

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

**Special Board of Education Meeting - Budget  
 February 4, 2008**

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

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**Board Members Present:**

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

**Board Members Absent:**

Timothy E. Blow

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:**

Linda Langevin, Sarita Winchell, Mark Diefendorf, Kenneth Lein, Theresa Kennedy, Robin Jacob, Patrick Corrigan

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Tony Thanopoulos, Donna Fitzgerald, Michele Snyder, Mary Anne Milano, Kathy Fiero, Kelly Lendrum, Dawn Mancuso, Steve Relyea, Deborah Lee, Ed Hampston, Dave Adkins, Laurie Lysenko, Brian Stumbaugh, Dorothea Pfleiderer

Mr. Gibson called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 with the exception of Mr. Blow.

Call to Order:  
 7:00 p.m.

**Item 2: School Media Specialist Presentation, Frank Faber**

Mr. Faber asked the Board to consider the creation a school media specialist position. This person would be responsible for the integration of technology into the curriculum through staff development and initiatives that increase student and staff technology skills. He described the functions of this position: researcher, instructional designer, master teacher, trainer/staff developer, and communicator/publicist. He reviewed the job description and further discussed the duties and responsibilities of a media specialist. Mr. Faber proposed moving the current elementary computer lab teacher into the position for grades K-5 and a .5 FTE school media specialist for grades 6-12. There would be no additional cost to the district to implement this proposal.

Presentation:  
*School Media  
 Specialist Proposal*

**Item 3: 2008-2009 Budget Presentation, Linda Langevin, Linda Langevin**

Discussion items - *Special Education, District-wide Instructional Staffing:*

- Elementary School
  - Discussed 2008-2009 enrollment projections, the number of classes per grade, and average class size for regular education. Grades 1 and 2 would have additional class sections as proposed by Mr. Lein.
  - Discussed needs of students who require Academic Intervention Services (AIS). AIS is provided to regular education students who require additional academic help.
  - Related services for special education students were discussed and how these services are broken down per student.
- Middle School / High School
  - Discussed the regular education program: number of sections and classes and AIS services provided to students in core academic subjects. There are no changes in staffing from last year.
  - The MSHS special education program was outlined including: a comparison of student needs from 2007-08 to 2008-09.
- Special Education District-Wide
  - The high cost of special education students placed out of district was discussed, including a comparison between 2007-08 and 2008-09.

**2007-2008  
 BUDGET  
 PRESENTATION**  
*Staffing for  
 Special Education,  
 District-wide  
 Instructional  
 Staffing*

In summary, the proposed special education budget will increase by \$207,088, with the largest portion of that budget for tuitions, mandated IEPs, and BOCES tuition and services.

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

**Item 4: Conference Requests**

Approved attendance of the following persons to the conferences listed below:

Conference Title: National Conference on Science Education: "Bridge to the Future"  
 Location: Boston, Massachusetts  
 Date: March 27 – 29, 2008  
 Cost: Registration \$185.00 / person  
       Lodging \$160.00 / night (*Double occupancy*)  
       Travel Three vehicles have been approved for mileage reimbursement  
       Meals \$66.00 / day (*per BOE Policy*)  
 Requestors: C. Berte, J. Bradshaw , J. Curran, J. Iannotti, M. Kelly, K. McHale, K. Simon, T. Simons, T. Thanopoulos, K. Young

**APPROVED:**  
Conference  
 Request:  
*Science  
 Department*

Information Items

Mr. Gibson noted the dates of upcoming Board meetings:  
February 11, 2008                      Regular meeting with budget on the agenda  
March 3, 2008                              Special Budget Meeting

Adjournment:  
8:08 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Ms. Pierce and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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*President*

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*Clerk, Board of Education*