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A meeting of the Voorhees Township Board of Education was held on Friday, March 26, 2010 at 5:00 P.M. at the Administrative Building, Mr. Richard Wojdon, President, presiding.

I. PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice of this meeting pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given by the Board Secretary in the following manner:

- a. Posting written notice on the official bulletin board at the Voorhees Township Public Schools Administrative Building on March 17, 2010.
- b. Advertising written notice in the Voorhees Sun on March 17, 2010.
- c. Filing written notice with the Clerk of Voorhees Township on March 17, 2010.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. ROLL CALL

Present

Dr. Gary Bennett

Geraldine Borbe

Bruce Karpf

Denise Kirkland

Amy Lynch

Richard Nelson

John Schmus

Nancy Seigle, Vice-President

Richard Wojdon, President

Raymond Brosel, Superintendent

Dr. Frank T. DeBerardinis, Assistant Superintendent for Business/

Board Secretary

Howard Mendelson, Attorney

Absent

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2010-2011
BUDGET PRESENTATION

Open for public comment. (Budget documents are provided for the public.) The school district has proposed programs and services in addition to the core curriculum content standards adopted by the State Board of Education.

Public comments.

Trudy Lockspeiser – resident and VTEA President:

Complimented the Board of Education and administration on their hard work on the budget being presented, and wanted to recognize the cooperation between the Voorhees Township Education Association and the Board of Education.

Craig Petit de Mange – teacher:

Wanted it to be recognized that the Association's cooperation with the Board of Education in changing health benefits mid-contract allowed the District to save money.

Board comments.

No Board Comment

Motion by Dr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Schmus, to approve:

1. adopting the budget for the 2010-2011 school year as follows:

Operating Budget	\$48,360,675
Grants and Entitlements	\$998,550
Debt Service	<u>\$2,055,284</u>
Total Tentative Budget	<u>\$51,414,509</u>

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-38:

- a. the automatic cap adjustment for increase in health care costs in the amount of \$830,730 of the total \$1,059,991 available.
 - b. the automatic cap adjustment for decrease in State formula aid in the amount of \$424,699 of the total \$2,357,962 available.
2. the transfer of \$100,000 from Capital Reserve to Debt Service for the 2009-2010 school year to offset principal and interest payments for approved bonded projects which were included in the approved Long Range Facility Plan.

3. the transfer of \$500,000 from Capital Reserve to Debt Service for the 2010-2011 school year to offset principal and interest payments for approved bonded projects which were included in the approved Long Range Facility Plan.
4. the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that there should be raised for General Funds \$40,052,496 for the ensuing school year (2010-2011), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there should be raised for Debt Service \$1,355,271 for the ensuing school year (2010-2011).
5. the appropriation of funds from Emergency Reserve into the 2010-2011 budget in the amount of \$470,500 to offset the increase in health benefits costs over the 4% cap.
6. recognizing the \$1,968,296 reduction in State Aid under the Governor's Executive Order No. 14 in which the Governor declared a financial state of emergency for New Jersey. Funding to compensate for the reduction in State Aid will be appropriated from the current General Fund anticipated unexpended balances as of June 30, 2010.
7. the following resolution:

**VOORHEES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR TRAVEL
AND RELATED EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Voorhees Township Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. requires Board members to receive prior approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the travel, registration and related expense reimbursement amount for the 2010-2011 budget of \$75,810;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education reports the year to date amount of \$22,151 as appropriated for registration, travel

and related expense reimbursement of the budgeted amount of \$78,260 for the 2009-2010 school year.

8. the following resolution:

**VOORHEES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES AND DISSEMINATION OF
PUBLIC INFORMATION**

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2 requires the Voorhees Township Board of Education to establish maximum annual dollar limits during budget preparation for dissemination of public information and for professional services,

AND WHEREAS, the Voorhees Township Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to disseminate information to parents and the community in an efficient and timely manner,

AND WHEREAS, the Voorhees Township Board of Education is required by N.J. Statute 18A:23-1 to secure services for the annual audit and presentation of findings in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for public review and dissemination,

AND WHEREAS, the Voorhees Township Board of Education is required under Board Policy 0153 to secure the services of a School Board attorney,

AND WHEREAS, the Voorhees Township Board of Education requires the services of a Health Benefits Broker,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Voorhees Township Board of Education establishes a budget maximum for dissemination of public information of \$42,400, for auditing services of \$45,000, for legal services of \$64,000 and for health benefits brokerage services of \$29,000 for the 2010-2011 budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Voorhees Township Board of Education, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2, recognizes that circumstances may occur that will require increasing the budgeted amounts for professional services and that such increases will be approved through formal Board action at a meeting of the Voorhees Township Board of Education.

Motion carried, 9 ayes.

IV. MEETING DATES

May 5, 2010 7:30 PM Reorganization Meeting
Administration Building

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

(The Board is limited in its ability to respond in public on the following matters: personnel, litigation, negotiations, attorney-client privilege.)

Mrs. Goodfellow – resident:

Questioned the time of the Public hearing but recognized that there would be more presentations of the budget before the April 20th election.

Resident:

Asked for details on budget reductions.

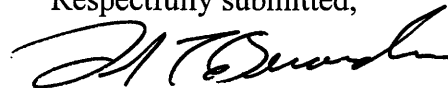
Resident:

Questioned what influence the Board of Education has on New Jersey School Boards Association and Governor Christie.

VI. BOARD COMMENTSVII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Seigle, seconded by Mr. Karpf, to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Frank T. DeBerardinis, Ed.D.
Assistant Superintendent
for Business/Board Secretary