

Alburgh School Board
Alburgh Community Education Center
Monday October 18, 2021
Regular Meeting
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Present: Board Chair Mike Savage, Board Vice Chair Trevor Creller, Board Members Stacey Gould and Mallory Ovitt, Superintendent Michael Clark, Principal Beth Hemingway

Google Meet: Board Member Whitney Maxham, ACEC Executive Assistant Wendy Savage

1. Call to Order:

- Meeting called to order at 5:30 P.M. by Mike Savage

2. Adjust the Agenda:

- Item 8, Afterschool Program building use request was postponed.

3. Citizens and/or Staff to be Heard:

- Stacey Gould shared that Abenaki books have been donated to the school.

4. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approved minutes from 10/4/21
- b. New Hire- Sara Downes (PreK Teacher)

5. Reports:

- a. Principal's Report- Beth Hemingway updated the board on Safe and Healthy Schools (including the 4 Covid testing types from the VT AOE), Building Maintenance, and high quality staffing. Beth Hemingway also proposed a celebration Native American month and the raising of the Abenaki Flag. The School Emergency Response Plan was also provided for approval.

Board Business:

6. Approval of bill for payment- Trevor Creller updated the board on the bills

7. Clubhouse Updates- Mike Savage updated the board on the Clubhouse:

- The waiver request was denied by the Agency of Education on the grounds that Connor was chosen for both pre-construction and construction. The AOE is saying that the same contractor can't do both because the pre-construction manager would run the bid process for the entire construction process.
- Moving forward, the school attorney wants to go back to the AOE and ask for clarification and ask them to reconsider. If they won't, they will need to go back to Connor and ask if they are willing to just be the pre-construction manager. Connor may not be interested in just the pre-construction contract (all companies were bidding on both pre-construction and construction).

- Greta Brunswick and the Alburgh Selectboard have requested a copy of the denial letter. The attorney recommended not to grant this request.
 - The Selectboard and the Clubhouse are still looking for an MOU. Much of the language in the MOU was predicated on receipt of the waiver- as such, there is no MOU ready yet.
 - Michael Clark shared concerns over the project changing due to construction costs and the money that still needs to be raised.
8. Alburgh Clubhouse After School Program Building use- postponed
9. VT AOE Covid Testing Protocols- Michael Clark shared thoughts on the AOE Covid testing options:
- Test type 4 (surveillance testing) took place today (this is voluntary; results should be available Wednesday morning). This will continue to take place.
 - Test type 2 (In school PCR testing) has been used in the district on one occasion, utilizing a drive through process at the school for testing out of quarantine.
 - Test type 3 (take home PCR testing) is another option that has not done well in piloting. Kits could potentially be available at the central office to pick up.
 - Test type 1 (Test to stay)- Keeps kids in school but staffing would be an issue that would likely make this impossible in this district. Testing materials are not available yet.
10. Other

Closure

11. Setting the next agenda
12. Adjourn

Board Action:

- Trevor Creller moved to accept the minutes of 10/4/21 (2nd Whitney Maxham) Unan.
- Whitney Maxham moved to hire Sarah Downes as the pre-k teacher, pending review of the contract (2nd Trevor Creller) Unan.
- Trevor Creller moved to approve the expenditure of \$5900 for a storage container (2nd Stacey Gould) Unan.
- Trevor Creller moved to approve the Emergency Response Plan for 21-22 as presented by Beth Hemingway (2nd Stacey Gould) Unan.
- Stacey Gould moved to recognize Native American month and our Abenaki community in Alburgh, by flying the Abenaki flag at school in perpetuity (2nd Trevor Creller) Unan.
- Upon review by Trevor Creller, Whitney Maxham moved to approve the payment of current valid invoices (2nd Stacey Gould) Unan.
- Trevor Creller moved to adjourn at 6:29 P.M. (2nd Stacey Gould) Unan.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacey Gould	Whitney Maxham	Mallory Ovitt
Trevor Creller, Vice Chair	Michael Savage, Chair	