

VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Voorheesville, New York 12186
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

February 14, 2005
Regular Board of Education Meeting

Robert J. Baron, President
High School Commons Area

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert J. Baron, President
 C. James Coffin, Vice President
 Richard K. Brackett
 John A. Cole
 Paige Macdonald
 Thomas J. McKenna

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Joseph F. Pofit

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Alan R. McCartney, Sarita Winchell, Mark Diefendorf, Theresa Kennedy, Mike Paolino, Ken Lein.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kevin Kroencke, Gary Hubert, Laura Morrill, Michael Goyer, Justin Marks, Jon Morse, Corey Glath, Valerie Glover, Linda Pasquali, S. Cohen, Carol Cillis, Pat Snyder, Kathy Fiero, Pat McArdle, Maryann Jones, Claudia Burim, Robert L. Denman, Michael Pasquali, Cynthia Abelseth, Lydia Tobler, Christopher Jantson, Steven Relyea, C. Raderman, Paula Ransbury, Anne Biese, Deann DellaPenta

Mr. Baron called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and gave the proper procedure to evacuate the building in the event of a fire emergency. He noted all Board members were present with the exception of Mr. Pofit.

Meeting Call to Order: 7:30 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Mr. Coffin, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of January 10, 2005. On a motion by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Ms. Macdonald and approved by a 6-0 vote, the Board approved the minutes of the special budget meeting of January 24, 2005. Mr. Baron abstained due to his absence from that meeting.

Approved Minutes:
 1/10/05 – Regular
 1/24/05 – Budget

Mr. Baron asked if there were any additional items from the Superintendent. There were none.

Additional Items from Superintendent

Mr. Baron asked if any member of the community would like to address the board. A member of the community asked if it would be possible to have microphones so that the community could hear the board better. Dr. McCartney informed them that microphones were tried previously and they were not successful. It is possible that the meetings may be moved to a different location. Possible a smaller room.

Public Comments:

On a motion made by Mr. Coffin, and seconded by Mr. Brackett, the board unanimously approved the action items in their entirety. There was a brief discussion on the following:

Approved Action Items

Item 4.9 – Kids' Club Agreements: Ms. Macdonald asked for clarification on the contract between the school and The Kids' Club. She was informed that the rent charged did not cover the total cost of the program. It is an important program to the community so the school contributes partially. Ms. Abelseth, director of the Kids' Club, spoke to the Board about the tuition and hours of operation. There is also a scholarship program for those that are in need.

Item 4.5 – Reduction in FTE hours: The Foreign Language Teacher position is a split position. It is a trial only and will not be continued past June 30, 2005.

Item 4.6 – Coaching appointments: It was explained that the coaching appointments are recommended early so that the coaches would be committed to us for next year.

- Approved the Treasurer's Reports as presented in the enclosure folder.

Treasurers Reports

- Approved the following warrants and payrolls:

Warrants

Warrants:

General Fund Warrant #13:	\$1,146,993.13
School Lunch Fund Warrant #13:	15,876.18
Capital Fund Warrant #2:	1,800.00
Trust & Agency Warrant #7:	1,038,845.45
Federal Aid Fund Warrant #15:	9,989.60

Payrolls

Payrolls:

Payroll #17:	\$383,863.89
Payroll #18:	380,371.86

Resignations:

- Approved the following resignations:

K. Hyatt

Kimberly J. Hyatt Music Teacher
Effective: January 24, 2005
Reason: Personal

L. Glasheen

Lisa Glasheen Teacher Aide
Effective: January 28, 2005
Reason: Personal

Probationary Appointment:

- Approved the following probationary appointment:

R. Alft

Robert Alft Teacher Aide [3¼ hour per day]
Effective: February 7, 2005
Probationary Term: Six months
Salary: Step 1 of UEV Contract

Temporary Appointment:

- Approved the following temporary appointment:

F. Gorka

Frances Gorka .4 FTE Foreign Language Teacher
Effective: February 1, 2005 – June 30, 2005
Salary: .4 of Step 10 [BA] of VTA Contract

Reduction in FTE Hours:

- Approved the following reduction in FTE hours

A. Valladares-Weiser

Ana Valladares-Weiser, .6 FTE Foreign Language Teacher
[Hours reduced from 1.0 FTE to .6 FTE]
Effective: February 1, 2005 – June 30, 2005
Mrs. Valladares will return to her 1.0 FTE position for the 2005-06 school year
Salary: .6 of Step 9 [BA] of VTA Contract

Coaching Appointments

- Approved the following coaching appointments:

<u>Michael Burns</u>	Junior Varsity Football Assistant	Step 2
<u>Elisabeth Duncan</u>	Girls' Modified Volleyball	Step 3
<u>Matthew Fiato</u>	Junior Varsity Football Coach	Step 4
<u>Thomas Gladd</u>	Varsity Golf	Step 8
<u>Amy Hilton</u>	Girls' Varsity Swimming	
<u>Thomas Kurkjian</u>	Varsity Tennis	Step 8
<u>Jonathan McClement</u>	Varsity Football Assistant	Step 8
<u>Joseph Santos</u>	Girls' Varsity Soccer	Step 8
<u>Joseph Sapienza</u>	Varsity Football Coach	Step 8
<u>Brian Stumbaugh</u>	Varsity Football Assistant	Step 3
<u>Sandra Vorse</u>	Girls' Varsity Volleyball	Step 6

CSE Recommendations

- Approved the recommendations of the *Committee on Special Education* as outlined at meetings held on January 7, 2005, January 11, 2005, and January 29, 2005; and recommendations of the *Committee on Preschool Special Education* as outlined at a meeting held on January 14, 2005.

