

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

**May 9, 2005**  
**Regular Board of Education Meeting – Budget Hearing**

**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, Mike Paolino, Theresa Kennedy

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Linda Langevin, Mary Ann Jones, Gary Hubert, Kathy Fiero, Michael Goyer, Robert Denman, Pat McArdle, Justin Marks, Rosemary Wargo, Linda Pasquali, Gail Sacco, James Reilly, Dick Ramsey, Tige Moracelli, Steve Relyea, Paula Ransbury, John Winchell, Michael Snyder, Lucille Allegretti-Freeman, Victoria Hesselbacher, Melissa Bigge, Beth DeAngilis, Jim Mathews, Kevin T. Kroencke, Tony Thanopoulos, Andrea Gleason, Dawn Mancuso, S. Axelrod, Sara Hotopp, Deb Baron, 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.

On a motion by Mr. Pofit, seconded by Mr. Cole and carried unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of April 4, 2005 with the correction of the dollar amount raised by the Board for the gala donation to be \$2000.00. On a motion by Mr. McKenna and seconded by Mr. Brackett the minutes of the Special Meeting of April 25, 2005 were approved by a 6-0 vote with Ms. Macdonald abstaining.

Mr. Baron asked if there were any additional items from the superintendent. Dr. McCartney informed the board that Clayton A. Bouton High School placed in the top 1000 high schools, nationwide, for AP courses. He also mentioned that we were in the top 4% in this area. Voorheesville should be proud of this accomplishment.

Mr. Baron asked if any member of the community would like to address the Board. Mrs. Wilcenski read a letter summarizing the feelings of some first grade parents concerning class size and the action that should be taken. She mentioned the star project which discusses the class size and advantages of a smaller class size, the optimum number being 19 students per class, and that parents are regularly in the classroom helping the teachers with reading. They respectfully asked the board to consider hiring another second grade teacher and adding another second grade class. Dr. McCartney informed the Board that he, along with Mr. Lein, was keeping an eye on the number of students entering the school district. He explained that although the numbers were a bit high, they were not unmanageable. He also informed the parents that money is in the budget should there be a need of an additional teacher. After a lengthy discussion on this matter, Mr. Baron said that there is a fine line and balancing act to bring the budget to where the people will accept it. He also said that the final decision would be based on the needs of the students.

Mrs. Fiero reminded the parents that the budget needed to be passed, requiring "yes" votes for any of the above to happen.

On a motion made by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Mr. Coffin and carried unanimously, the action items were approved with the exception of item 4.11 which was voted on separately. Item 4.11, Approval of the Successful Money Management Adult Education Course, was unanimously denied by a 0-7 vote.

- Approved the Treasurer's Reports as presented in the enclosure folder.
- Approved the following warrants and payrolls:

Warrants:

General Fund Warrant #19:	\$533,043.99
School Lunch Fund Warrant #18:	14,279.09
Trust & Agency Warrant #10:	1,598,574.67
Federal Aid Fund Warrant #19:	3,719.21

Payrolls:

Payroll #23:	\$532,207.02
Payroll #24:	395,023.49

Meeting call to order: 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:  
 04/04/05  
 04/25/05

Additional items from Superintendent

Public to be heard:

Mrs. Wilcenski

K. Fiero

**APPROVED**

Action Items:

Treasurer's Report

Warrants

Payrolls

Resignations

M. McMahon

- Accepted the following resignations:  
Megan M. McMahon, Elementary Teacher  
Effective: April 1, 2005  
Reason: Personal

A. Valladares-Weiser

- Ana Valladares-Weiser, Foreign Language Teacher  
Effective: July 31, 2005  
Reason: Moving out of the area

J. Lopez

- John A. Lopez, Art Teacher, Drama Club Advisor, Drama Director  
Performing Arts Center Manager, Key Club Advisor  
Effective: July 31, 2005  
Reason: Moving out of the area

