

Alburgh Board of School Directors
Alburgh Community Education Center
Minutes, December 5, 2016

Present: For the Administration, James Ross, Principal; Barbara Burrington, Superintendent
For the Board, Mallory Ovitt, Trevor Creller, Mike Savage, Chair; John Goodrich (recording)
For the Public, Alton Brusco of the Select Board and Bethany Renners of the N.W.D.P.C. and
Tim Maxham of South Hero and the **GISU Act 46 Committee**

Meeting was **Called to Order** at 5:34pm

November 21, 2016 **Minutes** were approved on a motion from Mr. Goodrich (2nd Mr. Creller)

Public Input included a conversation with Tim Maxham, who wishes to know if Alburgh (as well as Fletcher and Georgia school districts) are anticipating unifications which South Hero could consider joining. Ms. Burrington spoke of her various "understandings" about various possibilities being discussed as well as current and future iterations of the Act. Several interesting possibilities were explored by all; no specific actions were announced or called for.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: (See "*Superintendent's Report, December, 2016*") Mr. Goodrich expressed his concern that too much time and too many hours and dollars are spent on Professional Development designed for having our staff and teachers meet increasing demands by the *Agency of Education* and not necessarily the needs of educators and learners. Ms. Burrington assured the Board that local leadership safeguards against abuse by Montpelier and Washington. She asserted that our children, educators and administrators experience lofty experiences through Professional Development and are not merely trained toward compliance.

BOARD DISCUSSION: - Mr. Brusco and Ms. Renners informed the Board that Alburgh's **Streetscape Project** is "finally launching" and that next year's students will traverse newer, safer sidewalks on Main and Champlain Streets.

- **Act 46:** Mr. Ross, in addressing Administration's ACEC's efforts to meet education quality standards, is submitting student performance data to *The Islander* for publication.
- The Board discussed the **Furnace** situation and was relieved to learn that our boiler(s) are sufficiently "patched" to get us through this school year. Mr. Ross is researching fuel options and the Board is contemplating choices of replacement boiler(s) for the summer of 2017.
- **Other:** The Board has received two notices of spring, 2017 maternity leaves.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Creller moved (Ms. Ovitt 2nd) "to authorize payments of the bills as presented by Mr. Goodrich." (Unan.)

EXECUTIVE SESSION: - At 6:55 Mr. Creller moved, (Ms. Ovitt 2nd) "to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter." Executive Session ended at 7:06 without action taken.

- At 7:07 Ms. Ovitt moved (Mr. Creller 2nd) "to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter." Executive Session ended at 7:13 with no action taken.

- At 7:13 Ms. Ovitt moved (Mr. Creller 2nd) "to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter." Executive Session concluded at 7:16 without board action.

- At 7:16 Mr. Goodrich moved (Mr. Creller 2nd) "to enter Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter." Executive Session ended at 7:34 and no board action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT occurred at 7:39 by consensus.

Respectfully submitted,

John Goodrich (recorder)

Mallory Ovitt

Trevor Creller

Jennifer Lund (Secretary)

Michael Savage, Chairman