

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

March 14, 2005
Regular Board of Education Meeting

Robert J. Baron, President
High School Cafeteria

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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
 Joseph F. Pofit

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rick DiBlasi, Gary Hubert, Bill Corbett, Michael Goyer, Mary Ann Jones, Richard Wargo, Rosemary Wargo, Lucille Allegetti-Freeman, Linda Pasquali, Valerie Glover, Carol Cillis, Patricia Snyder, Anthony Thanopoulos, Laura Morrill, Justin Marks, Corey Glath, Frances Gorka, Robert Denman, Stanley Axelrod, 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.

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 February 14, 2005.

Approved Minutes:
2/14/05 – Regular

Mr. Baron asked if there were any additional items from the Superintendent. Dr. McCartney informed the Board that Class Ranking would be discussed with Mr. Diefendorf's presentation, and that there would be an energy service update under Old Business.

Additional Items from Superintendent

Mr. Baron then asked if anyone from the community would like to be heard. Mr. DiBlasi asked that the appointment of the varsity soccer coach be postponed. The timing of the advertisement was such that some interested coaches might not have seen at this early stage. Dr McCartney informed the community that there were interviews done and that he supported the decision of his athletic director. The Board agreed that they have asked the administration to present them with prospective employees in a timely manner and that they also support the athletic director's decision.

Public Comments:

R. DiBlasi

On a motion by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. McKenna, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the action items with the exception of the minutes of the February 11, 2005 CSE Meeting (Item 4.7 – to be discussed in Executive Session).

Approved Action Items

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

Treasurers Reports

- Approved the following warrants and payrolls:

Warrants

Warrants:

General Fund Warrant #15:	\$726,946.25
School Lunch Fund Warrant #14:	26,978.57
Trust & Agency Warrant #8:	1,016,704.64
Federal Aid Fund Warrant #9:	19,112.70

Payrolls

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Payroll #19:	\$389,187.41
Payroll #20:	389,832.94

- Accepted the following resignations:

Resignations:

Charles Tumminello, Custodial Worker

Effective: February 25, 2005
 Reason: Personal

C. Tumminello

- Darren Rivenburg, Custodial Worker

Effective: February 25, 2005
 Reason: Personal

D. Rivenburg

Resignations:

M. Eileen Lawrence, Senior Typist
Effective: July 29, 2005
Reason: Retirement

Robin L. Shufelt, Bus Driver
Effective: June 30, 2005
Reason: Retirement

Frances Gorka, Language Teacher
Effective: March 14, 2005
Reason: Accepted full-time position with another school district

Increase in FTE**Hours:**

- Approved increasing the FTE hours of Ana Valladares-Weiser, Foreign Language Teacher, from .6 FTE to 1.0 FTE as outlined:
Effective: March 14, 2005
Salary: Step 9 [BA] of VTA Contract

Probationary Appointment:

J. Gifford
Approved the following probationary appointment:
Jay Gifford, Custodial Worker [*High school/middle school; 40 hours per week*]
Effective: February 28, 2005
Probationary Term: Six months
Salary: Step 4 of UEV Contract

Extracurricular Appointment

- Approved the extracurricular appointment for the 2004-2005 school year:

Anne Biese Middle School Drama Director Step 1

- Approved the following coaching appointments for the 2005-2006 school year:

Coaching Appointments

Michael Young Boys' Varsity Soccer Step 1
Joerg Siemann Boys' JV Soccer Step 5
Joseph Sullivan Modified Track Step 3

CSE Recommendations

- Approved the recommendations of the *Committee on Special Education* as outlined at meetings held on February 10, 2005, and February 11, 2005; and recommendations of the *Committee on Preschool Special Education* as outlined at a meeting held on February 17, 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 March 3, 2005.

Non-Resident Tuition Requests

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

Conor William Cashin, Grade 8 Requestor: Christine Cashin
Noah Robinson, Grade 1 Requestor: Lorraine Robinson

Meaghan Conley, Grade 1 Requestor: Christine Conley

Approved: Participation in the Bidding Process for Electric and Natural Gas Cooperative

- Approved the Voorheesville Central School District participation in the bidding process for "Natural Gas and Electric Supply and Delivery" in cooperation with the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Onondaga, Cortland, and Madison Counties (OCM BOCES) as Administrative Participant under the Municipal Cooperation Agreement for Energy Purchasing Services, which organizes a municipal cooperative pursuant to Article 5-G of the New York General Municipal Law among municipal corporations identifying themselves collectively as the New York School and Municipal Energy Consortium (NYSMEC).

Approved: Auditing Services for 2004-05

- Approved the appointment of Washburn, Ellingwood, Sheeler, Thaisz & Pinsley (Neil LaMere, Shareholder) as the auditing firm for the audit of the 2004-2005 school year ending June 30, 2005.

