

Alburgh School Board
Alburgh Community Education Center
Minutes of February 20, 2017

Present: For Administration, Superintendent Barbara Burrington, Business Manager Lynne Carpenter and Principal James Ross; for the Board, Chairman Michael Savage, Trevor Creller, Mallory Ovitt and John Goodrich (recording); for the Staff, Mr. Eric Bushey; from the Public, Ms. Krista Grimm.

The meeting was called to order at 5:33. Mr. Ross introduced Krista Grimm as Alburgh's newest Paraeducator. Ms. Grimm served the ACEC community for many years and returns after a "hiatus." Mr. Ross also introduced our prospective health officer, Ms. Jessica Law, *in absentia*. Mr. Ross, representing the *Alburgh Recreation Committee* also conveyed an interest of that group to buy or lease some of our northern campus acreage for future activities. The Board entertained the idea with questions, observations and idea-sharing.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mr. Ross reported out the following:

- Conference meetings on Tests and Assessments as well as Special Education
- A successful ACEC Book Fair during the week of February 13
- Successful, educational field trips to the Flynn Theater
- An eighth-grade martial arts experience for ACEC students
- Custodian R. Baker's exchanges with heating technicians, attempting to update us on problems and potentials for future furnace upgrades
- Student Victoria Reed's recent Honorarium was described and applauded
- "Goldenrod" fliers for Alburgh taxpayers and voters with regard to Town Meeting Day and our school's projected, 2017-2018 fiscal budget
- Bus behavior was raised as a vexing problem as IEP and non-IEP students are creating different demands on our bussing discipline management system. Mr. Ross proposed hiring a paraeducator to supervise transportation. The Board examined the information presented by Mr. Ross and offered support. (See **Board Action**)

Mr. Ross also brought up a concern of his and the Board's: Our school building's popularity and utility makes it desirable for non-academic groups on weekends (and at other times). Our open-door policy presents concerns for safety and security during hours when school personnel cannot easily and inexpensively accommodate the need for limited unlocked doors, alarm maintenance and clean-up. The Board agreed with Mr. Ross's assessment and urged him to revise the "Building Use Form" to his satisfaction and return to the Board as early as convenient for adoption.

BOARD DISCUSSION: - Negotiations for a successor Agreement were raised (see Executive Session) – The Board and Mr. Ross discussed our Town Meeting Night school budget discussion with the Public and applauded Mr. Ross's presentation of last year.

Executive Sessions:

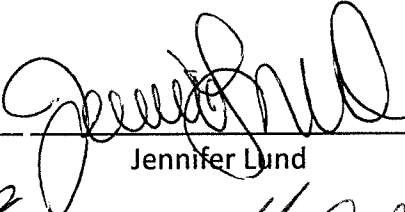
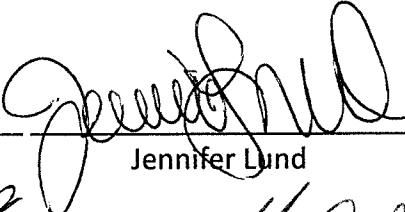

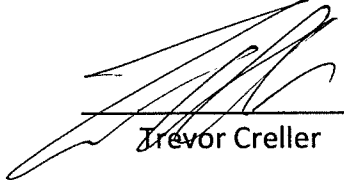
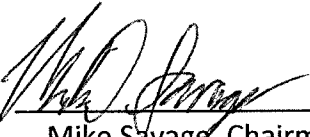
- At 6:25, Mr. Goodrich moved (Ms. Ovitt 2nd) "to enter **Executive Session** regarding a personnel matter." **Executive Session** concluded without action at 6:35 pm.
- At 6:37, Mr. Goodrich moved (Ms. Ovitt 2nd) "to enter Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations." **Executive Session** concluded at 6:42 with no action taken.

Board Action: Mr. Goodrich presented current accounts payable and recommended payments. Ms. Ovitt moved (Mr. Goodrich 2nd) "to pay the bills as presented." (Unan.) – Mr. Creller moved (Ms. Ovitt 2nd) "to authorize the Board's payment of fifteen dollars (\$15) per hour for one bus monitor to supervise transportation, if a '*Memorandum of Understanding*' can be agreed to with the Alburgh Education Association, within The Agreement's provisions." (4 yea; 1 abs.)

Agenda Building: At March 6's School Meeting on Town Meeting Night, the Board will feature Mr. Ross's presentation followed by a review of Truex-Cullins' recommendations for our future building improvements project(s) and discussion questions from the community.

Adjournment was agreed to by consensus at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

 _____ John Goodrich (recorder)	 _____ Jennifer Lund	 _____ Malloy Ovitt
 _____ Trevor Creller	 _____ Mike Savage, Chairman	