

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

Special Board of Education Meeting
April 20, 2009

David M. Gibson, President
High School Cafeteria

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Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mary Ann Jones, Lynn Kelly, Donna Fitzgerald, Betsy Bates, Gary Bates, Kathy Fiero, Karen Conroy, Chris Allard, Rich Brackett, Laurie Lysenko, Tony Thanopoulos, Jeanne Young, Deb Baron, Martha Mackey, Sara Hotopp, Pam Standish, Jen Hampston, Brian Stumbaugh, Dorothea Pfleiderer

Mr. Gibson called the meeting to order at 7:42 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:
7:42 p.m.

Item 2: School Accountability & Overview Report, Data Team

Mr. Brian Stumbaugh introduced the other members of the Data Team: Karen Conroy, Patrick Corrigan, and Donna Fitzgerald. He presented the School Accountability & Overview Report for the 2007-2008 school year which highlights measures New York State looks at when determining a school district's accountability status. In summary, Voorheesville is a district in good standing on all accountability measures for the 2008-2009 school year, and student performance is exceptionally high.

School
Accountability &
Over Report

Item 3: BOCES Administrative Budget

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga Counties be authorized to expend the sum set forth in the Administrative Budget document in the total amount of **\$7,042,814** during the school year 2009-2010 and to raise such sum by assessments to component school districts, non-component school districts, other BOCES and other sources as deemed appropriate.

BOCES
Administrative
Budget Vote

Item 4: Election of Trustees for BOCES Board

Discussion was held regarding the election of trustees for the BOCES Board. The Board was given the option of voting for a maximum of three candidates. On a motion by Mr. Kroencke, seconded by Dr. Henkel and carried unanimously, the Board voted for following three candidates to serve as BOCES Board members for a three-year term:

Jeffrey Bradt
Lynne Lenhardt
Barbara Mauro

Election of
Trustees for
BOCES Board

Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

Comments and concerns:

- In addition to the \$95,000 approved last year to subsidize the school lunch fund, another \$50,000 is in this year's budget for the lunch fund. Dr. Colucciello responded that the voters authorized the \$95,000 transfer of funds last year. It is unclear as to whether the \$50,000 allocation for 2009-2010 will be needed. The goal is for the lunch fund to be self-supporting and Mr. Bigley's review of the program and his recommendations will help to achieve that. Starting in May, monthly reports will be given to the Board to keep them up-to-date on the school lunch program.

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the Public to be
Heard

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

Item 5: Resignations

Accepted the following resignations:

John T. Pendergast, Custodial Worker / Night Boss (4 years of service)

Effective: May 29, 2009

Reason: Retirement

Resignations:

J. Pendergast

Catherine Stempel, Cafeteria Worker (33 years of service)

Effective: June 30, 2009

Reason: Retirement

C. Stempel

Item 6: Approval of Out-of-Town Student Field Trip Request

Approved the following request:

Out-of-Town
Student Field Trip
RequestField Trip to New York City – Spain 5 / UHS Spanish 104 Class

Destination: Repertorio Español to attend LaCasa de Bernarda Alba
 Date: Thursday, May 21, 2009
 Cost to student: \$25 (theater ticket), \$30 (rail ticket), approx \$15 (dinner) - \$70 total
 Cost to district: ½ substitute teacher; VCS D school bus roundtrip to Poughkeepsie
 Requestor: Robert Streifer

Acceptance of
Donations**Item 7: Acceptance of Donations**

Gratefully accepted a donation of \$345.23 from Target for the Elementary School Principal's discretionary fund.

Gratefully accepted a donation of \$1,916 from the PTA for the Elementary School Physical Education "Climbing Walls" program.

Item 8: Budget AmendmentsBudget
Amendments

Amended the 2008-2009 budget to allow for the expenditure of the following gift donations to the District in the amount of \$2,261.23 and to increase the revenue code A2705 to reflect the receipt of these funds. Budget codes to be amended are:

Elementary School

Principal's Discretionary Fund	\$ 345.23	A202050101
PTA/Physical Education	\$1,916.00	A211-05010112

Item 9.1: Facilities Committee Charter

On a motion by Mr. Coffin, seconded by Mr. Hubert and carried unanimously, the Board approved the proposed Facilities Committee Charter as presented.

Internal Auditors**Item 9.2: Internal Auditors***Marvin &
Company*On a motion by Mr. Blow, seconded by Mr. Hubert and carried unanimously, the Board appointed Marvin and Company, P.C. as the Internal Auditors for the district effective July 1, 2009. The Internal Audit function was reviewed by the Audit Committee on April 6, 2009, and they are recommending this appointment.Goals for
2008-2009**Item 9.3: Goals for 2008-2009**

Approved the Voorheesville Central School District Goals for 2008-2009 as presented.

Transportation
Study**Transportation Study**

Mr. Gibson added the following recommendation under new business:

Recommended Action: That the Board of Education approve a transportation study to be conducted by Dr. Richard Ahola of the Pupil Transportation Safety Institute at a cost of \$6,750. A motion was made by Mr. Blow, seconded by Dr. Henkel and carried unanimously.Opportunity for
the Board to be
Heard**Item 10.1: Opportunity for the Board to be Heard**

- Dr. Henkel announced that the Community & School Foundation will be hold its annual Spring Gala fundraiser on Friday, May 1 for anyone interested in attending.
- The Blackbird Paradise Garden dedication will be held on Wednesday, April 22 and is open to all community members.
- The Planning & Governance Committee scheduled their next meeting for Wednesday, April 29 at 7:30 a.m.

Executive Session

8:27 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Kroencke, seconded by Mr. Hubert and carried unanimously, the Board moved into executive session at 8:27 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the employment of history of particular individuals.

Return to Regular
Session: 8:35 p.m.

The Board returned to regular session at 8:35 p.m.

APPROVED:
MOA w/UEV
Re: Retirement
IncentiveOn a motion by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Kroencke and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Memorandum of Agreement between the Voorheesville Central School District and the United Employees of Voorheesville to provide an alternate retirement incentive for unit members who wish to retire on or before October 31, 2009. This agreement is effective for the 2008-2009 school year only.Executive Session:
8:40 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Hubert, seconded by Mr. Blow and carried unanimously, the Board moved back into Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.

Return to Regular
Session: 12:12
a.m.

The Board returned to regular session at 12:12 a.m.

Adjournment:
12:15 a.m.

On a motion by Mr. Coffin, seconded by Mr. Blow and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 a.m.

President, Board of Education

Clerk, Board of Education