

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

Special Board of Education Meeting - Budget
March 3, 2008

David M. Gibson, President
High School Cafeteria

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Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

David M. Gibson, President

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Linda Langevin, Sarita Winchell, Mark Diefendorf, Kenneth Lein

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kathy Fiero, Donna Fitzgerald, Norma Meacham, Steve Relyea

Mr. Coffin called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and gave the proper procedure to evacuate the building in the event of a fire emergency. He noted that six Board members were present; Mr. Gibson was absent.

Call to Order:
 7:02 p.m.

Resolution to Ratify VTA Contract: July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010

On a motion by Mr. Kroencke, seconded by Ms. Pierce and carried unanimously, the Board ratified the Memorandum of Agreement between the Voorheesville Central School District and the Voorheesville Teachers' Association; authorized the Superintendent to execute the final agreement dated July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010, on behalf of the Voorheesville Central School District; and authorized the funding necessary to implement such agreement.

Ratification of
VTA Contract:
July 1, 2007 –
June 30, 2010

Overview of Proposed 2008-2009 Budget and Revenue Projections, Linda Langevin

Mrs. Langevin presented an overview of the proposed 2008-09 budget and revenue projections.

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Revenue Increase Projections

State Aid and other revenues will increase; however, BOCES aid, interest earnings, and BOCES classroom rentals are expected to decrease. The district is hoping to receive more BOCES aid, but this will not be determined until the State budget is approved. Mrs. Langevin said there is a chance that BOCES might rent classrooms from Voorheesville which would increase revenue in that area.

Projected revenue increase: \$111,739

Budget Increases

Discussion was held regarding budget increases for 2008-2009. Mrs. Langevin summarized budget-to-budget changes for BOE, Administration, special items, operations & maintenance, instruction, transportation, community service, employee benefits, debt service, and interfund transfer.

Total budget increase: \$764,955

Other items discussed:

- \$25,000 is being budgeted for teacher professional development. Mrs. Langevin said districts will be required to provide professional opportunities for instructional staff.
- BOCES occupational education tuition was discussed. It was noted that more students are becoming interested in BOCES programs.
- \$41,600 has been budgeted for fuel. Mrs. Winchell said the total fuel cost for last year was \$149,000.
- Costs for health and dental insurance have decreased by \$90,000 due to the Medicare Advantage Plan. The drug plan has done very well and the increase is minimal for 2008-2009.
- The budget is being driven by educational program improvements; regulation changes or legal requirements; contractual agreements; and unanticipated increases in budgeted amounts in 2006-2007 (e.g. fuel).
- The proposed budget includes: 1 full-time curriculum coordinator and 2 Tech Valley High School enrollments (*1 freshman, 1 sophomore*)
- Tax levy increase in dollars

Budget increase	\$764,955
- Revenue increase	111,739
= Tax levy increase	\$653,216

The increase in the levy may be modified by reinstatement of BOCES aid, BOCES room rental increase, or a possible teacher retirement. If the proposed budget is not approved by the voters in May, there would be no negative impact in going to a contingency budget because the proposed 2008-2009 budget is below the cap by \$90,000.

Contingent Budget Cap 2008-2009	\$21,938,870
Proposed 2008-2009 Budget	\$21,838,056

Mr. Coffin asked the Board to review the budget information they have received, so far, and make recommendations for reducing the proposed budget by \$150,000 to \$200,000. It was noted that any decrease in the budget would need to come from the instruction component.

Adjournment:
8:05 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Blow, seconded by Mr. Kroencke and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

President

Clerk, Board of Education