

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

**Special Board of Education Meeting - Budget  
January 25, 2010**

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

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**Board Members Present:**

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

**Board Members Absent:**

Lisa A. Henkel

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:**

Teresa Thayer Snyder, Sarita Winchell, Mark Diefendorf, Thomas Reardon, Brian Whitley, Patrick Corrigan, Robin Jacob, Michael Goyer

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Robert Denman, Lynn Washburn, Pat Snyder, Doug Brill, Chris Jantson, Kathy Fiero, Dave Adkins, Dorothea Pfleiderer

Mr. Gibson called the meeting to order at 7:35 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 Dr. Henkel.

**Call to Order:**  
7:35 p.m.

**Appointments**

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

**Appointments:**

- Richard Smith, Bus Mechanic/Bus Driver (Sub Routes only)  
Effective: February 1, 2010 (8 hours/day, 12 months/year)  
Salary: Step 1 of the UEV Contract
- Robert McClung, Bus Mechanic (change in appointment from January 11, 2010 agenda)  
Effective: February 1, 2010 (8 hours /day, 12 months/year)  
Salary: Step 10 of the UEV Contract
- Erin Upson, Long-term Music Substitute (Elementary School - .3 position)  
Effective: March 29, 2010 – June 25, 2010  
Salary: Step 3 (MA) of the VTA Contract

*R. Smith,  
Bus  
Mechanic/Driver*

*R. McClung,  
Bus Mechanic*

*E. Upson,  
Long-Term Music  
Substitute*

**Superintendent's Preliminary Budget Proposal for 2010-2011, Dr. Snyder**

Dr. Snyder discussed the preliminary budget that was created with input from the administrative staff. Mrs. Winchell presented three-year revenue estimates and the \$681,416 loss of revenue due to the drop in state aid. She outlined major increases and decreases in the proposed budget and discussed staffing changes that will reduce the budget. The proposed tax levy increase for 2010-2011 is 3.35% for a total budget of \$21,654,454.

**2010-2011  
PRELIMINARY  
BUDGET  
PRESENTATION**

Discussion was held regarding Academic Intervention Services (AIS). The district has a small number of secondary students in need of AIS. The district would see significant savings by delivering these services to students outside of the nine-period school day.

The Board would like to see the impact on the budget if another \$175,000 were taken out.

**Other Business**

- The Board discussed changing their meeting location to the Large Group Instruction Room in the music wing due to the poor acoustics in the cafeteria and vending machine noise. It was agreed that the LGI will be the future location of meetings starting on Monday, February 8.
- Mr. Gibson asked for three Board members to review applications for the new high school principal between February 4 and 12. Dr. Dozier, Mr. Coffin, and Mr. Gibson volunteered.

**Other Business**

**Opportunity for the Public to be Heard**

Comments/concerns:

- Further budget cuts should be made in areas other than student programs.
- Would a restructured AIS program maintain the student/teacher ratio? Dr. Snyder said it would.
- AIS students should be asked if they want to stay after school.
- If the state gives money back to school districts, would taxes be reduced? Mrs. Winchell explained that money returned before tax bills are mailed at the end of August would reduce this year's taxes. Money received after taxes are mailed goes into the fund balance and would affect next year's taxes.

**Opportunity for  
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On a motion by Mr. Blow, seconded by Mr. Kroencke and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

**Adjournment:**  
8:50 p.m.

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*President*

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*Clerk, Board of Education*