

Alburgh School Board
Alburgh Community Education Center
May 21, 2018

Present: Board Chair Michael Savage, Board Vice Chair Trevor Creller, Board Members Stephanie Waters, Virginia Wright, and Mallory Ovitt, ACEC Principal Jim Ross, GISU Director of Curriculum Megan Grube, GISU Business Manager Rob Gess, ACEC Staff Members Shallen Wells-Brunet, Tracy Giroux, MaryAnn Galica, Members of the Public Martin Giuffre, Sally Forgues, and Abby Alberico

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

Adjustment of Agenda:

- No adjustments

Public Input:

- Martin Giuffre presented some budget suggestions for our upcoming vote. He suggested the flyer the board put out in The Islander had extra information that the voters didn't need, in addition to educational jargon that should be explained. Mr. Giuffre also pointed out areas that should be expounded upon at our next informational meeting. He suggested that the board let the voters know what will happen if the next budget does not pass. He also wanted to know how we compare to other schools in the county. He expects a presentation from the board at the next informational meeting, as well as op-ed letters in The Islander and the Messenger. The board thanked Mr. Giuffre for his input.
- Abby Alberico asked about the security updates that the board is considering. Principal Ross explained that there is a prioritized list of needed school safety updates.

Principal's Report:

- Principal Ross shared news from around the school, as well as facility/grounds updates. The Principal's Update is available [here](#).
- GISU Director of Curriculum Megan Grube and Principal Ross shared information about the GISU Continuous Improvement Plan and Alburgh's goals under this plan.

Board Discussion:

- FY19 Budget- The board reviewed the options presented at the last meeting by GISU Business Manager Rob Gess, and determined that it would make \$47,500 in non-personnel reductions.
- Safety Upgrades- The board reviewed the prioritized list of necessary upgrades. The top three priorities were an updated surveillance system, updated security and access control system, and a badge/fob system.

- Side Letter of Agreement Regarding HRA- The side letter was not available at this meeting.

Board Action:

- Trevor Creller moved to accept the Minutes of May 7, 2018 and the Special Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2018 and May 14, 2018 (2nd Stephanie Waters) Unan.
- Trevor Creller moved to approve the Continuous Improvement Plan (2nd Stephanie Waters) Unan.
- Trevor Creller moved to approve the surveillance and security system upgrades, not to exceed \$85,000, to Mahoney Alarms (2nd Stephanie Waters) Unan.
- Virginia Wright moved to appoint Mallory Ovitt as the GISU Executive Committee Alternate (2nd Stephanie Waters) Unan.
- Upon review by Trevor Creller, Stephanie Waters moved to authorize the payment of current valid invoices (2nd Virginia Wright) Unan.
- Trevor Creller moved to warn the budget, as presented by Rob Gess, in the amount of \$5,796,279 (2nd Stephanie Waters) Unan.
- Stephanie Waters moved to enter executive session at 6:20 P.M. to discuss the employment of public employees (2nd Virginia Wright) Unan. The board exited executive session at 6:59 P.M. No action was taken.
- Trevor Creller moved to adjourn at 7:00 P.M. (2nd Stephanie Waters) Unan.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Waters

Virginia Wright

Mallory Ovitt

Trevor Creller, Vice Chair

Michael Savage, Chair