

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

**Special Board of Education Meeting - Budget**  
**February 5, 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:**

Robin Jacob, Kathy Fiero, Jim Cacciotti, Donna Fitzgerald, Deb Baron, Laurie Lysenko, Linda Pasquali, Steven Relyea, Deborah Lee, Rachel Dutil [*The Altamont Enterprise*], Dorothea Pfleiderer

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. Langevin discussed the 2007-2008 budget, specifically, staffing for Special Education and Regular Education Programs.

Discussion items:

- Elementary School
  - Discussed 2007-2008 enrollment projections, the number of classes per grade, and average class size for regular education and special education. An additional class section is recommended for grade 2 due to a large number of students anticipated at that level next year.
  - Discussed needs of students who require Academic Intervention Services (AIS). AIS is provided to regular education students who require additional academic help. Mr. Lein is asking for one additional teacher to provide AIS services, especially at the kindergarten, first, and second grade levels.
  - Related services for special education students and how these services are broken down per student. Many classified students receive more than one related service.
- Middle School / High School
  - Discussed the regular education program: number of sections and classes and AIS services provided to students in core academic subjects. New York State does not require remediation for elective or non-regents programs.
  - Mr. Diefendorf has requested a .5 literacy specialist who would provide services to students and assistance to teachers; and a .4 business teacher due to increased student interest in business courses. Board members asked for more information about the .5 literacy coach: how is it determined after one or two years that a literacy coach has made a difference; specific responsibilities; the number of students this person would impact. The Board asked for a written description describing this position and how it would fit into the program.
- Special Education District-Wide
  - The high cost of special education students placed out of district was discussed, including a comparison between 2006-07 and 2007-08.

In summary, the proposed special education budget will increase by \$216,604, with the largest portion of that budget for BOCES tuition and services.

On a motion by Mr. Coffin, seconded by Mr. Kroencke and carried unanimously, the following items were approved:

**Performing Arts Center Manager**

The Board of Education rescinded the appointment of Charles Reader as Performing Arts Center Manager.

Effective: January 31, 2007

**Request to Waive Facilities Use Fee for New York State Police**

The Board of Education approved a request from the New York State Police to waive the fee for use of the pool occurring on February 6 and February 7, 2007, for the purpose of Dive Team Training of State Police. The State Police will provide their own lifeguards.

*Note: The Board approved this item due to the short time frame of the request but will hold a future discussion on facilities use fees and circumstances in which the fees might be waived.*

**Call to Order:**  
7:05 p.m.

**2007-2008  
BUDGET  
PRESENTATION**

*Staffing for  
Special Education  
Program*

*Staffing for  
Educational  
Programs*

**Rescinded  
Appointment:**

*C. Reader,  
Performing Arts  
Center Manager*

**Waived:**

*Facilities Use Fee  
New York State  
Police*

Substitute  
Appointment:**Substitute Teacher Appointment**

S. Grassucci

The Board of Education approved the appointment of Suzanne Grassucci as a per diem substitute teacher [Elementary School, 1.0 FTE] Ms. Grassucci will replace Kelly Lendrum during her parental leave.

19-A Examiner:**19-A Examiner**

P. Traverse

The Board of Education approved the appointment of Pamela Traverse as a 19-A Examiner for the Voorheesville Central School District for a \$500 stipend, to be prorated, per the UEV contract, section 24.11. Ms. Traverse has completed all training and examinations as a New York State 19-A Examiner. Effective date of appointment and stipend is February 13, 2007.

Tax Warrant  
Adjustments**Tax Warrant Adjustments**

On a motion by Ms. Pierce, seconded by Mr. McKenna and carried by a 6-0 vote, the Board approved the following tax warrant adjustments to amend the tax warrant in the amount \$14,410,876.51 to \$14,409,887.20 (a decrease of \$989.31). Mr. Gibson was an applicant for a tax reduction and, therefore, recused himself from voting.

## Town of New Scotland Correction 2006-07

1. Clerical error by Town of New Scotland Assessor for tax billing year 2006-07
  - a. Michael Sidoti
 

Basic STAR	\$663.22
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2. Town of New Scotland – Small Claims – Decision of Hearing Officer
  - a. David Gibson
 

Reduction in School Taxes	\$307.22
Reduction in Library Taxes	\$ 18.87
Total	\$326.09

## Town of New Scotland Correction 2005-06

1. Clerical error by Town of New Scotland Assessor for tax billing year 2005-06
  - a. Michael Sidoti
 

Basic STAR	\$680.35
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## Town of New Scotland Correction 2004-05

1. Clerical error by Town of New Scotland Assessor for tax billing year 2004-05
  - a. Michael Sidoti
 

Basic STAR	\$680.15
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Other Business**Other Business**

Mr. Gibson noted that Channel 6 News had presented a piece on the role of school board members and the necessary qualifications to fulfill that function. Timothy Kremer, Director of the New York State School Boards Association, recommended Mr. Gibson for the interview. Mr. Gibson told the interviewer that new school board members are required to take classes; school boards work effectively as a group to bring a variety of skills to the districts they serve.

Executive Session:

8:50 p.m.

On a motion by Ms. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Kroencke and carried unanimously, the Board moved into Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. to discuss negotiated contracts.

Return to Regular  
Session

The Board returned to regular session at 10:15 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Ms. Pierce and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

Adjournment:

9:30 p.m.

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 President

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 Clerk, Board of Education