Approved: Use of Building by ACRHA and World Changers

Albany County Rural Housing Alliance and the World Changers gave a brief description of the work they do for the community, the schedule they maintain, and the facility requirements that they would need from the school. Mrs. Winchell handed out a cost analysis for this request and it was found to be profitable for the district.

On a motion by Mr. Pofit, seconded by Mr. Coffin, with a brief question and answer period, the Board approved the use of the building by ACRHA and World Changers.

Administrative Reports

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Mr. Lein briefly discussed his Elementary School Report.

- He noted that there were approximately 80 students scheduled for the kindergarten screening.

Mr. Lein

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

- There was a lengthy discussion on class ranking. It was decided that only if it is a requirement for entry, such as military, would a student be ranked.
- Merit scholarships also need a ranking and would be addressed on an individual basis.
- Mr. Diefendorf is to present the criteria for the selection of the Valedictorian and Salutatorian at the May Board meeting.
- He will report back to the Board at the end of the 2005-2006 school year about the impact the lack of class ranking has had, if any.

Mr. Diefendorf

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

Ms. Kennedy

Ms. Winchell gave the Business Official Report.

- Mrs. Winchell briefly reviewed the propositions, which must be adopted at this meeting in order to meet publication deadlines.
- She also informed the Board that she was still working on the Energy Education project. A little more research was needed before presenting it for the final recommendation.

Ms. Winchell

Mr. Michael Goyer gave his Operations & Maintenance report.

Mr. Goyer

- Dr. McCartney informed the board that there would be no need for the March 21 meeting. On a motion by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Brackett and carried unanimously, the Board approved removing the March 21 meeting from the calendar.

Dr. McCartney

- Dr. McCartney explained each sabbatical leave as presented in his report.

Old Business:

The discussion for the Energy Education and the Energy Consortium were previously discussed in Mrs. Winchell's business official's report.

New Business:

On a motion by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Pofit and carried unanimously the Board approved the ratification of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Voorheesville Central School District and the Voorheesville Teachers Association.

Ratified:
Memorandum of Agreement:
VCSD & VTA

On a motion by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Mr. Pofit and carried unanimously, the Board approved the following proposition regarding the Purchase of Buses:

Approved:

Proposition re:
Purchase of Buses

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Voorheesville Central School District, Albany County, New York, is hereby authorized to purchase buses at a maximum estimated cost of **\$230,000**, and that such sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued.

On a motion by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Mr. Pofit, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the following Reserve Fund Proposition:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Voorheesville Central School District, is hereby authorized to establish a capital reserve fund in order to defray the cost of renovating and equipping School District buildings and, in order to accomplish the same, said Board is hereby authorized to establish the ultimate amount of such Reserve Fund to be **\$500,000** with a probable term of five years and to appropriate from fund balance and/or other legally available funds of the School District to such Reserve Fund.

Proposition re:
Reserve Fund

On a motion by Mrs. Macdonald, seconded by Mr. Coffin, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the following proposition regarding sale of the public library building:

Shall title to the district building at 51 School Road, Voorheesville, New York, currently owned by the Voorheesville Central School District and occupied by the Voorheesville Public Library, be transferred to the Voorheesville Public Library, a public corporation, for **\$1.00** good and valuable consideration?

Proposition re:
Sale of Public Library Building

Approved: On a motion by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Mr. Cole and carried unanimously, the Board approved the following requests for sabbatical leave:

Sabbatical Requests:

F. Faber Frank Faber, one year commencing September 2005 and concluding June 2006
[Mr. Faber will take a one-year leave, working half-days during the school year in order to maintain his Career and Technical Department Chair and Director of Technology duties.]

C. Reader Charles Reader, one-half year commencing September 2005 and concluding January 2006.

Resolution in Recognition of Svc.
W. Becker

On a motion made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Coffin and carried unanimously, the Board adopted the resolution in recognition of service of William Becker.

Special BOE Meeting Date

On a motion by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Mr. Brackett, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the date of Monday, April 25, 2005 for a special meeting for the purpose of conducting an election for BOCES Board members and the vote on the BOCES administrative budget: The meeting will be held at **7:30 a.m.**

Opportunity for BOE to be heard:

Mr. Brackett

Mr. Baron the Board members an opportunity to be heard. Mr. Brackett reminded everyone of the "Relay for Life". Anyone who is still interested in participating but has not yet signed up may contact Sherry Burgoon.

Executive Session:
8:55 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Mr. Pofit and carried unanimously, the Board moved into Executive Session at 8:55 p.m. The Board came out of Executive Session at 10:20 p.m.

Approved:
CSE Recommendations of Feb. 11, 2005

The following action was taken on the CSE recommendations of February 11, 2005: a motion was made by Mr. Cole and seconded by Mr. McKenna to approve the minutes. The motion was approved by a 6-1 vote with Ms. Macdonald being the no vote.

Adjournment:
10:25 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Mr. Coffin and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

President

Clerk

Recording Secretary