

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

Special Board of Education Meeting - Budget
March 23, 2009

David M. Gibson, President
High School Cafeteria

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Board Members Present:

David M. Gibson, President
Timothy E. Blow
Cheryl L. Dozier
Lisa A. Henkel
Gary A. Hubert
Kevin T. Kroencke

Board Members Absent:

C. James Coffin, Vice Present

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Raymond Colucciello, Sarita Winchell, Mark Diefendorf, Edward Diegel, Theresa Kennedy, Patrick Corrigan, Robin Jacob, Michael Goyer

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chris Allard, Cassie Sanchez, Casey Becerra, Kally Glath, Jen Hampston, Edward Hampston, Margaret Adkins, David Adkins, Robert Denman, Kathy Fiero, Donna Fitzgerald, Kirsti Lloyd, Deborah Lee, Martha Mackey, Andrew Karins, Mary Ann Jones, Lynn Kelly, 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 with the exception of Mr. Coffin.

Call to Order:
7:05 p.m.

Item 2: Acceptance of PTA Donation: Elementary School Stage Curtain

On a motion by Mr. Blow, seconded by Mr. Hubert and carried unanimously, the Board gratefully accepted the PTA's donation of a new stage curtain at a cost of \$6,495 for the curtain and hardware, plus a donation of \$700 toward new stage lighting.

Acceptance of PTA Donations

PTA President, Jennifer Hampston informed the Board that, in addition to the curtain and lights, the PTA had another gift to present. A gazebo has been ordered for placement on the grounds of the Elementary School on the Route 85A side near the playing fields. The gazebo has been purchased for the purpose of honoring Mr. Edward Diegel for his service to the district as Elementary School Principal (1989-2004).

On a motion by Mr. Kroencke, seconded by Dr. Dozier and carried unanimously, the Board gratefully accepted the donation of a gazebo to be located at the Voorheesville Elementary School in honor of Mr. Diegel.

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

Item 3: Middle School Drama Club Co-Directors

Approved the appointment of the following three co-directors of the middle school drama club effective March 24, 2009. They will share the stipend of \$1,811 for Drama Director (Step 1 of the VTA Extracurricular Salary Schedule).

Appointments:

<u>Gretchen Cunningham</u>	1/3 of Step 1 - \$603.66
<u>Chrystie Stafford</u>	1/3 of Step 1 - \$603.66
<u>Edward Bablin</u>	1/3 of Step 1 - \$603.66

*MS Drama Club
Co-Directors:*

*G. Cunningham
C. Stafford
E. Bablin*

Item 4: Substitute Custodian Appointment

Approved the appointment of Michael Bacon as substitute custodial worker effective March 24, 2009. Salary: Step 1 of the UEV Contract - \$10.82 per hour

*Substitute
Custodial Worker:*

Item 5: 2009-2010 Budget Presentation

Dr. Colucciello announced that March 27 would be a Superintendent's Conference Day devoted to training in data use and improving instruction. He thanked the Data Team for planning the day and invited the Board to attend. Mrs. Winchell announced that the District had received the Titanium School Safety Excellence Award from Utica National Insurance Group – the highest award level. Along with the award, we will receive \$500. She thanked the Safety Committee and the Operations & Maintenance staff, for their work in keeping the buildings and grounds safe.

M. Bacon

**2009-2010
BUDGET
PRESENTATION**

Dr. Colucciello said that at this point, there are more questions than answers regarding the budget that will be presented to the voters on May 19. Until we are notified of when, or if, we will receive money from the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 or the NYS Emergency Economic Stabilization Act, restoration will not begin. Dr. Colucciello said that not all staff reductions are due to the budget, but, instead, a result of low class enrollments.

The proposition for the purchase of one bus in 2009 was discussed. Mr. Blow asked Mrs. Winchell and Mr. Goyer to investigate whether a bus could be purchased for less than the State contract price. Dr. Colucciello also recommended a transportation study, similar to the school lunch program analysis, to determine how money can be saved in the transportation department.

