

Alburgh School Board
Alburgh Community Education Center
May 18, 2020
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Present: Board Chair Michael Savage, Board Vice Chair Trevor Creller, Board Members Stacey Gould, Whitney Maxham, and Mallory Ovitt, Principal Beth Hemingway, GISU Superintendent Michael Clark

Google Meet: GISU Business Manager Rob Gess, Alburgh Staff Eric Morton, Shallen Wells-Brunet, and Elizabeth Dobson, Alburgh Family Clubhouse representatives Greta Brunswick, Ken Millman, Gina Lewis, Martin Giuffre, and Terry Tatro

Meeting called to order at 5:30 P.M. by Mike Savage

Adjustment of Agenda:

- Resignation Letter
- Snow Days

Citizens/Staff to be Heard:

- None

Consent Agenda:

- Approved 4/20/20

Reports:

- Superintendent's Report- Michael Clark shared his written report, with an update on Continuity of Learning Plan and COVID 19 operations
- Principal's Report- Beth Hemingway shared her written report and updated the board.
 - Emily Dousevicz, the GISU nurse, is working on a protocol for entering the building
 - Building Updates- the stormwater installation project is complete. The Retaining wall project will start 5/20. The board was updated on the kitchen drain, univents, and shelving. Currently getting a quote on the Champlain Street stairs and sidewalk repair.
 - High Quality Staffing- all teachers, interventionists, and unified arts teachers are returning for the next school year.
- Financial Report- Rob Gess shared budget to actuals. Still no change, slightly over budget (this will be dependent on maintenance and operations between now and the end of the year). FY19 audit for Alburgh is essentially complete, waiting for auditing firms to re-open. Meal delivery has been going well during the school closure. Expenses during COVID 19 are being documented.

Board Business:

- Clubhouse Update- Greta Brunswick shared updates on the project
 - Funding- \$750,000 has been secured through grants. There is a \$250,000 funding gap (of which \$6,000 has currently been raised) for which fundraising is currently underway, with some progress. An extension is likely possible if the funds are not raised in time.

- Operation, Ownership, Management- In the draft MOU there are some areas that need board discussion and further attention by an attorney- the responsibilities of each entity involved need to be more specifically defined, particularly around how the center will be owned, operated, and managed.
- Approval of Bills for Payment- Trevor Creller updated the board on the bills.
- Budget Revote- Michael Clark believes that an in-person election is possible in June. There will be an in-person vote on June 23rd, with an informational meeting held on June 22nd.
- Teacher Contracts- will be at the June 1 meeting.
- Negotiations Updates- Executive Session
- Resignation- Mike Savage shared a resignation letter from Mary Ann Galica, who will be retiring.
- Snow Days- There were 3 snow days this year. Michael Clark recommended that students will not make these days up. These student days will be converted to professional days. Last student day will be June 11th.
- Next Agenda- Alburgh Clubhouse discussion

Board Action:

- Trevor Creller moved to accept the minutes of 4/20/20 (2nd Whitney Maxham) Unan.
- Upon review by Trevor Creller, Stacey Gould moved to authorize the payment of current valid invoices (2nd Whitney Maxham) Unan.
- Stacey Gould moved to set the in-person budget vote for June 23rd with an informational meeting on June 22nd at 6:00 P.M, using the information from the cancelled April 14th vote, with an expenditure of \$6,680,217 (2nd Trevor Creller) Unan.
- Trevor Creller moved to enter executive session at 6:53 PM to discuss negotiations (2nd Stacey Gould) Unan.
 - The board exited executive session at 6:58 P.M.
 - No action was taken.
- Trevor Creller moved to accept the retirement resignation of Mary Ann Galica, with regret, and thanks for her 30 years of service (2nd Stacey Gould) Unan.
- Trevor Creller moved to support the superintendent's recommendation on the 3 snow days (2nd Stacey Gould) Unan.
- Trevor Creller moved to adjourn at 7:05 PM (2nd Stacey Gould) Unan.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacey Gould

Whitney Maxham

Mallory Ovitt

Trevor Creller, Vice Chair

Michael Savage, Chair