

Grand Isle Supervisory Union
Alburgh School District
School Board Regular Meeting
Monday, January 18, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

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Agenda

Call to Order

1. Call to Order (M. Savage)
2. Adjust the Agenda
3. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard
4. Consent Agenda (Action)
 - a. Approve the minutes from 1/4/2021
5. Reports
 - a. Principal's Report

Board Business.

6. Approval of bills for payment (M. Savage)(Action)
7. Budget Review (M. Savage)(Action)
8. Plan for Town Meeting (M. Savage)(Action)
9. Budget Warning (M. Savage)(Action)
10. Approve FY22 Announced Tuition Rate (M. Clark)(Action)
11. Other

Closure

12. Setting the next agenda (Discussion)
13. Adjourn (Action)

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Information Items [Incidental Information] - Matters the Board needs to know about, but for which no Board action is needed. The information flow is one way, from presenter to the Board. Questions for clarification are entertained as time allows.

Alburgh School Board
Alburgh Community Education Center
January 4, 2021
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Present: Board Chair Mike Savage, Board Vice Chair Trevor Creller, Board Members Stacey Gould and Mallory Ovitt, GISU Superintendent Michael Clark

Google Meet: Board Member Whitney Maxham, GISU Business Manager Rob Gess, Principal Beth Hemingway, Michele Weaver, Rick Baker, Heather Darby, Ellen Dorsch, Molly Comeau

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Adjust the Agenda:

- Added budget to financial report
- Added Michele Weaver to discuss special education funding after the financial report
- Removed audit engagement letter
- Added resignation

3. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard:

- None at this meeting

4. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approved minutes from 12/21/20

5. Reports:

- a. Superintendent's Report- Michael Clark shared his written report with the board, along with the school's response to the case of COVID at school before the winter break.
- b. Financial Report- Rob Gess reviewed budget to actuals. Most high school tuitions have been received. Rob feels comfortable with expenditures for the full year. All FY20 audit files have been submitted to Sullivan Powers.
 - Budget- Beth Hemingway and Rick Baker have been working on the items discussed at the last meeting. Estimates are still being secured at this point, but assuming that these will total around \$300,000, that would result in an equalized pupil cost of \$17,317 (This is a reduction of \$1,044 or 5.7% from last year).
- c. Special Education- Michele Weaver shared a presentation outlining the special education service plan and budgeting process, and the drivers behind costs and reimbursements. This year there is a significant recreation in costs, due to a different budgeting process used.

Board Business:

- 6. Approval of bills for payment- Trevor Creller updated the board.
- 7. (F22) Electronic Communications Use and Retention- first reading of policy recommended by VSBA, available to read on the GISU website.

8. (F23) Capitalization of Assets- first reading of policy recommended by VSBA, available to read on the GISU website.
9. (D20) Curriculum Development & Coordination- first reading of policy recommended by VSBA, available to read on the GISU website.
10. (C29) District Equity Policy- first reading of policy recommended by VSBA, available to read on the GISU website.
 - Heather Darby has reviewed the policy, and feels it is important to have buy-in from the school board, staff, and community on this policy (not just something on paper). Heather's hope is that, within our own community, we would make it more than just a piece of paper and that there is follow through.
 - Ellen Dorsch asked where this policy came from and what role the school would play in this policy. Michael Clark explained that this is a VSBA-recommended policy and the board's process for adoption of policies. In addition, Michael Clark is working on an implementation plan for this policy.
11. Audit engagement letter- removed from agenda (done at last meeting).
12. Other- Resignation of Nicole Thompson

Closure

13. Adjourn

Board Action:

- Trevor Creller moved to accept the minutes of 12/21/20 (2nd Stacey Gould) Unan.
- Upon review by Trevor Creller, Stacey Gould moved to authorize the payment of current valid invoices (2nd Mallory Ovitt) Unan.
- Trevor Creller moved to support Superintendent's acceptance of Nicole Thompson's resignation (2nd Stacey Gould) Unan.
- Trevor Creller moved to adjourn at 6:32 P.M. (2nd Stacey Gould) Unan.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacey Gould

Whitney Maxham

Mallory Ovitt

Trevor Creller, Vice Chair

Michael Savage, Chair

Grand Isle Supervisory Union
Alburgh School District
School Board **Special Meeting**
Informational Meeting for Annual Meeting
Monday, March 1, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

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Agenda

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1. Call to Order (M. Savage)
2. Citizens and Staff to be heard (M. Savage)
3. Present Budget Informational Report (M. Savage)
4. Adjourn

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**ALBURGH TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
OFFICIAL WARNING
ANNUAL MEETING**

The legal voters of the Alburgh Town School District are hereby warned to meet at the Alburgh Town Office on Tuesday, March 2, 2021. Polls open between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M., to vote by Australian Ballot on the following articles:

- ARTICLE 1. Will the Alburgh Town School District authorize the School Board to borrow in anticipation of taxes?
- ARTICLE 2. Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$6,982,911 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,879 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 8.1 % lower than spending for the current year.
- ARTICLE 3. To elect all School Officers as required by Law.

Dated at Alburgh, Vermont this _____ day of January, 2021

Michael Savage, Chair

Trevor Creller

Mallory Ovitt

Stacy Gould

Whitney Maxham

*The Alburgh School board will hold an informational meeting, electronically, on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m..

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ATTEST: _____
Donna Bohannon, Clerk