

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting
August 13, 2007

David M. Gibson, President
High School Commons

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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, Mark Diefendorf, Kenneth Lein, Michael Goyer

OTHERS PRESENT:

Steve Relyea, Ellie McMahon, Sherry Burgoon, Juan Becerra, Tom Finnessey, Karen Finnessey, RoseMary Wargo, Sarina Fiero, Michael Bates, Kelly Lendrum, Terry Luyckx, Nadine Bassler, Cheryl Dozier, Kathy Creed, Jim Creed, Chuck Pritchard, Robert Denman, James McAssey, Henry Binzer, John Schachne, Margaret Flanders, Brianna Burtman, Claudia Burtman, Bob Logan, Charlene Logan, Edward Hampston, Jean Bourque, Bryan Bourque, Christine Cashin, Susan Axelrod, Tim Mattison, Tav Daly, Deb Fenner, Valerie Glover, Martha Mackey, Sara Hotopp, Candy Raderman, Fran Gorka, Kathy Fiero, Laura Taggart, Mary Anne Milano, Michele Snyder, Kathleen Wissing, Regan Burns, Pam Hamlin, Chris Allard, Colleen Brackett, Richard Brackett, Rachel Dutil (*The Altamont Enterprise*), Dorothea Pfleiderer

Mr. Gibson called the meeting to order at 7:47 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:
7:47 p.m.

Item 2: Introductions

Mrs. Langevin introduced Dr. Cheryl Dozier, an assistant professor at SUNY Albany, who will be working with the District as a volunteer consultant for the 2007-2008 school year. Dr. Dozier explained that she will assist in analyzing academic data for 8th and 9th grade students in an effort to improve achievement for all students. Dr. Dozier was recommended for approval under item 5.16.

Introductions:
Dr. Cheryl Dozier

Mrs. Langevin introduced Jennie Kerwood, BOCES Program Manager, and Gregory Coffey, the candidate for District Communications Specialist. Ms. Kerwood helped to develop and create the current website, and she explained how her department facilitates website management for school districts. Mr. Coffey would maintain the Voorheesville district website with support from BOCES. The recommendation to approve BOCES website communications and Mr. Coffey as Communications Specialist was presented for Board approval under item 5.6.

J. Kerwood
G. Coffey

Item 3.1: Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Kroencke, seconded by Mr. Coffin and carried by a 6-0 vote, the Board approved the minutes of the organizational meeting and regular meeting of July 2, 2007. Mr. McKenna abstained from voting.

Approval of Minutes:
07/02/07

Item 4.1: Additional Items from the Superintendent

Mr. Gibson asked if there were any additional items from the Superintendent. Mrs. Langevin noted the following:

Additional items from Superintendent

- Item 5.2 Explanation of 2007-2008 tax warrant
- Item 5.4 School social worker – explanation of second master’s degree
- Item 5.5 Teaching assistants – explanation of certification status
- Item 5.7 Coaching appointments – addition of girls’ varsity basketball coach
- Item 5.8 Extracurricular appointments –
Removal of school store advisor
Correction of junior class advisor appointment
- Item 5.20 Addition of tax warrant adjustment
- Item 10.1 Addition of report on settlement with Dr. Anthony Marturano

Item 4.2: Opportunity for the public to be heard

Mr. Gibson offered the public an opportunity to be heard.

Mrs. Axelrod asked if results from the AP exams are available yet. Mr. Diefendorf said they had been received and were available.

Opportunity for Public to be Heard:

Community members addressed the Board regarding the appointment of a girls’ varsity basketball coach. Mr. Diefendorf explained the hiring process for coaches. There was discussion about the coaching credentials and qualifications of the two candidates for the position: Dennis McCormick and Robert Baron.

APPROVED

*Coaching Appt. of
Dennis McCormick
(Girls' Varsity
Basketball Coach)*

Under item 5.7, Dennis McCormick would be recommended for the coaching position. Mr. Gibson asked the Board for a motion to approve the appointment. On a motion by Mr. Kroencke, seconded by Mr. Hubert and carried by a 6-1 vote, the Board approved the appointment of Dennis McCormick for the 2007-2008 school year. Mr. Blow voted no.

