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**Alburgh School Board
Alburgh Community Education Center
Town Meeting School Board Minutes
March 6, 2017**

Present: Michael Savage (Board Chair), John Goodrich, Jennie Lund, Trevor Creller, Mallory Ovitt, Principal James Ross

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

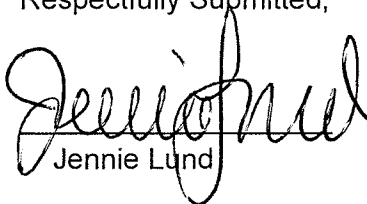
- Terry Tatro, Moderator, read aloud the warning, Article 1, 2, 3, and 4
- Principal Ross presented a slide show about Alburgh Community Education Center
- Board Chair Michael Savage expressed to the public that two board seats are available

Public Input:

School budget

- Brian Markwell asked a question about the budget. Board Chair Savage responded to the question. Mr. Markwell also asked a question about the administration ratio, meaning that Alburgh has two, while other schools in the district have one. John Goodrich answered the question by explaining how ACEC has a homeschool coordinator, which other schools in the district have as a position. Mr. Markwell also asked a question regarding the ratio of teachers to students
- Cheryl Wells asked how the budget will impact taxes. Board Chair Savage answered the question by referring to the "golden rod" handout in The Islander. Moderator Tatro also performed a calculation and provided some rough numbers
- Carol Behrman asked a question about the non-residential tax rate versus the residential tax rate. Board Chair Savage explained that the rate is determined by the state of Vermont
- Darwin Cameron asked a question about the ratio of students to adults. John Goodrich answered the question by answering approximately 1 adult to 9 students
- Dorothy Hunker expressed that her daughter is academically challenged everyday at ACEC
- Carol Behrman asked a question about special testing upon graduation from ACEC. Principal Ross discussed SBAC testing
- Peggy Theoret asked about the decrease in local revenue. Board Chair Savage explained how special education funding is now through the district
- Mr. Polk moved to accept Article 1 as stated in the town report (2nd Alton Brusio) Unan.
- Mr. Polk moved to accept Article 2 as stated in the town report (2nd Carol Behrman) Unan.
- Alton Brusio moved to adjourn (2nd by Mr. Polk) Unan.

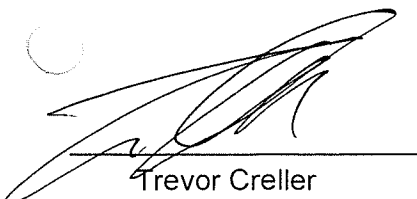
Respectfully Submitted,



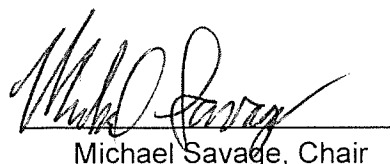
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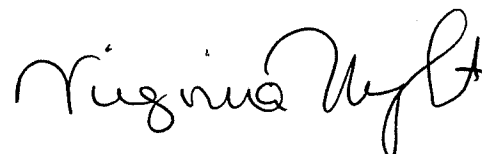
John Goodrich



Trevor Creller



Michael Savage, Chair



Virginia Wright