

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

October 4, 2004
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
 Joseph F. Pofit

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Alan R. McCartney, Sarita Winchell, Mark Diefendorf, Kenneth Lein, Theresa Kennedy, Michael Paolino

OTHERS PRESENT:

Gary Hubert, Laura Morrill, Kevin Kroencke, Lisa Meyers, Jeffrey Meyers, Steve Relyea, Valerie Glover, Andrea Gleason, Betsy Glath, Christy Rivenburg, Regan Burns, Kelly Lendrum, Cathy Fish, Deane Fish, Ann Biese, Jeff Peterson, Fran Gorka, Susan Cohen Axelrod, Linda Pasquali, Pat McArdle, Bob Gentner, Jean Bourque, MaryAnn Jones, Kathy Fiero, Marty Bannon (*The Spotlight*), Holly Groesch (*The Altamont Enterprise*), Deann DellaPenta

Mr. Baron called the meeting to order at 7:35 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: 7:34 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Coffin, seconded by Mr. McKenna and carried unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of the regular and special meeting of September 13, 2004. On a motion by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Mrs. Macdonald and carried unanimously, the board approved the Special meeting of September 27, 2004.

Approval of Minutes:
 9/13/04-Special
 9/13/04-Regular
 9/27/04-Special

Mr. Baron asked if there were any additional items from the Superintendent. Dr. McCartney advised the Board that there were several additional items noted on the supplemental agenda. He added Item 5.2 to the supplemental agenda, the update on the search for the new superintendent.

Additional Items from Superintendent

Mr. Baron then asked if anyone from the community would like to be heard. Mr. and Mrs. Meyers urged the Board to reject the September 3 CSE recommendation regarding their daughter Lindsay Meyers. Mr. Baron advised the Meyers' that they could not discuss specifics, and he recommended that they request a formal hearing to address this matter.

Opportunity for Community to be Heard:

Mr. & Mrs. Meyers

Ms. Fiero commended the administration regarding the parking problem at the elementary school. It seems to be working well. She also reported that the negotiations have broken down and that the VTA would be asking the Board to move toward fact-finding.

K. Fiero

On a motion by Mr. Cole, seconded by Ms. Macdonald, and carried unanimously, the Board approved all action items, with the exception of the September 3, 2004 CSE meeting, under Item 4.8, which was added to the agenda as Item 4.6 and voted on separately.

Approved:

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

Treasurer's Reports

Warrants:

General Fund Warrant #5:	\$521,890.73
School Lunch Fund Warrant #4:	4,666.77
Capital Fund Warrant #1:	5,432.54
Trust & Agency Warrant #3:	651,836.18
Federal Aid Fund Warrant #5:	13,170.70

Warrants

Payrolls:

Payroll #6:	\$143,320.52
Payroll #7:	236,136.72

Payrolls

2003-2004
Financial Reports

- Accepted the 2003-2004 Financial Reports as presented in the enclosure folder.

Resignations:

- Accepted the following resignations:

A. Foley

Ann Foley, Cook Manager
Effective: January 29, 2005
Reason: Retirement

F. Donnelly

Francis Donnelly, Bus Driver
Effective: October 7, 2004
Reason: Accepted position outside of the district

D. Murley

Debra Murley, Public Information Specialist
Effective: September 29, 2004
Reason: Accepted position outside of the district

Family Medical Leave:
A. Valladares-Weiser

- Approved the request of Ana Valladares-Weiser for Family Medical Leave of Absence effective October 4, 2004 through January 1, 2005.

School Nurse:
N. Lutz

- Approved the appointment of Nanci Lutz as substitute nurse for the high school, middle school, and elementary school:
Effective: October 5, 2004
Salary: \$75.00 per day

Coaching Appointments
2004-2005

- Approved the following coaching appointments for the 2004-2005 school year:

<u>Jessica Bradshaw</u>	Winter Cheerleading Co-Advisor	½ of Step 1
<u>Michele Mineau</u>	Winter Cheerleading Co-Advisor	½ of Step 1
<u>Jon McClement</u>	Girls' Varsity Basketball	Step 8
<u>Dennis McCormick</u>	Girls' JV Basketball	Step 8
<u>Richard Carr</u>	Girls' Freshman Basketball	Step 4
<u>Richard Carr</u>	JV Softball	Step 4
<u>Dennis Robinson</u>	Varsity Wrestling	Step 5
<u>Brent Pierce</u>	Modified Wrestling	Step 3
<u>James Duncan</u>	Varsity Bowling	Step 8
<u>Thomas Kurkjian</u>	Boys' Varsity Volleyball	Step 8
<u>George Marshall</u>	Boys' Varsity Swimming	Step 8
<u>Henry Czerwinski</u>	Varsity Baseball	Step 6
<u>Kyle Turski</u>	JV Baseball	Step 2
<u>Matthew Fiato</u>	Varsity Softball	Step 2
<u>Matthew Fiato</u>	Boys' Freshman Basketball	Step 3
<u>Steven Relyea</u>	Varsity Track	Step 7
<u>Kelly McHale</u>	Track Assistant	Step 1
<u>Donald Catellier</u>	Boys' Varsity Basketball	Step 3
<u>William Perry</u>	JV Boys' Basketball	Step 1

CSE Recommendations

- Approved the recommendations of the *Committee on Special Education* as outlined at meetings held on September 15, 2004, September 17, 2004, and September 23, 2004; and the *Committee on Preschool Special Education* as outlined at the meeting held on September 22, 2004.