Dennis McCormick, Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach

Effective: 2007-2008 school year

Salary: Step 8 of VTA Coaching Schedule - \$4,164 (Year 1)

*Recess: 8:45 p.m.
Mtg. Resumed:
9:05 p.m.*

Mr. Gibson called a short recess at 8:45 p.m. The meeting resumed at 9:05 p.m.

ACCEPTED

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

*Treasurer's
Reports*

Item 5.1.1 – Accepted the treasurer's reports as presented in the enclosure.

Item 5.1.2 – Accepted the following warrants and payrolls:

Warrants

Warrants:

General Fund Warrant #25	\$ 1,167,642.51
General Fund Warrant #26	\$ 1,907,016.54
Trust & Agency Fund Warrant #12	\$ 2,311,982.96
School Lunch Fund Warrant #112	\$ 58,773.04
Federal Aid Fund Warrant #12	\$ 82,786.64
Capital Fund Warrant #10	85,265.22
T & E Fund Warrant #3	350.00

Payrolls

Payrolls:

Payroll #1	\$ 101,816.90
Payroll #2	105,408.54

APPROVED
*2007-2008 Tax
Warrant*

Item 5.2: Tax Warrant: 2007-2008

Approved the Tax Warrant for the 2007-2008 school year as presented in the enclosure folder.

Resignations:

Item 5.3: Resignations

Accepted the following resignations:

L. Campbell

Lydia Campbell, Special Education Teaching Assistant

Effective: July 3, 2007

Reason: Relocating to another state

S. Dougherty

Susan Dougherty, Secretary – Continuing Education Program

Effective: August 1, 2007

Reason: Retirement

T. Homer

Trisha Homer, Special Education Teaching Assistant

Effective: September 1, 2007

Reason: Personal

W. Kelley

William Kelly, Head Custodian (Elementary School)

Effective: January 3, 2008

Reason: Retirement

W. Palombo

Wayne Palombo, Maintenance Worker (Middle School/High School)

Effective: January 7, 2008

Reason: Retirement

**Probationary
Appointment:**

Item 5.6: Probationary Appointment – School Social Worker

Approved the following probationary appointment:

M. Chu

Mariel Chu

School Social Worker

Effective: September 1, 2007

Probationary Term: Three years

Salary: Step 6 (MA) of VTA Contract \$43,650

Additional Credits 1,200

Second Masters 650

\$45,500

Item 5.5: Teaching Assistant Appointments

Approved the following teaching assistant appointments:

Wayne Manchester, Special Education Teaching Assistant (*Middle School/High School; 7 hours/day*)
Effective: September 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008
Salary: Step 9 of UEV Contract - \$15.36 per hour

Teaching Assistant Appointments:

W. Manchester

Michael Sloman, Special Education Teaching Assistant (*High School; 6.5 hours/day*)
Effective: September 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008
Salary: Step 1 of the UEV Contract - \$13.08

M. Sloman

Item 5.6: BOCES Website Communications

Approved Capital Region Board of Cooperative Education Services as provider for website services (one day per week) for the Voorheesville Central School District for an amount not to exceed \$17,842. The Board further approved the appointment of Gregory F. Coffey as Communications Specialist for one day per week, effective August 14, 2007.

BOCES Website Service

*G. Coffey,
Communications Specialist*

Item 5.7: Coaching Appointment: 2007-2008 School Year

Approved the following coaching appointment:

Andrew Karins Boys' Modified Soccer Year 2 @ Step 4 = \$1,537

Coaching Appointment

Item 5.8: Extracurricular Appointments for 2007-2008

On a motion by Mr. Coffin and seconded by Mr. Blow, the following extracurricular appointments were approved. Mr. Hubert recused himself because his wife was one of the appointees.

