

**VICTOR CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Approved Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 14, 2017
Early Childhood School Boardroom
953 High Street
Victor, New York 14564**

CALL TO ORDER President Deborah Palumbo-Sanders called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

Members Present Karen Ballard, Kristin Elliott, Gary Gilbert, Debbie Palumbo-Sanders, Christopher Parks

Members Absent Tim DeLucia, Mike Young

ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION A motion was made by G. Gilbert, seconded by K. Elliott, to enter executive session at 6:08 PM to discuss the employment history of a specific individual. The motion was carried. 5 yes 0 no

REGULAR SESSION A motion was made by C. Parks, seconded by G. Gilbert, to return to regular session at 7:03 PM. The motion was carried. 5 yes 0 no

APPROVE AGENDA A motion was made by K. Ballard, seconded by C. Parks, to approve the agenda for the meeting.

Mrs. Palumbo-Sanders made a motion to amend the agenda by moving the approval of the agenda and the greeting before the moment of silence. The motion was seconded by G. Gilbert. The motion was carried. 5 yes 0 no

During the greeting President Debbie Palumbo-Sanders stated in the past few weeks we have witnessed our nation rally support for those impacted by hurricane Harvey, resurge again for Irma's destruction, and then commemorate September 11th just a few days ago. So what does this have to do with Victor Central Schools? Everything, strangers joining strangers for good reasons. People giving beyond themselves for good reasons. These are the real examples of what community is. The definition that we aspire to teach, but is best taught beyond these walls. Sandy Dahl, wife of Flight 93 pilot Jason Dahl, said it well when she reflected on 9/11 with "If we learn nothing else from this tragedy, we learn that life is short and there is not time for hate."

PRESENTATIONS/ RECOGNITIONS Varsity Softball Superintendent Santiago-Marullo invited Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics Ron Whitcomb to the podium to speak about the two teams being recognized. Mr. Whitcomb invited Varsity Softball Coach Shelly Collins to the podium. Coach Collins thanked the School Board, school administration and Senator Funke for the recognition. She recognized the Boys Varsity Lacrosse team on their three consecutive state championships. Coach Collins said the Varsity Softball team did something a little bit different this year. She said this year the team stepped it up mentally not just physically.

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Softball player Sydney Dillman thanked the Board of Education for the recognition on behalf of the team. She said the team was thankful to have had such great support throughout the season. She said the booster club and coaches were great along with great leadership from the seniors. The team was presented with a plaque from the District which will be hung in the Boardroom. The District also presented the athletes with individual certificates recognizing their accomplishments.

Varsity Boys Lacrosse

Mr. Whitcomb then asked Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach Jim Andre to take the podium. Coach Andre congratulated Coach Collins on the Varsity Softball Section V win. He told her when the softball team wins they win with class. He thanked Senator Funke and the Board of Education for recognizing the team. Coach Andre talked about the great youth lacrosse program and the great staff. He said the community is also a great support along with the booster club. He said there are so many pieces to the puzzle to make a team successful. He thanked the Board of Education, coaches, parents and the community for everything they do. He said it's an honor to have so many people come out to the games to support the team. Coach Andre said this year they faced a lot of obstacles. He said he is very proud of the team for how they reacted and how they came out on top. Matt Gardner and Alexander Mabbett spoke on behalf of the team. They thanked the Board of Education, the coaches and their parents for supporting them through a phenomenal season. The team was presented with a plaque from the District which will be hung in the Boardroom. The District also presented the athletes with individual certificates recognizing their accomplishments.

Senator Funke

Senator Funke took the podium. He thanked Superintendent Santiago-Marullo, Principal O'Shea, the School Board, and the athletic department for inviting him to recognize two outstanding sports teams: the Varsity Boys' Lacrosse team as this year's Class B State Champions and the Varsity Girls' Softball team as the Section V Class AA Champions. He thanked the student athletes and their parents for being at the Board meeting for the special recognition. Senator Funke said up until a few years ago he spent nearly 40 years in broadcasting, 30 of them in sports. People would always ask him about the greatest events he ever covered. He said he was blessed to be able to attend Superbowls, Final Fours, Calder Cup Championships, and the Ryder Cup and they all were great, but covering a high school championship, seeing young people working together with unbridled enthusiasm achieving their goals, parents coming together as well as entire towns coming together, nothing beats that. The things you learn through sports are unique and can't always be mimicked in the classroom. The practices, games, wins, losses, and relationships are life lessons about dedication, sacrifice, discipline, humility and teamwork. Getting knocked down and getting up again, these are the kinds of experiences that years from now when you're working fulltime, raising a family, maybe struggling a little, you'll draw on those experiences. Pick

