

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

Special Board of Education Meeting - Budget
January 22, 2007

David M. Gibson, President
High School Cafeteria

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Board Members Present:

David M. Gibson, President
C. James Coffin, Vice Present
Richard K. Brackett
Gary A. Hubert
Kevin Kroencke
Thomas McKenna
Paige Pierce

Board Members Absent:

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Linda Langevin, Sarita Winchell, Mark Diefendorf, Kenneth Lein

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kathy Fiero, Jim Cacciotti, Sara Hotopp, Michael Goyer, Dorothea Pflaiderer

Mr. Gibson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and gave the proper procedure to evacuate the building in the event of a fire emergency. He noted all Board members were present.

Mrs. Winchell discussed the 2007-2008 budget, specifically, Operations and Maintenance, Transportation, and Debt Service. She explained the difference between the tax levy and the tax rate and gave a profile of the budget for the current year.

Discussion included:

- Operation and Maintenance Budget
 - Site profile
 - Staffing
 - Equipment needs
 - Utilities
 - Breakdown of the O & M Budget

In summary, the O & M budget will increase by \$128,990 in 2007-2008.

- Transportation Budget
 - Proposed 3-year bus purchase plan
 - Profile of transportation staff
 - Profile of driving routes, including out-of-district transportation, and annual mileage.
Mrs. Winchell noted that the District receives state aid for regular bus routes, late routes and field trips but not for athletic trips or rentals.
 - Current fleet
 - Fuel costs [the most difficult cost to estimate]
- In summary, the Transportation budget will increase by \$8,865 in 2007-2008. The largest increase within this budget is negotiated salaries.

- Debt Service
 - Explained the formula for debt service
 - Discussed the local impact of debt service in 2006-2007 and the budget change for 2007-2008.
 - Payment for the Public Library land purchase [debt in the School District's name]. The Public Library will include this in their budget as a payment and reimburse the District. The reimbursement will show as revenue to the District.
- In summary, Debt Service will decrease by \$12,399 in 2007-2008.

Resignation

Charles Reader, Music Teacher
Effective: June 30, 2007
Reason: Personal

This item was tabled for discussion in Executive Session.

Appointments

On a motion by Mr. Coffin, seconded by Ms. Pierce and carried unanimously, the Board approved the following appointments:

M. Elizabeth Harris, Long-term Substitute Special Education Teaching Assistant
Effective: January 23, 2007 through March 9, 2007
Salary: Step 1 of the UEV Contract - \$12.74 per hour
Ms. Harris will fill Lauren Cosamano's teaching assistant position while Ms. Cosamano substitutes for Mrs. Barcher.

Call to Order:
7:05 p.m.

**2007-2008
BUDGET
PRESENTATION**

Special Education

*Staffing for
Educational
Programs*

Resignation:

*C. Reader
Tabled*

Appointments:

M. E. Harris

B. Donnelly

Bryan Donnelly, Custodial Worker [8 hours per day]
Effective: January 23, 2007
Salary: Step 4 of UEV Contract - \$10.77 per hour

Conference Request:**Conferences Request**

On a motion by Mr. Kroencke, seconded by Mr. McKenna and carried unanimously, the Board approved attendance of the following persons to the conference listed below:

Conference Title: 15th Annual Model Schools Conference
Location: Washington, D.C.
Date: June 30 – July 3, 2007
Cost: Registration \$510.00 per person
Lodging \$210.00 per night
Travel \$257.30 per person [US Airways]
Requestors: L. Langevin, K. Lein, R. Jacob, D. Lee, P. Christian, M. Burns, K. Fiero,
M. Diefendorf, M. Paolino, L. McHenry, K. Brennan, L. Farrell

Acceptance of Equipment Donation**Acceptance of Donated Athletic Equipment**

On a motion by Mr. Kroencke, seconded by Mr. Brackett and carried unanimously, the Board gratefully accepted the donation of athletic equipment as described below:

Equipment donated by Donna Mycek

<i>Item</i>	<i>Value</i>
Universal Power-Pak Exercise Machine (c. 1990)	\$1,000

Opportunity for Board to be Heard

Mr. Gibson offered the Board members an opportunity to be heard. Mr. Kroencke announced that a public hearing would be held at the Bethlehem Town Hall on Wednesday, January 24 at 6:15 p.m. to discuss the proposed Vista Technology Park.

Executive Session:

8:26 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Ms. Pierce and carried unanimously, the Board moved into executive session at 8:26 p.m. for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations, pending litigation, and the employment history of particular individuals.

Return to Regular Session

The Board returned to regular session at 9:18 p.m.

Accepted Resignation:*C. Reader*

On a motion by Ms. Pierce, seconded by Mr. McKenna and carried unanimously, the Board accepted the following resignation:

Charles Reader, Music Teacher
Effective: June 30, 2007
Reason: Personal

Appointed Chief Negotiator:*N. Meacham***Chief Negotiator – VTA Successor Agreement**

On a motion by Mr. Coffin, seconded by Mr. Kroencke and carried unanimously, the Board approved Norma Meacham, Esq., Whitman Osterman & Hanna, as chief negotiator for the VTA successor agreement.

Adjournment:

9:30 p.m.

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

President

Clerk, Board of Education