Extracurricular Appointments

<u>Mary Abba</u>	Select Chorus	Step 6	\$ 2,083
<u>Nadine Bassler</u>	Senior Class Advisor	Step 8	\$ 2,582
<u>Barbara Blumberg</u>	Ski Club Advisor	Step 8	\$ 1,936
<u>Jessica Bradshaw</u>	MS Student Council Advisor.	Step 3	\$ 1,020
<u>Sherry Burgoon</u>	Key Club	Step 8	\$ 2,031
<u>Patrick Corrigan</u>	Honor Society	Step 7	\$ 1,848
<u>John Curran</u>	Builders Club	Step 2	\$ 777
<u>Heather Garvey</u>	Future Business Leaders of America	Step 4	\$ 1,315
<u>Thomas Gladd</u>	HS Student Government	Step 6	\$ 1,667
<u>Thomas Gladd</u>	National History Club	Volunteer	
<u>Portia Hubert</u>	Drama Club Advisor	Step 5	\$ 1,624
<u>Susanne Hudacs</u>	Model UN Advisor	Step 8	\$ 1,457
<u>Christopher Jantson</u>	Stage Band	Step 8	\$ 2,582
<u>Anne Lyons</u>	Freshman Class Advisor	Step 5	\$ 1,103
<u>Anne Lyons</u>	Mock Trial Advisor	Step 4	\$ 950
<u>John Sittig</u>	Sophomore Class Advisor	Step 8	\$ 1,811
<u>Robert Streifer</u>	International Club Advisor	Step 8	\$ 1,457
<u>Brian Stumbaugh</u>	Natural Helpers Advisor	Step 8	\$ 2,582
<u>Brian Stumbaugh</u>	"The Blackbird Review" Advisor	Step 3	\$ 1,690
<u>Tony Thanopoulos</u>	Masterminds Advisor	Volunteer	
<u>Lydia Tobler</u>	Humanities Coordinator	Step 3	\$ 2,600
<u>Sandra Vorse</u>	SADD	Step 8	\$ 2,031
<u>Jeanne Young</u>	Junior Class Advisor	Step 5	\$ 1,730
<u>Stacey Vitelli</u>	Elementary Art Club	Step 43	\$ 1,069
<u>Michael Guerette</u>	Elementary Student Council	Step 2	\$ 824

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

Item 5.9: Substitute Teacher Appointments from BOCES Substitute Registry

Approved substitute teacher appointments for the 2007-2008 school year as presented by the Capital Region BOCES Substitute Registry. See memo dated August 2, 2007, in the enclosure folder.

BOCES Substitute Teacher Appointments

Item 5.10: Fall 2007 Driver Education Appointments

Approved the following fall 2007 driver education appointments:

Fall 2007 Driver Education Appointments

Jeffrey Young
Effective: September 17, 2007 – January 18, 2008
Salary: \$4,710
Classroom: 24 students @ \$52.50
Car Section: 12 students @ \$287.50

J. Young

William VanAlstyne
Effective: September 17, 2007 – January 18, 2008
Salary: \$3,450
Car Section Only: 12 students @ \$487.50

W. VanAlstyne

CSE
Recommendations:

Item 5.11: CSE Recommendations

A motion was made by Mr. Kroencke and seconded by Mr. Gibson to approve CSE recommendations. The motion was carried by a 6-0 vote; Ms. Pierce abstained from voting. Recommendations by the *Committee on Special Education* as outlined at meetings held on May 16, 2007, May 17, 2007, May 18, 2007, May 21, 2007, May 22, 2007, May 23, 2007, May 24, 2007, May 29, 2007, May 30, 2007, May 30, 2007, May 31, 2007, June 4, 2007, June 5, 2007, June 7, 2007, June 13, 2007, and June 27, 2007 were approved.

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

Conference
Requests:

Item 5.12: Conference Requests

Approved the following out-of-town conference requests:

Conference Title: New York State School Boards Association 2007 Annual Convention
Location: Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers, New York City
Date: October 25 – October 28, 2007
Cost: Registration \$385.00 per person
Lodging \$199.00 per night
Requestors: T. Blow, C.J. Coffin, D. Gibson, G. Hubert, K. Kroencke, L. Langevin,
T. McKenna

Out-of-Town
Student Field Trip
Requests

Item 5.13: Out-of-Town Student Field Trip Requests

Approved the following out-of-town student field trip requests:

Senior Class Retreat

Destination: Thacher Park
Date: Monday, September 17, 2007
Cost: No cost to the students
Senior Class Funds are used to pay for the luncheon (approximately \$200.00)
Requestor: M. Diefendorf

9th Grade Academy

Destination: Thacher Park
Date: Friday, September 14, 2007
Cost: Transportation and lunch (Cost to the District)
Requestor: M. Diefendorf

AP US History / English 11 Honors Trip

Destination: Salem, MA
Date: Friday, October 5, 2007
Cost: \$50 - \$55 per student
Requestors: T. Gladd, A. Levy

Grade 8 Field Trip

Destination: New York City
Date: Friday, October 12, 2007
Cost: \$45.00 per student
Requestor: C. Cashin

Model United Nations

Destination: Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island
Date: Friday, November 9 – Sunday, November 11, 2007
Cost: \$150 - \$200 per student
Requestor: S. Hudacs

Surplus/Obsolete
Item

Item 5.14: Surplus / Obsolete Item

Declared the 1989 Chevrolet truck (salt truck) as surplus/obsolete and delegated to the Business Official disposition of said item in a manner consistent with current laws and regulations.

