pupil cost is so high.
- The answer was that salaries are up about 20%, there are a lot of students on an IEP which creates a need for more staff.
- Instructional Aides salaries is up by 48% because of the addition of staff such as a Behavioral Interventionalist and one on one aides.
- 3 out of 10 students on average need additional help.
- There are 230 students enrolled in Alburgh school compared to 212 last year.
- Abigail Alberico asked what will happen if the budget doesn't pass at the vote on 04/24/2018.
- She was informed that the budget will have to be reviewed again and another re-vote will have to take place. It was also noted that there is only so much that can be cut from the local budget and that the same numbers may have to go to vote again.
- Moderator Tatro asked if there were any other questions or comments.
- None were heard.
- *At 7:40PM Donna Bohannon motioned to adjourn – seconded by Jen Parro – all in favor – motion carried – meeting adjourned.*

APPROVED BY:

Moderator Terry A. Tatro \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman Michael Savage: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_