

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

**Special Board of Education Meeting - Budget**  
**January 28, 2008**

**David M. Gibson, President**  
**High School Cafeteria**

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**Board Members Present:**

David M. Gibson, President  
C. James Coffin, Vice Present  
Timothy E. Blow  
Gary A. Hubert  
Kevin Kroencke  
Thomas McKenna  
Paige Pierce

**Board Members Absent:**

None

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:**

Linda Langevin, Sarita Winchell, Michael Goyer

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Kathy Fiero, Ed Hampston, Nell Pritchard, Chick Pritchard, Mark Raven, Henry Binzer, 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.

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

The following 2008-2009 budget items were discussed:

**Operations and Maintenance Budget**

Key discussion points were what needs to be maintained, staffing, equipment needs, utilities, and the breakdown of the O & M Budget.

The O&M budget will decrease by \$15,805 (1.01%) in 2008-2009 for a total budget of \$1,542,350.

**2008-2009**  
**BUDGET**  
**PRESENTATION**

*O & M Budget*

**Transportation Budget**

Salaries, number of routes, cost of fuel, and the condition of the fleet all affect transportation costs.

- A transportation profile was presented which included the number of staff, driving routes (includes out-of-district transportation), and annual mileage.

Note: *Mileage includes athletic trips, field trips, summer special education, and rentals*

- Mrs. Winchell discussed the current fleet and a proposed 3-year plan for the purchase of one 60-passenger bus and three 20-passenger buses in 2008-2009 at an estimated cost of \$226,000.

The Transportation budget will increase by \$57,225 (5.75%) in 2008-2009 for a total budget of \$1,051,850.

*Transportation Budget*

**Central / Business Office**

- This area of the budget includes costs for the Board of Education, superintendent's office, business office, auditing, tax collection, attorney fees, public information (newsletters, website), insurance other than transportation, and BOCES administration and risk management. Major budget changes for 2008-2009 are in the area of salaries, insurance, security system, and attorney fees.

The Central / Business Office budget will increase by \$36,610 (4.56%) in 2008-2009 for a total budget of \$839,310.

*Central / Business Office Budget*

**Debt Service**

- Discussed debt service which includes debt for capital projects, bus purchases, and short-term borrowing. The 2008-2009 budget will include the first payments on the 2007 bond issue; however, these expenses are heavily aided by the State. Mrs. Winchell explained that debt payments for buildings will increase, state aid will increase; therefore, transfer for debt will decrease.

The net impact to the taxpayer for Debt Service will be a savings of \$30,532.

*Debt Service*

On a motion by Mr. Kroencke, seconded by Mr. Coffin and carried unanimously, the Board moved into Executive Session at 8:08 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiated agreements and the employment history of a particular individual.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 9:26 p.m.

**Executive Session:**  
8:08 p.m.

On a motion by Ms. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Blow and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

**Return to Regular Session:** 9:26 p.m.

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*President*

**Adjournment:**

9:27 p.m.

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*Clerk, Board of Education*