

Alburgh School Board
Alburgh Community Education Center
Monday March 07, 2022
Regular Meeting

Present: Board Members Mike Savage, Stacey Gould, Ryan Latimer, Whitney Maxham, and Mallory Ovitt, Superintendent Michael Clark, Principal Beth Hemingway, Michael Frett, Wendy Savage, Kristy Taylor, Steve Aubin, Scott Ruch

Google Meet: GISU Business Manager Rob Gess, Sara Griswold, Ryan Savage, Nicole Latimer, Tanya Bailey, **87

1. Call to Order:

- Meeting called to order at 5:30 P.M. by Michael Clark
- Adjustments- moved masking up to item 4, added building use requests after bills.

2. Board Reorganization

- Chair: Mike Savage
- Vice Chair: Stacey Gould
- Clerk: Mallory Ovitt
- Supervisory Union Board: Whitney Maxham, Ryan Latimer, Mike Savage
- Committees:
 - Negotiations: Stacey Gould, Mike Savage
 - Personnel: Stacey Gould
- Meeting Schedule: 1st and 3rd Mondays at 5:30 PM
- Meeting Location: In person at ACEC Middle School, with a remote option
- Board Work Session: N/A
- Places to Post Agendas: ACEC, Town Clerk, Post Office
- Robert's Rules: continue using
- Code of Ethics: Michael Clark will bring to review at the next meeting
- Communication Practices: Michael Clark reminded the board that public officials are subject to FERPA. Each board member has a designated email address. Decisions are made as a board.
- Board Development: Michael Savage reviewed options available through VSBA.
- Advocacy Responsibilities: Michael Clark shared ways that board members can advocate for our school and education.
- Designate Newspaper: The Islander

3. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard:

- Steve Aubin suggested the school accept the new CDC masking guidance and make it optional for students/staff. Scott Ruch and Kristy Taylor agreed with this.

4. Masking: Michael Clark shared how the school has been responding to guidance through the pandemic and what the current CDC and state recommendations are. Beth Hemingway said that it is time to get back to some normalcy. The board decided to make masking a family choice. Beth Hemingway will contact families tonight. Kids can also begin transitioning back to the cafeteria (K/1 students have never eaten there).

5. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approve the minutes from 2/7/22

5. Reports:

- a. Superintendent's Report- Michael Clark shared his written report with the board. He also thanked voters who turned out to support Island schools. Michael Savage thanked the superintendent for his guidance through the pandemic.
- b. Principal's Report- Beth Hemingway shared her written report including safe and healthy schools, building maintenance, high quality staffing, softball, and student learning.
- c. Financial Report- Rob Gess updated the board on what is happening in the business office, including PEBT updates along with additional USDA funds available allocated between the 3 school districts, and high school tuitions coming in under budget.

Board Business:

6. Approval of bill for payment- Rob Gess updated the board on the bills in the packet There was nothing out of the ordinary.
7. Building Use- Two requests were received, one for Fire School in June and the other for a milk sensory panel.
8. Softball/Baseball Team- Beth Hemingway shared that there is student interest in adding baseball and softball this year. The board is in support of this. Beth Hemingway will get quotes for uniforms/equipment.
9. Town Meeting Day/Budget Process Review- The budget went down by 18 votes. Michael Clark shared possible scenarios. The board warned in January used estimates, but more solid numbers are available at this point in the year. A new budget will be warned at the next meeting.
10. 2022-2023 School Calendar- Michael Clark shared a proposed calendar. The board discussed options around student days. The board is in support of students being at school on Indigenous People's Day.
11. Other

Closure

12. Setting the next agenda- Next meeting will be 3/21
13. Adjourn

Board Action:

- Mallory Ovitt moved to nominate Mike Savage as board chair (2nd Whitney Maxham) Unan.
- Mike Savage moved to nominate Stacey Gould as vice chair (2nd Mallory Ovitt) Unan.
- Whitney Maxham moved to nominate Mallory Ovitt as board clerk (2nd Stacey Gould) Unan.
- Stacey Gould moved to nominate Whitney Maxham, Mike Savage, and Ryan Latimer and supervisory union board reps (2nd Whitney Maxham) Unan.
- Mallory Ovitt moved to nominate Stacey Gould and Mike Savage to negotiations committee (2nd Whitney Maxham) Unan.
- Mallory Ovitt moved to nominate Stacey Gould to the Personnel committee (2nd Whitney Maxham) Unan.

- Stacey Gould moved to hold regular meetings the first and 3rd Monday of each month at 5:30 PM (2nd Whitney Maxham) Unan.
- Stacey Gould moved to hold meetings in person at ACEC with a remote option (2nd Whitney Maxham)
- Stacey Gould moved to post agendas at the school, post office, and town clerk (2nd Whitney Maxham) Unan.
- Mallory Ovitt moved to make masks optional effective immediately (2nd Stacey Gould) Unan.
- Stacey Gould moved to accept the minutes of 2/7/22 (2nd Whitney Maxham) Unan
- Stacey Gould moved for Mallory Ovitt to review and advise the board on bills (2nd Ryan Latimer) Unan.
- Whitney Maxham moved to authorize Mallory Ovitt to pay the bills (2nd Stacey Gould) Unan.
- Whitney Maxham moved to authorize Mike Savage to sign the building use form for the fire school on behalf of the board (2nd Ryan Latimer) Unan.
- Stacey Gould moved to authorize Mike Savage to sign the building use form for the milk sensory panel on behalf of the board (2nd Whitney Maxham) Unan.
- Whitney Maxham moved to adjourn at 7:14 P.M. (2nd Stacey Gould) Unan.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacey Gould

Whitney Maxham

Mallory Ovitt

Trevor Creller, Vice Chair

Michael Savage, Chair