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**Alburgh Board of School Directors
Minutes of August 1, 2016
Alburgh Community Education Center**

Call to Order by Mr. Savage at 5:35 pm.

Adjustment of Agenda was made by Mr. Goodrich. See GISU Invoice*.

Approval of Minutes of June 27 and July 7, 2016: tabled.

Public Input: None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: See Ms. Burrington's "*Superintendent's Report, August, 2016*"

BOARD DISCUSSION:

Act 46 Update commenced at 5:40. The Board resolved that it would act on its mandate to address its intentions vis-à-vis the GISU's Act 46 Committee's requirement to report at the August 10 meeting. Discussions revolved around the following: **Alburgh's Act 46 Survey** of July 1 to July 29, 2016 and the Survey's mixed signals to the District; the Board's participation in the twelve-month Act 46 Committee hearings and our understandings of the incentives and consequences of Board actions; the State Board of Education's "GUIDANCE: Proposals by One or More Non-Merging Districts for an 'Alternative Structure' Under Act 46 (2015) July 29, 2016"; Consideration of Grand Isle County's five schools; consideration of off-island high school and middle school academic and extra-curricular opportunities and travel limitations; the time frames contained in Act 46 for deciding to "tuition out" our seventh and eighth graders; the tax implications of "tuitioning out" or retaining seventh and eighth graders; programmatic opportunities for all Alburgh School pupils. Examination of the provisions of Act 46 reminded the Board that a date certain, November 30, 2017, is the final date that it is possible for a District to finally resolve to keep or tuition out its seventh and eighth graders. Vigorous discussions and point-counter-points ensued and resulted in **Board Action** (below.)

Summer Projects presented by Mr. Ross included references to hallway and wall painting, readying activities for the new year, a **Preschool Room Fire Marshall's** inspection, the campus trail maintenance project, and an architect's report due around Labor Day. It appears that summer projects are being completed in a timely manner.

Consideration of Change in the VEHI Bylaws was proposed: Mr. Savage re-read a previously considered change that was improperly warned and approved. (See **Board Action**.)

Other: None

BOARD ACTION:

Approval of Bills for Payment: A GISU "INVOICE," dated July 7, 2016 was presented by Mr. Goodrich as informational for the Board: It is a \$633,303.53 warrant payment to the Grand Isle Supervisory Union and is one-half of Alburgh's indebtedness to GISU (\$1,266,607.06) for 2016. \$735,285, or 58% pays for Special Education expenses at the Alburgh School.

Board Action (con't)

Mr. Goodrich moved (Mr. Creller 2nd) "to support, as read, a Change in the Board's VEHI Bylaws." (Unan.)

Mr. Goodrich moved (Mr. Creller 2nd) "that the Alburgh School Board refrain from committing to the GISU Act 46 Unification in 2016 and that we remove our District from its Advisable Status." Yes: 2 No: 2 (Motion failed)

Mr. Goodrich moved (Mr. Creller 2nd) "that the Alburgh School Board refrain from committing to the GISU Act 46 Unification in 2016 and that we remove our District from it Advisable Status." Yes: 3 No: 1 (Motion carried)

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE/SHARING: (None)

AGENDA BUILDING: Act 46 continuing or new business; Architect's report; New Year Opening Agendas; New Staff, etc.

ADJOURN: 7:55 pm