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yourself up and get after it. Senator Funke said what is on display tonight is impressive. The boys' lacrosse team won a third straight state championship. That's more state titles than all of the other lacrosse programs combined in Section V. That wasn't the only big win for Victor last spring. The girls' softball team won a Section V title as well. There is no question that Section V is one of the most competitive sections in the State and being the best in our area is an accomplishment. The Victor sports program continues to be as impressive as your work in the classroom. It's a demonstration of determination and commitment. He told the athletes they earned these titles and did it with the kind of class and character that makes parents, the school and the entire town extremely proud. Senator Funke said it is an honor and a privilege to represent the Victor Central School District and to be at the Board meeting. He presented all of the athletes with a certificate recognizing their accomplishments. He also presented the Varsity Boys' Lacrosse team with a copy of the resolution that was read in the Senate.

The Resolution reads as follows:

CONGRATULATING the Victor High School Boys Varsity Lacrosse Team and Coach Jim Andre upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Class B Championship

WHEREAS, Individual and team championships are highly sought after in high school sports; this Legislative Body commends rare athletic achievements and pays special recognition to those who pursue such excellence and become examples for the youth of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Athletic competition helps to enhance both the moral and physical development of young athletes, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the importance of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Victor High School Boys Varsity Lacrosse Team and Coach Jim Andre upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Class B Championship; to the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Blue Devils are currently on an 18 game postseason winning streak; and

WHEREAS, Ranked 20th in the nation by U.S. Lacrosse Magazine, the Victor High School Boys Varsity Lacrosse Team is just the third team in New York State history to win three straight state titles; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of blue and gold, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Blue Devils throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive 19-3 overall record; and

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WHEREAS, In a sport such as lacrosse, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Jim Andre and his expert coaching staff, Assistant Coaches Mark Foeder, Mike Ierlan and Tony Pezzimenti, worked hard to hone the skills of this championship team, teaching these outstanding athletes lessons which will prove invaluable both on and off the field; and

WHEREAS, Coach Jim Andre and all of the outstanding athletes on the Victor High School Boys Varsity Lacrosse Team have clearly utilized dedication, determination and teamwork in providing a lasting contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of their school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the members of the Victor High School Boys Varsity Lacrosse Team: Mitch Cain, Michael Gilbert, Connor Keenan, Clark Andre, Matt Gardner, Joey Colyer, Tanner Hay, Sam Lambert, Andrew Russell, Kevin Caggiano, Joey Pogoda, Kyler Roth, Eric Hernandez, Griffin Randall, Cam Hotto, Alexander Mabbett, Riley Hauf, Mitch Rydzynski, Joey Pezzimenti, Anthony Pezzimenti, Zack Estabrooks, Chayse Ierlan, Alex Hernandez, Nick Saraceno, Richie Pierpont, Tucker Hill, Trae Papke, Jeremy deNormand, John Garbeck, Jeremy Schopinsky, Camden Hay, Sutton Boland, Nick Popielec, Mike Novitsky, Ben Yacavonis, Jack LaRue, Regan Endres, Liam Haller and Matt Potter; Head Coach Jim Andre; and Assistant Coaches Mark Foeder, Mike Ierlan and Tony Pezzimenti as well as game day stat manager Kelli Kunick on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Victor High School Boys Varsity Lacrosse Team, Head Coach Jim Andre, Assistant Coaches Mark Foeder, Mike Ierlan, Tony Pezzimenti and Game Day Statistician, Kelli Kunick.

Before Senator Funke left for the evening Board President Debbie Palumbo-Sanders thanked him for his continued support of the Victor Central School District. She acknowledged that he helped provide funding for half of the School Resource Officer (SRO) for the District. With his support the District was able to have a full time SRO.

**PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION**

Kyle Bolster, a parent, said he has had two students in the Victor Central School District now for a few years. He raised a concern on the number of half days during the school year. He would be interested in seeing the half days rolled into full days.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by G. Gilbert, seconded by C. Parks, to approve upon recommendation of the Superintendent the following consent items:

MINUTES

Minutes of the regular meeting of August 10, 2017;

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**FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS**

Treasurer's Report for the month ending July 31, 2017;

PERSONNEL

The following personnel items:

All appointments on these pages are made in compliance with New York State Education Law relating to criminal history background clearances for new employees. Conditional clearances under that law have been requested for all new employees.

Instructional

**Probationary
Appointments:**

The probationary appointment of **Stephanie Leyburn**, who holds Permanent Certification in Speech Language Disabilities K-Grade 12, to a probationary position as a Speech and Language Pathologist effective September 1, 2017, at an annual salary of \$49,925 (Step 9M+12), leading toward tenure in Speech.

The probationary appointment of **Eric Waples**, who holds Initial Certifications in Social Studies Grades 7-12, Social Studies Grades 5-6 Extension, and Students with Disabilities Grades 7-12, from a probationary position as a Special Education Teacher to a probationary position as a Social Studies Teacher effective September 1, 2017, at an annual salary of \$45,302 (Step 4M+22), leading toward tenure in Social Studies.

**Long Term
Substitute
Appointments:**

The appointment of **Lauren Freitas**, who holds Initial Certification in Early Childhood Education Birth-Grade 2, to a long term substitute position as an Elementary Teacher, effective September 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, at an annual salary of \$41,132 (Step 3B).

Resignations:

The resignation of **Morgan Strutt**, Short Term Substitute Elementary Teacher, effective August 16, 2017.

The resignation of **Jeff Onze**, Social Studies Teacher, effective August 29, 2017.

Leaves of Absence:

The granting of a Maternity Leave and subsequent Childcare Leave of Absence for **Lisa Pallifrone**, Elementary Teacher, beginning approximately November 8, 2017, and extending to January 3, 2018.

The granting of a Maternity Leave and subsequent Childcare Leave of Absence for **Tara Visca**, Elementary Teacher, beginning approximately December 6, 2017, and extending to April 8, 2018.

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Athletics Resignation: The resignation of **Eric Dahlstrom**, Varsity Girls Tennis Coach, effective September 5, 2017.

Per Diem Substitutes:	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Area of Certification</u>
	Alexa O'Brien	Uncertified
	Dana Nau	Uncertified
	Michele Schneider	Uncertified
	Melissa Mason	Uncertified
	Melissa D'Andrea-Lloyd	Elementary

Co-Curriculars: **Chairpersons and Coordinators**

Leadership English/Language Arts 7-12 Chairperson Craig Kaper

Non-Instructional

Appointments: The appointment of **Lisa Hylton**, Full Time Teacher Aide, effective September 1, 2017, at an hourly rate of \$10.04.

The appointment of **Jessica Sisca**, from Part Time Teacher Aide to Full Time Teacher Aide, effective September 1, 2017, at an hourly rate of \$10.04.

The appointment of **Ann Kingsley-Herne**, Food Service Helper, effective September 1, 2017, at an hourly rate of \$9.70.

The appointment of **Lynn Ann Pietzold**, Food Service Helper, effective September 1, 2017, at an hourly rate of \$9.70.

The appointment of **Michele Loffredo**, from Typist and Teacher Aide Substitute to Typist, effective August 28, 2017, at an hourly rate of \$11.86.

The appointment of **Gerald Waite**, from Food Service Helper to Full Time Teacher Aide, effective September 1, 2017, at an hourly rate of \$10.04.

The appointment of **Rachel Sluga**, Full Time Teacher Aide, effective September 1, 2017, at an hourly rate of \$10.04

The appointment of **Jacob Dirks**, from Part Time Teacher Aide to Full Time Teacher Aide, effective September 1, 2017, at an hourly rate of \$10.04.

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The appointment of **Sheryl Diehl**, Full Time Teacher Aide, effective September, 1 2017, at an hourly rate of \$10.04.

The appointment of **Angela Poppenberg**, Part Time Teacher Aide, effective September 1 , 2017, at an hourly rate of \$10.04.