BOCES Substitute List

- Approved substitute teacher appointments for the 2004-2005 school year as presented by the BOCES Substitute Calling Service in a memo dated February 3, 2005.

Kids' Club Agreement

- Approved the 2005-2006 AM and PM Kids' Club Agreements as presented in the enclosure folder.

Non-Resident Tuition Requests

- Approved the following non-resident tuition requests for the 2005-2006 school year:

<u>Lindsey Dembo</u> , Grade 10 Requestor: Barbara Blumberg	<u>Sawyer Lily Cresap</u> , Grade 6 Requestor: Robin Jacob
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<u>Nazely Kurkjian</u> , Grade 9 <u>Armine Kurkjian</u> , Grade 6 Requestor: Thomas Kurkjian	<u>Michael Kelley</u> , Grade 10 <u>Camryn Kelley</u> , Grade 2 Requestor: Timothy Kelley
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<u>Brianna Nicole Lee</u> , Grade 6 Requestor: Deborah Lee	<u>Austin Zielinski</u> , Grade 2 Requestor: Judith Zielinski
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Brittney Wineinger, Grade 12
Garrett Wineinger, Grade 8
Shawn Goyer, Grade 4
Requestor: Michael Goyer

- Approved the following out-of-town conference request:

The Conductor's Art

Lawrence, Kansas: Thursday, February 17 – Sunday, February 20, 2005

Requestor: C. Reader

- Approved the following appointments for spring 2005 driver education instructors:

Jeffrey Young

Effective: February 4, 2005 – June 10, 2005

Salary: \$3,300 [3 car sections @ \$1,100; 1 classroom @ \$1,200]

William VanAlstyne

Effective: February 4, 2005 – June 10, 2005

Salary: \$3,300 [3 car sections @ \$1,100]

- Approved the 2005-2006 school district calendar as presented in the enclosure folder.

Special Reports

Mr. Charles Fasnacht, of Energy Education Inc., gave his presentation to the Board on how his company can teach the school district how to reduce energy consumption by as much as 30% and redirect energy expenses into education. A brief question and answer session followed. The Board requested that Energy Education provide Mrs. Winchell with a copy of a contract so that they may vote on this at the March 7th meeting.

Mrs. Tobler and Mr. Jantson gave a proposal for the purchase of new instruments for the music department. Mr. Jantson was asked to bring a proposal to the next budget meeting, which is to include the cost of a piano to replace the one that was damaged due to the water problem at the Elementary School.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Lein briefly discussed his Elementary School Report.

- He discussed the elementary signage for visitor, handicap and employee parking has been ongoing with Mr. Goyer.
- The Elementary School has started a "Kindness is the Key" program. Staff and Faculty who recognize special acts of kindness performed by students complete a form shaped like a key. There will be special assemblies to recognize these students.

Mr. Diefendorf gave his report on the High School activities.

- He discussed the recommendation to eliminate the class ranking process. The elimination would take effect on September 2005.
- There was a discussion on the requirements for college entrance. If necessary the school would report what percentile an individual student would fall into, not a specific place in the class. This recommendation will be further discussed at the regular March 14 Board meeting.

Ms. Kennedy gave her report on the Middle School, which is included in the enclosure folder.

Ms. Winchell gave the Business Official Report.

- Ms. Winchell hopes to have the BOCES numbers for them in mid-March.
- All wording on the resolutions will be presented to the Board before the voting process.
- Reviewed the next component of the Budget as presented in the handout.

Mr. Michael Goyer gave his Operations & Maintenance report.

On a motion by Mr. Coffin, seconded by Mr. McKenna and carried unanimously, the Board approved the revised Code of Ethics/Nepotism Policy 2160 as presented in the enclosure folder.

On a motion by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Mr. Coffin and carried unanimously, the Board approved a motion to move into executive session at 9:24 p.m. The Board came out of Executive Session at 11:00 p.m. On a motion by Mr. Cole, seconded by Ms. Macdonald and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Out-of-Town
Conference
Request

Driver Education
Appointments:

J. Young

W. VanAlstyne

2005-06 District
Calendar

Special Reports

Energy Education

Music Department

Administrative
Reports

Mr. Lein

Mr. Diefendorf

Ms. Kennedy

Ms. Winchell

Mr. Goyer

Approved:
Code of
Ethics/Nepotism
Policy 2160

Executive Session:
9:24 p.m.

Adjournment:
11:05 p.m.

President

Clerk

Recording Secretary