Contracts /
Agreements

Item 5.15: Contracts / Agreements

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

Note: Item 5.15.4, Whiteman Osterman & Hanna: 2007-2008 Renewal Agreement was postponed for Executive Session.

2007-2008 BOCES
Classroom Rental
and Ancillary
Services

5.15.1: 2007-2008 BOCES Classroom Rental and Ancillary Services Agreement

Approved the 2007-2008 BOCES Classroom Rental and Ancillary Services agreements as submitted in the enclosure folder. the Board authorized President, David Gibson to sign the agreement on behalf of the District.

5.15.2: 2007-2008 Preliminary AS-7 Contracts for Services

Approved the 2007-2008 Preliminary AS-7 contracts between Voorheesville Central School District and Capital Region BOCES for services provided by BOCES during the 2007-2008 school year. The Board authorized President, David Gibson to sign the contracts on behalf of the District.

2007-2008
Preliminary AS-7
Contracts

5.15.3: 2006-2007 Amended Final AS-7 Contracts for Services

Approved the amended 2006-2007 final AS-7 contracts between Voorheesville Central School District and Capital Region BOCES for services provided by BOCES during the 2006-2007 school year. The Board authorized President, David Gibson to sign the contract on behalf of the District.

2006-2007
Amended Final
AS-7 Contracts
For Services

5.15.5: Technical Building Services, Inc. (TBS)

Approved the contract with Technical Building Services, Inc. (TBS) for mechanical, building automation system, and pneumatic controls from August 15, 2007 to August 14, 2008 in the amount of \$12,366 and authorized Assistant Superintendent for Business, Sarita Winchell to sign the contract.

Technical Building
Services

5.15.6: Capital District School Boards Association Membership (CAPSBA)

Approved membership in the Capital District School Boards Association for the 2007-2008 school year.
Annual Dues: \$100.00

Membership:
Capital District
School Boards
Association

5.15.7: Guilderville Swim Team: 2007-2008 School Year

Approved renewal of the merger between the Voorheesville Central School District and Guilderland Central School District boys' and girls' varsity swim teams for the 2007-2008 school year.

Renewal:
Guilderville Swim
Team

Item 5.16: Volunteer Consultant – Student Achievement Needs (Grades K-12)

Approved Dr. Cheryl Dozier as a volunteer consultant for the 2007-08 school year. Dr. Dozier will facilitate a study group investigation of student achievement needs in grades K-12. Her focus for this year will be a study of the 8th and 9th grade programs.

Volunteer
Consultant
C. Dozier

Item 5.17: Superintendent's Contract Extension

Postponed for Executive Session

Superintendent's
Contract
(Postponed)

Item 5.18: Superintendent's Salary: 2007-2008

Postponed for Executive Session

Superintendent's
Salary
(Postponed)

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

Item 5.19: Fall 2007 Continuing Education Program

Approved the Fall 2007 Continuing Education Program as presented in the enclosure folder.

Fall 2007
Continuing
Education
Program:

5.19.1: Continuing Education Assistant

Appointed Linda Hladun to assist in the preparation for the mailing of 5500 Continuing Education brochures.
Salary: \$10.50 per hour (10 hours total)

Con. Ed. Assistant:
L. Hladun

Item 5.20: Bid Awards

Approved the bid recommendations for science equipment & supplies and operations & maintenance equipment as presented in the enclosure folder.

Bid Awards:
Science Supplies
O & M Equipment

Item 5.21: Approval of Tax Warrant Adjustment

Approved the following Tax Warrant adjustment to amend the Tax Warrant in the amount of \$14,406,124.66 to \$14,404,938.93 (A decrease of \$1,185.73)

Tax Warrant
Adjustment

Town of New Scotland Correction: 2006-2007

a.	Yogesh Gupta – Supreme Court Order and Stipulation	
	Reduction in School Taxes	\$1,117.14
	Reduction in Library Taxes	68.59
	Total	<u>\$1,185.73</u>

ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORTS

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Item 7.1: Elementary School Report, *Kenneth Lein**K. Lein*

- Congratulated current grade 5 students and staff on the results of the science tests – 75% of the students scored at Level 4.
- A number of staff members have attended conferences over the summer and a great deal of curriculum work has been done.