The appointment of **Suzette Hughes**, from Part Time Teacher Aide to Full Time Teacher Aide, effective September 1, 2017, at an hourly rate of \$10.04.

The appointment of **Jena Tambe**, from Part Time Teacher Aide to Full Time Teacher Aide, effective September 1, 2017, at an hourly rate of \$10.04.

The appointment of **Richard Petrossi**, Working Supervisor, effective August 28, 2017, at an hourly rate of \$13.66.

The appointment of **Joseph Tedesco**, Cleaner, effective August 21, 2017, at an hourly rate of \$10.39.

The appointment of **Angela Lana**, Typist, effective August 23, 2017, at an hourly rate of \$11.86.

The appointment of **Lisa Hagen**, Part Time Teacher Aide, effective September 1, 2017, at an hourly rate of \$10.04.

The appointment of **Kimberly Girard**, Food Service Helper, effective August 29, 2017, at an hourly rate of \$9.70.

The appointment of **Christina Weiss**, from Substitute Food Service Helper to Part Time Food Service Helper, effective August 29, 2017, at an hourly rate of \$9.70

The appointment of **Tracy VanArnham**, School Bus Monitor, effective August 28, 2017, at an hourly rate of \$9.94.

The appointment of **Kinley Palmer**, from Substitute Teacher Aide to Part Time Teacher Aide, effective September 1, 2017, at an hourly rate of \$10.04.

The appointment of **Emily Morsheimer**, from Part Time Teacher Aide to Full Time Teacher Aide, effective September 1, 2017, at an hourly rate of \$10.04.

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The appointment of **Adriany Mojica Molina**, Part Time Teacher Aide, effective September 1, 2017, at an hourly rate of \$10.04.

The appointment of **Kathleen Jokinen**, Part Time Teacher Aide, effective September 5, 2017, at an hourly rate of \$10.04.

The appointment of **Ann Macri**, Full Time Teacher Aide, effective September 1, 2017, at an hourly rate of \$10.04.

The appointment of **Jennifer Benson**, Part Time Teacher Aide, effective September 1, 2017, at an hourly rate of \$10.04.

The appointment of **Michelle Levesque**, Part Time Teacher Aide, effective August 28, 2017, at an hourly rate of \$10.04.

The appointment of **Antwennette Brady**, from Part Time Teacher Aide to Full Time Teacher Aide, effective September 5, 2017, at an hourly rate of \$10.04.

The appointment of **Steven Thull**, Full Time Teacher Aide, effective September 6, 2017, at an hourly rate of \$10.04.

The appointment of **David Fisher**, from Substitute School Bus Driver to Probationary School Bus Driver, effective August 30, 2017, at an annual rate of \$12,501.

The appointment of **Miles Rugg**, from Substitute School Bus Driver to Probationary School Bus Driver, effective August 30, 2017, at an annual rate of \$12,501.

Resignations:

The resignation of **Jessica Martin**, Teacher Aide, effective August 14, 2017.

The resignation of **Lesley Ashley-Kesel**, Teacher Aide, effective August 16, 2017.

The resignation of **Maureen Black**, Teacher Aide, effective August 16, 2017.

The resignation of **Carol Webb**, School Bus Driver, effective August 7, 2017.

The resignation of **Melissa D'Andrea-Lloyd**, Teacher Aide, effective October 1, 2017.

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The resignation of **Caitlin Dunn**, Teacher Aide, effective September 11, 2017.

Per Diem Substitutes:	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Position</u>
	Carol Webb	School Bus Driver
	Marion Nowlin	Cleaner
	Charles Fine	School Bus Driver
	Erik Larsen	School Bus Driver
	Danielle Rhodes	School Bus Monitor
	John Moore	Food Service Laborer

**CSE/CPSE
RECOMMENDATIONS** Recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from the meetings of June 8, 22, 2017, July 20, 2017, August 8, 11, 14, 15, 18, 21, 22, 23, 28, 30, 31, 2017, September 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 2017 and from the Committee on Preschool Special Education from the meeting of August 25, 2017;

**BOARD MEMBER
COMMITTEE
MEETINGS** Board members to attend standing committee meetings;

**2017-2018
PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT
PLAN** Approve the Professional Development Plan for the 2017-2018 school year;

SURPLUS Declare the following as surplus:

