

Alburgh School Board
Alburgh Community Education Center
February 5, 2018

Present: Board Chair Michael Savage, Board Vice Chair Trevor Creller, Board Members Mallory Ovitt, Stephanie Waters, and Virginia Wright, Principal James Ross, GISU Superintendent Donald Van Nostrand, Promise Committee members Alisha Adams, Gina Lewis, and Paul Chapman

Meeting called to order at 5:30 P.M.

Public Input:

- The Promise Committee- Alisha Adams, Paul Chapman, Gina Lewis, and Jim Ross shared an update about the work this committee has been doing. The Promise Committee is focused on kindergarten readiness for children in Alburgh. This is non-profit. They administered a community assessment to determine the most effective way to ensure kids are ready for kindergarten. The committee identified childcare, after school activities, communication, financial supports, and social opportunities for both parents and children as the highest needs of the Alburgh community.
 - The committee is proposing the Alburgh Family Clubhouse, which will be a center for children and a parent resource center.
 - The center will serve children birth - 12 years and their families.
 - They would like a partnership between the school and the center. They are preparing plans for a building to be built, but need a location. The Promise Committee is proposing to lease the land for the life of their loan and build this center on the Alburgh campus (behind the Jolley).
 - There would be no cost for taxpayers (center would pay for all expenses)
 - The center would have a potential space for preschool, if needed in the future.
 - The building would be about 2,000 square feet (with space for after school students, infants, 2-5 year olds)
 - The board has some questions about the specs of the building, the lease, and future plans. The board will discuss and consider. The Promise Committee will attend a future meeting with updates.

Superintendent's Report

- Don shared updates about the SBAC, as well as science and new physical education assessments.

Board Discussion:

- Town Meeting Preparation- Rob Gess will attend our next meeting to discuss the budget so that the board will be ready to answer questions at Town Meeting. Town Meeting will be March 5th at 7:00 P.M. at the school. The vote will be held March 6th (7AM- 7PM).

Principal Ross shared a draft of an informational flyer about the budget for feedback. The flyer will be available around town and sent home with students the week before vacation.

- Staffing- two paraprofessional positions are currently open.
- Minutes/Website- a member of the public was questioning how to access our minutes online. Minutes are available on the school website (<https://www.alburghschool.com/school-board>) and on the GISU website (<http://www.gisu1.org/2017-2018.html>)

Board Action:

- Trevor Creller moved to accept the ACEC School Board meeting minutes of January 17, 2018 (2nd Stephanie Waters) Unan.
- Upon review by Trevor Creller, Stephanie Waters moved to authorize the payment of current valid invoices (2nd Virginia Wright) Unan.
- Stephanie Waters moved to accept the resignation of Polly McFarlin, with regrets (2nd Mallory Ovitt) Unan.
- Trevor Creller moved to approve the administrative assistant contract for Reva Bartlett-Custeau, effective today (2nd Stephanie Waters) Unan.
- Stephanie Waters moved to enter executive session at 6:27 P.M. without administration present, to discuss potential civil action where “premature general public knowledge would clearly place the public body or the person involved at a substantial disadvantage” (2nd Virginia Wright) Unan. The board exited executive session at 7:04 P.M. No action was taken.
- Stephanie Waters moved to adjourn at 7:05 P.M. (2nd Virginia Wright) Unan.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Waters

Virginia Wright

Mallory Ovitt

Trevor Creller, Vice Chair

Michael Savage, Chair