

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

Special Budget Meeting
March 7, 2011

C. James Coffin, President
Large Group Instruction Room

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Board Members Present:

Cheryl L. Dozier, Vice President
Timothy E. Blow
Kristine L. Gravino
Lisa A. Henkel
Gary A. Hubert
Cynthia Monaghan

Board Members Absent:

C. James Coffin, President

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Teresa Snyder, Sarita Winchell, Imran Abbasi, Brian Whitley, Thomas Reardon, Michael Goyer

OTHERS PRESENT:

Deb Baron, Ashley LedDuke, Joe Barone, John Winchell, Laura Minnick, Dawn mancuso, Pam Standish, Steve Relyea, Jamie McPherson, M.J. Farney, Martha Mackey, Pat Conway, Robert Denman, Sara Hotopp, Tricia Putman, Jen Hampston, Kathy Fiero, Laurie Rothwein, Doug Bernhard, Elaine Bernhard, Nick Pettograsso, Chet Boehlke, Jr., Val DiBona, Bryan Strauss

Dr. Dozier called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and gave the proper procedure to evacuate the building in the event of a fire emergency. She noted all Board members were present except Mr. Coffin.

On a motion by Dr. Gravino, seconded by Ms. Monaghan, and carried unanimously, the following items were approved:

Item 2: Termination of Probationary Period

Accepted the Superintendent's recommendation to terminate the probationary period of Michael Puspurs, Library Media Specialist (elementary) effective May 6, 2011.

Item 3: Resignations:

Accepted the following resignations:

Guy Losavio, Custodial Worker effective February 18, 2011

Reason: Personal

Jennifer M. Zeh, English Teacher (Grade 6) effective March 29, 2011

Reason: Personal

Item 4: Custodial Worker Appointment

Approved the appointment of Bryan DiBona as custodial worker effective March 21, 2011.

Salary: Step 4 of the UEV Contract

Item 5: 2011-2012 Budget Presentation, S. Winchell

Mrs. Winchell said there were very few changes to the budget since the presentation on February 7. She reviewed district-wide staffing changes which will result in a savings of \$469,700+, accomplished by taking advantage of retirements, rescheduling, and realigning of current staff. In addition to staffing, the following areas of the budget will be reduced: equipment, contractual expenses, utilities, textbooks, debt service, and BOCES Public Relations services. It was noted that increasing insurance and retirement contributions and decreasing state aid are driving expenses up. In addition to the budget, the district will present a proposition to purchase one 60-passenger bus, two 28-passenger buses, and one used suburban for a total cost of \$216,000. Mrs. Winchell said she is waiting for updates on health insurance numbers and State aid. She hopes to have this information to present to the Board at the March 28 meeting.

Parents in the audience expressed concern for how staffing changes and program realignment would affect the middle school program, especially the sixth grade advisory period. They were also concerned about the plan not to replace the elementary school library media specialist and asked the Board to reconsider this decision.

Item 6: Other Business

There was no other business to come before the Board

Item 7: Communications

There were no comments from the public. Dr. Dozier congratulated the Girls' Varsity Basketball Team for winning the Section II Class C Championship over Cambridge on Saturday, March 5.

On a motion by Dr. Gravino, seconded by Mr. Blow and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Call to Order:
7:30 p.m.

Terminations of Probationary Period:

M. Puspurs

Resignations:

G. Losavio

J. Zeh

Custodial Worker Appt:

B. DiBona

2011-2012 Budget Presentation

Other Business:

Communications

Adjournment:

9:00 p.m.

President, Board of Education

Clerk, Board of Education