- Hewlett Packard 8100 Elite Laptops with VCS tag #s 012125, 012369, 012371, 012373, 012254, 012255;
- Hewlett Packard PB6470 Laptop with VCS tag #013383;
- Hewlett Packard ProBook Laptop with VCS tag #s 012145, 012151, 012153, 012161, 012171, 012191, 012198, 012218, 012219, 012221, 012225, 012230, 012243, 012245, F00393, F00399, F00400;
- Apple MBPro Laptop with VCS tag # 013052, 013054, 013056, 013060, 013065, 013071, 013079, 013082, 013083;
- Lenovo R400 Laptops with VCS tag #s 011157, 011202, 011212, 011227, 011230, 011231, 011239, 011248, 011781;
- Elmo with VCS tag #02742;
- Hewlett Packard 3125 Laptop with VCS tag # 013480;
- Hewlett Packard LaserJet P2015dn with VCS tag # 04049;
- Hewlett Packard 3115m Laptops with VCS tag #s F00419, 013135, 013136, 013137, 013139;

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DONATIONS

The following donations:

- Soccer Concession Stand from major donors DiMarco Constructors, Admar Supply, Concrete Cleaners, HD Supply, Henrietta Building Supply, Henry Isaacs Home Remodeling, Holmes Contract Painting, Klein Reinforcing Services, LaBella Associates, LaForest & Associates, Pooler Enterprises, Pridemark Homes, Victor Excavating and 84 Lumber and contributors Alpha Iron Works, American Plumbing, Domine, Manitou Concrete, Miller Brick, Soccer Boosters and Tambe Electric;

Mr. Gilbert highlighted how incredible the community is, as well as the administration who reached out to the folks, to donate the concession stand. The community stepped up for the students and stepped up for the campus by putting up a beautiful structure. This place is more than a concession stand above the soccer and lacrosse field; it's another facility. Mr. Gilbert thanked all those involved. The ribbon cutting will take place on Saturday, September 23rd at 2:30 PM.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER CONTRACT

The approval of the Agreement Between County of Ontario and Victor Central School District for School District Resource Officer program for the 2017-2018 school year;

GRADUATES OF DISTINCTION

Appoint Emily Colyer as the student representative for the Graduates of Distinction Committee for a two-year term 2017-2018 and 2018-2019;

DIGNITY ACT COORDINATOR

Appoint Amy Shannon as Dignity Act Coordinator for the Senior High School.

The motion to accept the foregoing consent items was carried.

5 yes 0 no *(end of consent items)*

CAMPUS NEWS

VCS administrators summarized activities on campus.

GRADES 3-8 END OF THE YEAR REPORT

Superintendent Santiago-Marullo introduced Associate Superintendent Kristin Swann who started off the presentation on the grades 3-8 end-of-the-year report. Mrs. Swann said she has been sharing with Dr. Santiago-Marullo the work that has been taking place around the assessments including the analysis. She said the state assessments trickle in, generally in late spring, and we find out how students performed through standards reports. The information is helpful as it is used when working on curriculum revision and summer work. The leveled information came out toward the end of August so it puts a crunch on the Associate Superintendent's office to get the parent letters out. Mrs. Swann said one of the areas to stress to the community is if we use the assessment results to sort children we are missing the boat. We want to

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use the assessment results to understand children and where we can create opportunities. Assessments change from year to year so you are not comparing apples to apples. This is just one piece of data that is used as there are others that are used as well. The challenge for the District moving forward is knowing the new standards and the new shifts in the standards and waiting for years to be assessed in those standards. Mrs. Swann said this evening is somewhat of a focus on cohort data and then next month she said she will be sharing the work that has been taking place with the principals, standards leaders and coaches as the work is put into an action plan.