Temporary/Part-time Appointment:Mollybeth Bradley  
VIP Program

- Approved the temporary/part-time appointment of Mollybeth Bradley as teacher for the Voorheesville Intervention Program.  
Effective: May 9, 2005 – June 17, 2005  
Salary: Supported by Special Education Grant PL 99-457

Substitute Appointments:

T. Deyo

- Approved the following substitute appointments:  
Tasha Deyo, Substitute Food Service Helper  
Effective: April 26, 2005  
Salary: \$7.50 per hour

D. Deeley

- Diane Deeley, Substitute Nurse [*High school, middle school, elementary school*]  
Effective: May 10, 2005  
Salary: \$75.00 per day

Coaching Appts:

- Approved the following coaching appointments for the 2005-2006 school year:  
Walter Lane Girls' Varsity Swimming Step 8  
Jeanne Waters Girls' JV Soccer Step 1

Summer Driver Education Appointment

- Approved the appointment of Jeffrey Young as Summer Driver Education Instructor:  
Effective: June 27, 2005 – August 5, 2005  
Salary: \$11,700 [*36 students @ \$325.00/student*]

BOCES Substitute Appointments

- Approved BOCES Substitute Calling Service appointments for the 2004-2005 school year as presented in Mr. Paolino's memo dated April 28, 2005.

Non-Resident Tuition Request

- Approved the following request for non-resident tuition for the 2005-2006 school year:  
Colin Kelly, Grade 7  
Requestor: Mary E. Kelly

Out-of-Town Student Field

- Approved the following out-of-town student field trip request:  
Envirothon Trip  
SUNY Oswego: Wednesday, May 25, 2005  
Requestor: S. Hudacs, Advisor

Senior Class TripNew York City: Monday, June 13, 2005  
Requestor: N. BasslerBudget VotePersonnel  
May 17, 2005

- Approved the appointment of personnel for the May 17, 2005 Budget Vote/Board of Education Election as presented in the enclosure folder.

2005-2006 Non-Public School Transportation

- Approved requests for non-public school transportation for fifty-eight (58) students to private schools for the 2005-2006 school year as submitted in the enclosure folder.

NYSMEC Contract

- Approved the resolution to participate in the New York State School and Municipal Energy Consortium (NYSMEC) for the purchase of natural gas and electricity as presented in the enclosure folder.

Probationary Appointment:

M. Spooner

- Approved the probationary appointment of Molly Spooner as Vocal Music Teacher as follows:  
Effective: September 1, 2005  
Probationary Term: Three years  
Salary: Step 1 [BA] of VTA Contract

Budget Presentations  
Public Library  
School District**Special Reports:**

At this time the final presentations of the Library Budget and the School Budget were given by Mrs. Gail Sacco, Library Director, and Dr. McCartney, respectively.

Administrative reports were noted with the following additions/discussion:

Administrative  
Reports

**Mr. Lein – Elementary School**

- No discussion or additional items

Mr. Lein

**Mr. Diefendorf – High School/Middle School**

- There was a brief discussion on the criteria for the Valedictorian and the Salutatorian. It will be further discussed at the June meeting.

Mr. Diefendorf

**Ms. Kennedy – Middle School**

- There was special mention of the Middle School Drama production and the hard work done by Mrs. Biese and Ms. Seh.

Ms. Kennedy

**Mrs. Winchell – School Business Administrator**

- Mrs. Winchell briefly discussed the job title study being done by Civil Service and the Health Insurance meetings being held.