Item 7.2: High Report, *Mark Diefendorf**M. Diefendorf*

- The middle school and high school are ready for opening day of school on September 10. Staff will report on September 6 and 7.
- Student schedules will be mailed home the week of August 20.
- Guidance counselors will be available September 4, 5, and 6 to answer questions about schedules and make schedule changes, if necessary.

Item 7.3: Middle School Report, *Theresa Kennedy**T. Kennedy**Mr. Paolino reported in Ms. Kennedy's absence*

- Middle School Locker Night is scheduled for Wednesday, September 5 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- The first Teen Night of the year, sponsored by the Character Education Committee, will be held on Friday, October 5.

Item 7.4: Assistant Superintendent for Business Report, *Sarita Winchell**S. Winchell*

- The tax levy, as indicated in the tax warrant, is lower than estimated during the budget process. The increase is 3.95% instead of the 5.59% originally anticipated.
- Thanked Mike Goyer for working with FEMA to secure reimbursement for costs incurred during the flood last spring: \$1,704 for pumps and overtime expenses; \$6,130 for repair work to the Vly Creek where erosion had occurred.

Item 7.5: Transportation, Operations & Maintenance Report, *Michael Goyer**M. Goyer*

- The annual Transportation Safety Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 30; the main topic will be *Teamwork for Transportation Professionals*. The staff will also discuss children with special needs and children with peanut allergies.
- Planning of the bus routes is going well. There are a large number of students attending school outside of the district.
- Delivery of the new buses is expected in the beginning of September.
- Will attend a School Closing Workshop on August 21 as the district representative. The workshop provides participants with information on the coordination of school closings with other departments and agencies in the event of a pandemic emergency. Mr. Goyer will report further on this workshop at the September 10 BOE meeting.

BOARD OF ED.
COMMITTEE
REPORTS

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Item 8.1: Building Project & Facilities Committee: *C. J. Coffin, G. Hubert**Building Project &
Facilities*

- The general contractor is working hard to meet deadlines and is confident that the elementary school will be ready to open on September 10. Flooring crews have been working a second shift. Eight classrooms have been painted and univents have been delivered.
- Work on the lavatory at the high school has been delayed but will not interfere with the opening day of school.

Item 8.2: Curriculum Committee: *D. Gibson, K. Kroencke, P. Pierce**Curriculum*

No Report

Item 8.3: Planning & Governance Committee: *C.J. Coffin, D. Gibson, T. McKenna**Planning &
Governance*

- Several policies have been added to the agenda under item 8.6 for amendment and first reading.

Item 8.4: Audit Committee: *D. Gibson, G. Hubert, T. Blow**Audit*

- The committee met prior to the regular Board meeting. Henry Binzer, the Internal Auditor, presented the results of the risk assessment for committee review. The assessment evaluates loss to the district based on economic conditions, personnel matters, and proper internal control. Voorheesville met state requirements for performing the assessment.

Item 8.5: Negotiations Committee: *DC.J. Coffin, K. Kroencke, T. Blow**Negotiations*

- The committee continues to work with the VTA toward a contract settlement that is satisfactory to both parties.

Item 8.6: Evaluation Committee: *D. Gibson, K. Kroencke*
No Report.

Evaluation

Item 8.6.1: Policy Amendments

On a motion by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Ms. Pierce and carried unanimously, the Board approved amendments to the following Board of Education policies:

Policy
Amendments

Policy 1120: School District Records
Policy 1230: Public Participation at Board Meetings

Item 8.6.2: First Reading

There was a brief discussion of this policy in which the Board asked for further information on non-equipment assets. Mrs. Winchell said she would look into this.

Policy:
First Reading

On a motion by Mr. Coffin, seconded by Ms. Pierce and carried unanimously, the Board approved the first reading of the following policy:

Policy 6680: Capital Assets Policy

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

Item 8.7: School Lunch Budget: 2007-2008

Approved the school lunch budget for the 2007-2008 school year as outlined in the enclosure folder.

