

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

Special Budget Meeting
March 28, 2011

C. James Coffin, President
Large Group Instruction Room

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Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Teresa Snyder, Sarita Winchell, Imran Abbasi, Brian Whitley, Thomas Reardon, Michael Goyer, Frank Faber, Robin Jacob, Joseph Sapienza, Patrick Corrigan

OTHERS PRESENT:

Doug Bernhard, Elaine Bernhard, Dawn Mancuso, Pam Hamlin, Steve Relyea, Mimi Weber, Tom Mensching, Jason Slingerland, Nick Kaloyeros, Jacob Wood, Martha Mackey, Pat Conway, Tricia Putman, Mary Sliva, Michele Snyder, Mary Anne Milano, John Winchell, Kathy Fiero, David Adkins, Laura Minnick, Pam Standish, Chris Allard, Robert Denman, Wendy Burke, Dorothea Pfleiderer

Mr. Coffin called the meeting to order at 6:30 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:
6:30 p.m.

On a motion by Dr. Dozier, seconded by Dr. Gravino and carried unanimously, the Board moved into executive session at 6:35 p.m. to discuss collective negotiations pursuant to article 14 of the Civil Service Law.

Executive Session:
6:35 p.m.

On a motion by Dr. Gravino, seconded by Mr. Hubert and carried unanimously, the Board came out of executive session at 7:15 p.m. and moved to the Large Group Instruction Room where the meeting was resumed at 7:30 p.m.

Return to Regular Session:
7:30 p.m.

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

Item 2.1: Resignations

Accepted the following resignations:

Diane M. Grandy, Teacher Aide (23 years of service)

Effective: June 24, 2011

Reason: Retirement

Resignations:

D. Grandy

Andrea Burch, Technology Assistant

Effective: April 15, 2011

Reason: Accepted another position for the remainder of the school year

A. Burch

Assistant Supt. For Business

G. Diefenbach

Item 2.2: Assistant Superintendent for Business

Approved the probationary appointment of Gregory P. Diefenbach as Assistant Superintendent for Business effective June 1, 2011. Mr. Diefenbach will replace Mrs. Sarita Winchell.

Salary per contract.

Substitute – Grade 6 English

K. Olby

Item 2.3: Substitute – Grade 6 English

Approved the appointment of Kristen Olby as long-term substitute teacher for grade 6 English effective April 4 through June 24, 2011. Ms. Olby will replace Ms. Jennifer Zeh for the remainder of the school year.

Salary: Step 2 (MA) of the VTA Contract

Temporary Teaching Asst.:

A. Burch

Item 2.4: Temporary Teaching Assistant

Approved the appointment of Andrea Burch as temporary teaching assistant effective April 26 through June 24, 2011 (4.5 hours per day).

Salary: Step 8 of the UEV

Technology Support Specialist:

M. J. Maxwell

Item 2.5: Technology Support Specialist (Education)

Approved the appointment of Mary Jude Maxwell as Technology Support Specialist (Education) effective April 25, 2011.

Salary: Step 4 of the UEV Contract (7.5 hours/day; 10 months/year)

Item 2.6: Technology Consultant

Approved the appointment of Frank Faber as per diem technology consultant effective April 6, 2011.

Technology Consultant:
F. Faber

Non-Resident
Student:**Item 3: Non-Resident Student Admission Requests**

Approved the following request for admission of a non-resident student for the 2011-2012 school year:

C. Worthley

<i>Student</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Requestor</i>
<u>Christopher Worthley</u>	Kindergarten	Shauna Worthley

Resolution to
Extend VTA
Contract**Item 4: Action on Resolution to Extend VTA Contract One Year through 2011-2012**

On a motion by Mr. Blow and seconded by Mr. Hubert, the following resolution was approved by a 6-0 vote; Dr. Gravino abstained:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Voorheesville Central School District approve the changes outlined in the Memorandum of Agreement between the Superintendent and the Voorheesville Teachers Association, and authorize the funding necessary to implement the agreement. The effective date of the agreement is July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

Authorization to
Make Investments**Item 5: Authorization to Make Investments**

On a motion by Dr. Dozier, seconded by Mr. Blow and carried unanimously, the Board of Education approved the following authorization to make investments: Certificates of Deposit and/or Money Market Certificates (Kay Bank, N.A.; M & T Bank; NBT Bank, N.A.; Pioneer Commercial Bank; Niagara Commercial Bank; HSBC Bank, USA; TD BANKNORTH, N.A.); MBIA-CLASS; or Instruments of the U.S. Treasury: Robin Burch, Jennifer Crawford, and Teresa Thayer Snyder after consultation with the Assistant Superintendent for Business.

2011-2012 Budget
Presentation**Item 6: 2011-2012 Budget Presentation; T. Snyder, S. Winchell**

Mrs. Winchell said the proposed general fund budget total is \$21,240,122; a decrease of \$417,272 (-1.93%). This would mean a tax levy increase of \$362,142 (2.43%). She explained that if State aid and all other revenues decrease more than the decrease in the budget, then the tax levy will increase. Mrs. Winchell talked about the changes in the budget since it was presented on March 7. A decrease of \$81,941 in health insurance costs was a significant reduction. Staff changes were discussed and it was noted that the total FTE reduction for teachers currently on staff and not retiring is minus 2.0 FTE. Mrs. Winchell spoke at length about the middle school program and the specific courses that will be offered at each grade level.

Freshman basketball was discussed. Mr. Sapienza said he will be meeting with other Colonial Council schools this week to finalize which sports will be offered. At this point, the issue with freshman basketball is not budgetary, but whether there will be other teams to play.

Other Business**Item 7: Other Business**

There was no other business brought before the Board.

Opportunity for
public to be heard**Item 8.1: Opportunity for the public to be heard**

- Laura Minnick expressed concern about the middle level being moved to four sections per grade.
- Doug Bernhard asked the Board to put freshman basketball back into the budget.
- A student raised an issue about too many students on her bus route. Mr. Goyer will look into it.

Opportunity for
Board to be heard**Item 8.2: Opportunity for the Board to be heard**

Dr. Henkel announced that the Voorheesville Community & School Foundation Gala will be held on April 9.

Ms. Monaghan congratulated the high school drama club for their presentation of "Hello Dolly".

Executive Session:
8:50 p.m.

On a motion by Dr. Gravino, seconded by Ms. Monaghan and carried unanimously, the Board moved into executive session at 8:50 p.m. to the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation.

Regular Session:
9:25 p.m.

The Board returned to regular session at 9:25 p.m.

Adjournment:
9:30 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Blow, seconded by Ms. Monaghan and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

 President

 Clerk, Board of Education