2004-2005 BOCES
Substitute Appointments

- Approved substitute teacher appointments for the 2004-2005 school year as presented by the BOCES Substitute Calling Service in a memo dated September 23, 2004.

Elementary School
Substitute Appointments

- Approved substitute appointments for elementary school Teaching Assistants/Teacher Aides/ Nurses for the 2004-2005 school year as presented in the enclosure folder.

Custodian/Bus Driver
Substitute Appointments

- Approved the following substitute custodian/bus driver appointments:

Custodians:

Roger Gulickson
Herbert LaRock
Darren Rivenburg
William Smith
Theodore Schrieck
James Van Kuren

Bus Drivers:

Norman Bayly
Donald Lavesque
Victoria Martin
Darren Rivenburg

- Approved the following cafeteria substitute appointments:

Kathy Berschwinger
Patricia Delorenzo
Susan Smith

Cafeteria Substitute
Appointments

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

New York State Middle School Association 24th Annual Conference
Lake Placid, New York: Thursday, October 21 – Saturday, October 23, 2004
Requestor: Theresa Kennedy, Kimberly Herrick, Jennifer Zeh

Out-of-Town
Conference
Requests

New York State AHPERD Conference
Buffalo, New York: Wednesday, November 3 – Saturday, November 6, 2004
Requestor: Sandra Vorse, Theresa Luyckx

- Approved the following tax warrant adjustment to amend the tax warrant in the amount of \$10,533,393.41 to \$10,536,437.18 [a reduction of \$680.15 plus adjustments of \$3,723.92]:”

Tax Warrant
Adjustments

1. Town of New Scotland – Clerical Error
 - a. Mark DeLorenzo – Basic STAR exemption was not applied

Assessment reduction:	\$27,360.00		
Tax billing reduction:		School Tax	(\$680.15)
		Library Tax	- 0 -

2. Town of New Scotland Pro-rated tax adjustments based on changes in exemptions due to change in ownership
 - a. Martin A. and Kelly Edmonds

Tax billing increase:		School Tax	\$1,261.17
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 - b. Ronald Glasheen

Tax billing increase:		School Tax	\$767.75
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 - c. George Henderson

Tax billing increase:		School Tax	\$652.83
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 - d. Consuela and Delores Hodge

		School Tax	\$1,042.17
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A motion was made by Mr. Cole and seconded by Mr. Coffin to approve the recommendations of the *Committee on Special Education* from a meeting held on September 3, 2004. The motion was approved on a 6-1 vote. Mrs. Macdonald cast the apposing vote.

CSE
Recommendations
September 3, 2004

Michelle Rudolph presented the Independent Audit Report for the 2003-2004 school year.

Presentation:
Audit Report
2003-2004

Dr. McCartney gave the update on the Superintendent Search according to the Press Release, a copy of which is attached.

Update:
Supt. Search

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Elementary School – Mr. Lein

- There was a 95% turnout for Parents Night.
- There is 100% participation from the teachers in regards to PTA membership.

Administrative
Reports

Mr. Lein

High School – Mr. Diefendorf

- Relay for Life – The two tentative dates for this fundraising event are the weekend before Memorial Day Weekend or the first week in June. Committees will be assigned at the next meeting. Mr. Baron asked how the neighbors were receiving the project. Mr. Diefendorf said that a public relations committee would be taking care of that.
- The High School blood drive will take place on October 26.

Mr. Diefendorf

Middle Level – Ms. Kennedy

Ms. Kennedy

School Business Official – Mrs. Winchell

- An update on the Tax Collection was given. The numbers this year are on track with the numbers from previous years.
- After the collapse of the ceiling in another school, all schools were asked to look at the joists in the ceilings. Our staff will be checking for an S-J joist. If one should be found, a structural inspection would be required. She also informed the Board that there would be a big inspection next year. Mr. Baron recommended that Ms. Winchell contact Collins & Scoville to see if they have any information regarding the joists. They may have information included with the building project.

Mrs. Winchell

Operations, Maintenance and Transportation Report – Mr. Goyer

Mr. Goyer

Mrs. Macdonald asked if security plans would allow parents access to Kids Club, or if the pick up sight would be changed. Mr. Goyer and Mr. Lein said that it would be considered and that Ms. Abelseth would be contacted for her input also.

Dr. McCartney

Dr. McCartney

- Asked that the Board refer back to Item 4.3, the retirement of Ann Foley after 20+ years as Cook Manager.
- Recommended approval of the amended School Business Official's contract. On a motion made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Pofit, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the amendment to the Business Official's Contract as follows:

Approved:

Amendment of
School Business
Official's Contract

Item #13 – Compensation The Business Official's salary for the twelve-month period July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005 shall be at the rate of \$79,954.

Update:

Building Project

Dr. McCartney said that the District is in the process of wrapping up the building project. The remaining items to be completed are the restrooms and storage building at the remote field. The dollar figure is right on track.

Approved:

2003-2004 Independent
Audit Report

On a motion made by Mr. Coffin, seconded by Mr. McKenna and carried unanimously the board accepted the 2003-2004 Independent Audit Report.

Executive Session:

8:35 p.m.

On a motion made by Mr. Coffin, seconded by Mr. Pofit and carried unanimously the Board moved into Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:26 p.m.

Adjournment:

9:30 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Cole, seconded by Pofit, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

President

Clerk

Recording Secretary