Primary School Principal Jen Check provided an overview of the New York State program testing results for grade 3. Mrs. Check said the assessment results are just a snapshot of the children. Third grade is the first time the children are participating in any sort of test like this. In English Language Arts (ELA) 47% of the children scored at or above a level 3. The data is continuously reviewed to see where we can continue to grow. Children tend to do really well with the multiple choice. To support ELA some of the third grade teachers are working on some of the reading units. Many of the second grade teachers are involved in a writing pilot. In math 68% of the children scored at or above a level 3. Math coach, Holly Knox has looked at this data. Mrs. Check said she is really proud of the work the students are doing. The second grade teachers spent most of Superintendent's Conference Day in math professional development. Children and teachers are working really hard. Teachers and administrators are excited about the direction the Primary School is heading in math and ELA. Mrs. Elliott said the level 1 and level 2 numbers would drive the Academic Intervention Support (AIS) services. There has to be a conversation with staffing on how the staff needs to change. She asked if there is enough time with the current staff to service these students or would it be helpful to have a professional staff on hand to help. She said do you find your staffing to be sufficient to address the August results. Mrs. Swann said we do not have enough staff. Not all level 2 students may be eligible for services because it is only one measure. We use multiple measures. Mrs. Swann said there is a great level of complexity particularly around the ELA work. She said part of her work will be working with the standards leaders, coaches and principals' putting together analytical research on what has been happening. She said she has some ideas on what the next steps should be. Mrs. Elliott asked if the assessment data includes all students, even the students that have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Mrs. Swann said yes, unless they opted out. Dr. Parks said to the point of supporting the teachers and the staff, if we have to support our students we have to support our teachers first. He asked what other measures are being used to assess children. Mrs. Check said in ELA they are looking at reading levels using a benchmark to look for areas of strength and areas of need. Mrs. Elliott asked if children are grouped in areas of need or are the teachers differentiating. Mrs. Check said teachers are differentiating as well as children being grouped in areas of need. Mrs. Elliott

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said it's about staffing those small groups as they demand attention. It's really an art for teachers to be able to do that. It goes back to curriculum and staff development. Mr. Parks said to that point it is an art. Do our teachers and aides and staff feel that they have adequate staffing and support going forward and have we heard their specific voices? Could we as a District, Board and administration be looking more actively to support them?

Intermediate School Principal, Kevin Swartz provided an overview of the New York State program testing results for grades 4-6. He thanked the ELA and math coaches Julie Johnson, Clair Noonan, Heidi Robb and Holly Knox for their work. He talked about the cohesion in grade 6 and the ELA curriculum writing that took place over the summer. Mr. Swartz said he is excited about the curriculum and the teachers are feeling good about it. A number of years have been spent in the Math Investigations Program and the results have been positive. Grade 4 ELA assessment results are up from last year with 54% of the students scoring at or above a level 3. The assessments have changed and how they have looked at the cut points have also changed. Mr. Swartz said it is important to look at all of the data and dig deep to see if there are areas where kids are doing well. Grade 5 ELA assessment results show 39% of the students scoring at or above level 3. Grade 6 ELA results show 41% of the students scoring at or above level 3. For the past four or five years ELA scores for grade 6 have consistently been in the 40% of students scoring at or above a level 3. Mr. Swartz said at first glance we certainly look at it with concern but in the days after the results came out, in looking at past years, the question came into play as to what degree are the 3-8 assessments aligned with the regents because we have strong regents scores and strong Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate scores along with a high graduation rate. In reviewing the data it was noted that academic vocabulary is an issue. One of the things the coaches and ELA teachers are doing is creating support in this area during the "Whatever I Need" (WIN) block. In looking at the ELA scores students generally seem to score quite well on days one and two and not so well on day three. Mr. Swartz said he feels there is also an endurance piece that creeps in. He said he is trying to figure out if fatigue is affecting some of the students. Dr. Santiago-Marullo said the good news is there are only going to be two days of testing next year. Mrs. Elliott asked how students test on day three if they are absent. Mr. Swartz said the students have a window of time where they can make-up the test. The District is given that window of time by the state. Mrs. Elliott asked if the District ever thought about adding a break day in between testing. Dr. Santiago-Marullo said in the past we didn't have a choice. When the District has to do the computer based testing we will then be given a block of time when the tests have to be completed and we will be able to spread the testing out. We have two years to adapt to the computer based testing, the spring of 2020. She said the District is doing everything possible to

