Alburgh School Board
Alburgh Community Education Center
January 18, 2016

Present: For the Board, Chairman Michael Savage, Mr. Rene “Skip” Prairie, Mr. Trevor Creller, John Goodrich (recording); for the Administration, Principal James Ross, Superintendent Barbara Burrington, Business Manager Lynne Carpenter; for the Staff, Custodian Rick Baker

Mr. Savage called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm. Minutes of the January 4, 2016 were approved unanimously on a motion by Mr. Prairie (Mr. Creller 2nd)

Mr. Baker presented price quotes from drinking water suppliers, Crystal Rock and W.B. Mason. Mason’s costs are significantly lower than Crystal Rock’s. (See Board Action)

Principal’s Report: (See printed version, dated 1/18/2016 and ACEC PROJECT LIST) Mr. Ross addressed school day and building changes recommended for future years, GISU In-service, technology needs, Unified Arts and Pre-Kindergarten updates. Facilities were reviewed by fire departments which informed the Administration and Board of improvements needed. – The PROJECT LIST includes ideal short-term/long-term plant modifications recommended by Mr. Ross and his staff. – Behavior Interventionist and substitute needs concluded Mr. Ross’s report.

Board Discussion: Ms. Burrington and Ms. Carpenter presented “2017 Alburgh Budget DRAFT (3).xlsx” which details the latest (and final) budget proposal in preparation for the March Town-School Meeting and Vote on February 29 and March 1 this year. (See Board Action) – Mr. Prairie and Mr. Goodrich reported that teacher negotiations have begun for a successor Agreement between GISU teachers and school boards. – Our Saturday, January 18, Act 46 open house was reviewed; it was agreed that another will be helpful and informative for the public and that Alburgh may host another such meeting. – Mr. Prairie presented accounts payable as of January, 2016. (See Board Action)

Board Action: Mr. Prairie moved (Mr. Creller 2nd) “to allow the Administration to contract with W.B. Mason for ACEC’s drinking water needs.” (Unan.) – Mr. Creller moved (Mr. Goodrich 2nd) “to authorize payment of accounts payable as presented and approved.” (Unan.) – Mr. Goodrich moved (Mr. Creller 2nd) “to approve and sign Article #1 Alburgh Town School District budget for School Year 2016-2017.” (Unan.)

Respectfully submitted,

John Goodrich (recorder)          Trevor Creller
                                          Rene “Skip” Prairie

Jennifer Lund                     Michael Savage, Chairman