Mrs. Winchell

**Mr. Goyer – Operations, Maintenance, and Transportation**

- No additions or discussion

Mr. Goyer

**Superintendent Report:**

- Dr. McCartney said that the budget presentation was his report and asked the board to go to item 6.6.1, the Tenure Recommendations. The results are as follows:

Superintendent's  
Report

On a motion by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Mr. Cole the Board unanimously approved the following tenure resolution:

Tenure Resolutions:

**RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendations of Superintendent of Schools, Alan R. McCartney, subject to New York State Education Law §3013, the following person is appointed to tenure effective September 1, 2005, in the stated tenure area:

M. Abba

**Mary Abba**  
Music Teacher

On a motion by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Coffin the Board unanimously approved the following tenure resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendations of Superintendent of Schools, Alan R. McCartney, subject to New York State Education Law §3013, the following person is appointed to tenure effective September 1, 2005, in the stated tenure area:

K. Herrick

**Kimberly Herrick**  
Science Teacher

On a motion by Mr. Coffin, seconded by Ms. Macdonald the Board unanimously approved the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendations of Superintendent of Schools, Alan R. McCartney, subject to New York State Education Law §3013, the following person is appointed to tenure effective September 1, 2005, in the stated tenure area:

M. Paolino

**Michael Paolino**  
Associate Principal, Grades 9-12

On a motion by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Mr. Pofit the board unanimously approved the following tenure resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendations of Superintendent of Schools, Alan R. McCartney, subject to New York State Education Law §3013, the following person is appointed to tenure effective September 1, 2005, in the stated tenure area:

A. Thanopoulos

**Anthony Thanopoulos**  
Science Teacher

On a motion by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Mr. Coffin the board unanimously approved the following tenure resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendations of Superintendent of Schools, Alan R. McCartney, subject to New York State Education Law §3013, the following person is appointed to tenure effective September 1, 2005, in the stated tenure area:

J. Waters

**Jeanne Waters**  
Social Studies Teacher

On a motion by Mr. Pofit, seconded by Mr. Coffin the board unanimously approved the following tenure resolution:

S. Winchell

**RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendations of Superintendent of Schools, Alan R. McCartney, subject to New York State Education Law §3013, the following person is appointed to tenure effective July 1, 2005, in the stated tenure area:

*Sarita Winchell*  
School Business Administrator

Items 6.7, School Business Administrator – Change in Title; and Item 6.8, Contract with Assistant Superintendent for Business, were tabled discussion in Executive Session.

Approved  
Appointment of  
Superintendent of  
Schools

On a motion by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. McKenna and carried unanimously, the Board of Education approved the appointment of Linda Langevin as Superintendent of Schools for the Voorheesville Central School District.

L. Langevin

Effective: July 1, 2005  
Salary: Per Agreement

Resolution in  
Recognition of  
Service  
M.EileenLawrence

On a motion by Mr. Coffin, seconded by Mr. Pofit and carried unanimously, the Board adopted the Resolution in Recognition of Service of M. Eileen Lawrence as presented in the enclosure folder.

Item 8.3, First Reading of Board of Education Policies, was tabled for further discussion in Executive Session.

Opportunity for  
BOE to be Heard:  
T. McKenna

There was an opportunity for any member of the board to be heard. Mr. McKenna reminded everyone of the Gala on June 4 in Honor of Dr. McCartney.

Executive Session:  
9:40 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Mr. Pofit, and carried unanimously, the Board moved into Executive Session at 9:40 p.m. to discuss the abovementioned items. The Board came out of Executive Session at 11:10 p.m.

Approved:  
Change in Title:  
S. Winchell

On a motion by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Coffin and carried unanimously, the Board approved changing Mrs. Sarita Winchell's title to Assistant Superintendent for Business.  
Effective: July 1, 2005

Approved:  
Contract with Asst.  
Supt. for Business:  
S. Winchell

On a motion by Ms. Macdonald, seconded by Mr. Pofit and carried unanimously, the Board approved the contract between the Board of Education of the Voorheesville Central School District and Sarita Winchell, the Assistant Superintendent for Business.  
Effective: July 1, 2005

Approved:  
First Reading of  
BOE Policies

On a motion by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Coffin and carried unanimously, the Board approved the first reading of the Policies as presented in the enclosure with recommended changes to be brought back for final approval.

Adjournment:  
11:10 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Coffin and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

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President

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Clerk

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Recording Secretary