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understand the variables of computer based testing. Dr. Parks said so broadening the window on testing is dependent on computer based testing. On paper we are still assigned the dates. Dr. Santiago-Marullo said yes. Mr. Gilbert said so as we look forward we should be looking at funding for the one to one computer model. In looking at advocacy from the school level would it be safe to say they are listening to you now. Mr. Swartz said yes. He said he would be helpful to know to what degree the assessments are the same from year to year and to have the cut points the same from year to year. Mr. Gilbert said so that would be an area to focus on as far as advocacy. Dr. Santiago-Marullo said she does believe the new commissioner has been more receptive. The Regents just decided on Monday that the first assessment year for the new standards would be 2021. Mr. Gilbert said so we should partner hand-in-hand for advocacy. Mr. Swartz then went on to discuss the math assessment results. Math results for grade 4 show 58% of the students at or above level 3. Grade 5 math results show 54% of the students scoring at or above level 3. Fifth grade teachers said by far this was the most rigorous exam. Grade 6 math results show 74% of the students at or above level 3. Mr. Gilbert said there was a drop in the participation of students in the assessments in 2015 was there a reason why. Mr. Swartz said that was the first year where refusal became a hot button issue. You are now seeing is an increase in the number of students taking the assessments as fewer parents have opted their children out of the exams. In looking at the ELA cohort results the percentages remain similar. There was an increase in the number of level 4s in grade 5. Grade 6 had an increase in level 4s and an increase in level 2s. Mr. Swartz said they are really trying to target the students who earned a level 2. For the last few years the support services have been pullout. This year, rather than pulling kids out for services the AIS reading teachers will be pushing into the classrooms during the WIN block. Mr. Swartz then discussed the math cohort results. Mr. Gilbert asked Mr. Swartz if he thinks, as far as the number of ELA supports, is the District staffed adequately. Is there an area of focus we tend to go to. Mr. Swartz said at the building level staffing at the Intermediate School is in a good place. He said research shows that just reducing class size doesn't increase learning. The coach support is the most valuable. Mrs. Elliott said is there any consideration to looking at the same kind of cohort data in surrounding districts to see how they are doing. It's such a narrow snapshot and if we can say that other districts are seeing the same trends then it is less about what is or isn't being done in the classroom but more the test. She said it's discouraging if you don't know the nuances it's hard to answer to the constituents but if we can say other districts are seeing the same thing it might help. Mrs. Swann said she is already looking at regional comparisons both at numerical as well as a standard comparison. She said you can never develop the amount of resources you need in your system. Mrs. Swann said she has the Wayne-Finger Lakes data and she is now trying to gather the Monroe County data. Once everyone's data is in Forecast 5 it will be much easier.

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GRADES 3-8 END OF THE YEAR REPORT Continued

Junior High School Principal, Brian Gee provided an overview of the New York State program testing results for grades 7-8. Mr. Gee said they are looking at responses that are areas of focus for students. The Personalized Learning Community (PLC) goal setting is very specific. When the goals were designed they were designed looking at program assessments. Mr. Gee said opt outs are not as significant. The math 8 results will look different as the algebra students are not taking the state assessments. Grade 7 ELA results show 50% of the students at or above level 3 with the grade 8 ELA results showing 49% of the students scoring at or above level 3. Grade 7 math results show 61% of the students at or above level 3 and grade 8 math results showing 25% of the students at or above level 3. Grade 8 science results show 78% of the students scoring at or above level 3. Mr. Gilbert asked what do we do to get the level 2s smaller and the level 3s higher. Mr. Gee said in math we have been able establish having some dedicated math lab work. PLC groups are focused on the individual standards that students are struggling with. Mrs. Ballard asked if students are taking math 7/8 will they be part of the math assessment data. Mr. Gee said yes they are. Earth science students did not take the science 8 exam. Mrs. Elliott said it would be helpful if an asterisk was placed next to the science 8 data so anyone reading the report would see that the data does not include earth science kids. Mr. Gee then went over the cohort data and some of the cut score differences. Dr. Parks asked if there is any opportunity for collaboration with other districts to go to the State Education Department to get an explanation on why they choose to put the cut scores where they did. Dr. Santiago-Marullo said they have given the Districts an explanation such as they run the analytics and that is where they fall. Dr. Parks said then can we go back to the State Education Department and say that's not enough information. We need more information to help the teachers. Dr. Parks said in both presentations we are seeing the difficulty the students are having with the written component of math and science. Are we getting those examples to the ELA teachers? Mr. Gee said yes, however the 8th grade science data does not suggest that the students are struggling in writing. Mr. Gee said when we see how the students are leaving the high school; graduating with honors, receiving great scores on the Regents, AP and IB exams it makes us wonder about the assessments. Dr. Santiago-Marullo said we walked away from reporting the state assessments in our District goals because of the standards change. While the scores do tell us something they are not telling us what our kids are capable of doing. They are a measurement of one point in time. That is why there is a moratorium in the state not to use the tests for the Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR). We do want these scores to go up because they are public scores. Dr. Santiago-Marullo said when the students get into the high school they are doing very well and that is important to remember. There is a Pre-K – 12 effort and we know students are prepared when they are done with high school. Dr. Parks said kudos to the teachers and the staff for the hard work.