*2007-2008 School
Lunch Budget*

Item 8.8: Price Increase for Type A Lunch

Approved raising the price of Type A lunches, effective September 10, 2007, as follows:

*Increase for Type A
Lunch*

Grades 1-5: From \$1.75 to \$2.00
Grades 6-12: From \$2.00 to \$2.25

Note: The cost of Type A Lunches was last increased in January 2002.

Item 8.9: Cancellation of Federal and State Breakfast Program (Elementary School)

Cancelled the Federal and State Breakfast Program at the Elementary School effective September 10, 2007. The School Lunch Manager is directed to make provisions available for those students who are eligible for free and reduced breakfast in the Elementary School on an as needed basis.

Cancellation:
*Federal & State
Breakfast Program*

Note: Only two or three students are currently being served breakfast. The District will continue to provide breakfast for these students.

Item 8.10: Change in Hours – Food Service Helper

For reasons of economy, the Board approved a change in hours for Tasha Deyo, food service helper, from five (5) hours per day to four (4) hours per day.

Effective: September 10, 2007

Change in Hours:
T. Deyo

Item 9.1: Discussion: Membership in the National School Boards Association (NSBA)

Mr. McKenna obtained information on NSBA for the Board's review and consideration. Membership in the organization would provide grant opportunities for the district, as well as additional enrichment opportunities for Board members. Mr. McKenna proposed joining on a one year trial basis. A motion was made by Mr. McKenna and seconded by Ms. Pierce to approve membership in the National School Boards Association. Six of the Board members voted against this motion; Mr. McKenna voted yes.

Discussion:
*Membership in
National School
Boards Association*

Item 9.2: Nomination of Voting Delegate and Alternation for 2007 Annual Convention

On a motion by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Blow and carried unanimously, the Board nominated Kevin T. Kroencke as voting delegate and Thomas J. McKenna as alternate voting delegate for the Annual Business Meeting of the New York State School Boards Convention to be held in New York City on October 27, 2007.

Nomination of
NYSSBA Voting
Delegate:
K. Kroencke

Alternate:
T. McKenna

Item 9.3: Teacher Mentor Program

On a motion by Mr. Kroencke, seconded by Mr. Coffin and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Clayton A. Bouton High School / Voorheesville Middle School / Voorheesville Elementary School Teacher Mentor Program as outlined in the enclosure folder effective August 14, 2007.

Teacher Mentor
Program

**Item 10.1: Opportunity for the Board to be Heard
Report on Settlement with Dr. Anthony Marturano**

Mr. Gibson announced that the district had reached a settlement with Dr. Anthony Marturano, former Assistant to the Superintendent for Business. No money changed hands and both parties have mutually released each other from any further claims.

Opportunity for
BOE to be Heard:

*Settlement with A.
Marturano*

*Discussion re:
Communications
with Community*

As a follow-up to discussion at the July 2, 2007 meeting regarding improving communications with the community, Mr. Gibson asked the Board if they had given any more thought to this subject. It was suggested at the July meeting that Parents' Nights would be a way to gather ideas for effective communication; however, this method would exclude community members who do not have children in school. Mr. Coffin suggested forming a committee to identify the needs of the community and, perhaps, create a simple survey to determine effective means of communication. Mr. Gibson asked Mrs. Langevin to present a proposal on how to gather information from the community.

Executive Session:
10:10 p.m.

On a motion by Ms. Pierce, seconded by Mr. McKenna and carried unanimously, the Board moved into Executive Session at 10:10 p.m. for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and the employment history of particular individuals.

**Return to Regular
Session:**
11:45 p.m.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 11:45 p.m.

*Superintendent's
Contract
Extension:
(Postponed
Definitely)*

Item 5.17: Superintendent's Contract Extension
Approval of this item was postponed definitely until September 10, 2007

**APPROVED
Superintendent's
Salary Increase**

Item 5.18: Superintendent's Salary
On a motion by Mr. Coffin, seconded by Mr. McKenna and carried unanimously, the Board approved an increase in salary of 3.5% for Superintendent, Linda M. Langevin, for the 2007-2008 school year. This amount reflects a dollar increase of \$4,528 for this time period and is effective July 1, 2007.

Adjournment:
11:50 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Kroencke, seconded by Mr. Hubert and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

President

Clerk, Board of Education