

Alburgh School Board
Alburgh Community Education Center
September 19, 2016

Present: Michael Savage, Chair, John Goodrich, Jennie Lund, Trevor Creller, Mallory Ovitt, Principal James Ross, Superintendent Barbara Burrington, Beth Hemingway, Toby MaGuire and Winton Goodrich from Franklin Northwest Supervisory Union, Alburgh Citizens Cheryl Wells, Mona Reed, and Abby Alberico

Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm

Public Input: Abby Alberico, Mona Reed, and Cheryl Wells were present from the public

- Abby Alberico expressed that she would like to see more resources at ACEC
- All three showed strong interest in our visit from Franklin Northwest (below)

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Board Discussion:

Toby MaGuire and Superintendent Winton Goodrich attended ACEC board meeting to reach out and set context for Act 46 in relation to ACEC

- FNWSU is conducting an independent study separate from the state board
- Proposing an alternative structure to the state Board of Education
- Toby MaGuire is the Swanton representative for the "alternative board" for Act 46
 - Toby MaGuire discussed FNWSU's direction (Franklin, Swanton, Highgate, Sheldon) and the potential of seeking other partners from the local area
- Winton Goodrich is interested in conducting a Nate Levenson efficiency study in FNWSU
- Abby Alberico, Alburgh citizen, asked when it will be determined what will happen with ACEC in relation to Act 46. Superintendent Barbara Burrington expressed that the sub-committee is determining what will be on the ballot for voting and the result from the vote, coupled with advisement from Act 46 study and Education Quality Standards, will inform the plan presented to the State of Vermont
- Abby Alberico, Alburgh citizen, asked if the preK-6 structure will go to vote in November and Chairman Michael Savage expressed that ACEC is looking to stay preK-8 by increasing the Education Quality Standards within our school. A future committee will be formed to look at ways to improve educational quality and manage the costs associated with improvements
- Chairman Michael Savage and Principal Ross met with TruexCullins and the report presented by TruexCullins placed building improvements into categories (1, 2, and 3). Category 1 is top priority building improvements. If all category improvements (1, 2, and 3) were completed, the total cost projection is 4.1 million. Michael Savage explained that the report is a preliminary analysis of building improvement needs. TruexCullins would like to come to ACEC and present their results. Superintendent Barbara Burrington

- explained that TruexCullins' analysis should serve as ACEC's five-year building improvement plan. There are certain building priorities that will take precedence over other improvement suggestions. One necessary improvement is the heating and ventilation system. Principal Ross expressed that there are many items in the TruexCullins report that could be eliminated because of grants. In order to receive a concept design, a new contract with TruexCullins would need to be initiated. In moving forward, ACEC would like to have TruexCullins present to the board. John Goodrich suggested that the Superintendent and Principal go through the report prioritize building improvements for Board consideration.
- On October 8, 2016, the PTO is looking to have a coin drop to benefit the ACEC playground.
- Cheryl Wells completed a grant to the Promise Community and the grant was accepted in the amount of \$120,000.00 to be used to identify supports and programs to prepare children for school in our community. Superintendent Barbara Burrington suggested Cheryl research the Harlem Children's Zone for ideas.

Board Action:

- John Goodrich moved to accept the Minutes of September 12, 2016. (2nd Trevor Creller) Unan.
- Upon review by John Goodrich, Trevor Creller moved to authorize the payment of current valid invoices (2nd Jennie Lund) Unan.
- John Goodrich moved that the board support the PTO's coin drop scheduled for October 8th to benefit the ACEC playground. (2nd Trevor Creller) Unan.
- John Goodrich moved that board authorize Snow Springers to use the extreme east border of ACEC campus (2nd Mallory Ovitt) Unan.

Executive Session:

No executive session at this meeting

Adjournment occurred on a motion by John Goodrich at 7:32 pm (2nd Trevor Creller)

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennie Lund

Mallory Ovitt

John Goodrich

Trevor Creller

Michael Savage, Chair