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**RESCIND FIELD
TRIP**

A motion was made by C. Parks, seconded by G. Gilbert, to rescind the following trip:

- SEAS Club to Costa Rica from 2/16/2018 – 2/24/2018;

This field trip is being rescinded because the date has changed.

The motion was carried. 5 yes 0 no

**APPROVE FIELD
TRIPS**

A motion was made by C. Parks, seconded by G. Gilbert, to approve the following trips:

- SEAS Club to Costa Rica from 3/30/2018 – 4/7/2018;
- Varsity Wrestling to Yorkshire, NY from 12/8/2017 – 12/9/2017 to participate in a tournament;

The motion was carried. 5 yes 0 no

**POLICY REVIEW
Second and Final**

A motion was made by K. Elliott, seconded by K. Ballard, to approve the following policies:

- Smoking and other Tobacco use on School Premises; Policy 1530
- Student Records; Policy 5500

The motion was carried. 5 yes 0 no

First Reading

The following policies were brought to the Board of Education as a first read:

- Senior Citizens' Exemption; Policy 6215
- Video Cameras on School Property; Policy 8414.4
- Alcohol and Drug Testing of Bus Drivers; Policy 8414.5
- Staff Complaints and Grievances; Policy 9140.1

**MEETING REPORTS
New York State School
Boards Association
(NYSSBA) Annual
Convention Business
Meeting Voting
Delegate**

A motion was made by K. Elliott, seconded by K. Ballard, to select Board of Education Vice-President Tim DeLucia as the Voting Delegate for the NYSSBA Annual Convention Business Meeting.

Board President Palumbo-Sanders discussed with the Board the reason behind selecting a Voting Delegate for the NYSSBA Annual Convention Business Meeting. Mr. DeLucia had informed the District Clerk if no one else was interested in being the Voting Delegate he would do so.

The motion was carried. 5 yes 0 no

**2017 NYSSBA
Proposed Resolutions**

Discussion took place around the 2017 NYSSBA Proposed Resolutions for the Annual Business Meeting.

The Board of Education supported the recommendations of the NYSSBA Resolutions Committee other than proposed resolutions 21, 26, 27, 28, and 29.

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Monroe County School Boards Association and Genesee Valley School Boards Institute Discussion took place around joining Monroe County School Boards Association as well as the Genesee Valley School Boards Institute. Dr. Parks suggested waiting until the next Board meeting to make any decisions. He said he would like to hear what Mr. DeLucia and Mr. Young have to say about joining these organizations.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION Victor Teachers' Association President, Mike Modleski, said on behalf of the Teachers Association they are happy to be back for another school year. He welcomed Dr. Parks to the Board of Education. He reminded the Board the state assessments are not an indicator on how students do in the high school. Students are doing great.

District resident Dick Pixley spoke about his time on the Penfield Board of Education and the NYSSBA Resolutions for the Annual Business Meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS The next regular Board meeting will take place on Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 7:15 PM in the Early Childhood School Boardroom.

Took a five minute recess.

ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION A motion was made by G. Gilbert, seconded by C. Parks, to enter executive session at 10:44 PM to discuss the employment history of a specific individual. The motion was carried. 5 yes 0 no

REGULAR SESSION A motion was made by K. Elliott, seconded by K. Ballard, to return to regular session at 11:24 PM. The motion was carried. 5 yes 0 no

ADJOURN A motion was made by G. Gilbert, seconded by C. Parks, to adjourn the meeting at 11:26 PM. The motion was carried. 5 yes 0 no

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen A. Goodberlet
District Clerk