

**VICTOR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Approved Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 12, 2023
Early Childhood School Boardroom
953 High Street
Victor, New York 14564**

CALL TO ORDER President Tim DeLucia called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM.

Members Present Bryan Adams, Tim Delucia, Kristin Elliott, Lisa Kostecki, Elizabeth Mitchell, Adam Snyder

Member Absent Christopher Parks

EXECUTIVE SESSION A motion was made by L. Kostecki, seconded by E. Mitchell, to enter executive session at 5:33 PM to discuss the employment history of specific individuals. The motion was carried. 6 yes 0 no 0 abstentions

REGULAR SESSION AND ADJOURN A motion was made by E. Mitchell, seconded by K. Elliott, to return to regular session and adjourn the meeting at 6:32 PM. The motion was carried. 6 yes 0 no 0 abstentions

CALL TO ORDER President Tim DeLucia called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

APPROVE AGENDA A motion was made by E. Mitchell, seconded by A. Snyder, to approve the agenda for the meeting. The motion was carried. 6 yes 0 no 0 abstentions

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE: Superintendent Terranova spoke about New York State School Council of School Superintendents' Conference he attended. He said it was very productive with many outstanding speakers. He attended a session around student voice and the impact it has on school culture. They talked about creating Student Advisory Committees for the Superintendent and having student voice even more apparent in today's world to give input to the administration. Dr. Terranova said it is part of his goals this year to create a Superintendent/Student Leadership Group. He said he also attended a presentation on Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) and the importance of leveraging collaborative leadership within a faculty and staff to support change and growth mindset in staff and students. He said it was a hallmark of this District long before he arrived. A third presentation he attended was on a registered teacher apprenticeship program, which is a residency model for teachers. Dr. Terranova also attended a session on electric buses. It was a presentation by a district that tried to start doing it, without much success. He said he did relearn some of things they already know such as the cost for electric buses is significantly more than diesel and the costs are expected to increase by 50% by 2027. Finally, Dr. Terranova talked about the donation of the Buddy Bench from the Daisy Girls Scouts to the Early Childhood School. Board Member Elizabeth Mitchell's daughter is in the troop and showed the video created by the troop.

PRESENTATIONS / RECOGNITIONS: Senior High School Principal Brian Siesto spoke about the Operation Recognition Diploma being awarded to Mr. Frederick Dean Brindisi. Veterans who left high school without graduating are eligible to earn a New York State high school diploma. Operation Recognition was created by Section 305 of New York's Education Law and recognizes the devotion and sacrifice of all Veterans who left school early by presenting them with a high school diploma. To be

eligible a Veteran must be a New York State resident, engaged in active-duty service for at least one day and discharged under honorable conditions. Mr. Brindisi served in the United States Navy from 1981 to 1987. He was awarded a Letter of Commendation from the Secretary of the Navy, a Navy Expeditionary Medal and a Sea Service Ribbon. Mr. Siesto said in his conversations with Mr. Brindisi, Mr. Brindisi said the skills he learned while in the United States Navy paved the way for a very successful career. Senior High School Principal Brian Siesto, Superintendent Tim Terranova, Board President Tim DeLucia and Board of Education Member and Naval Aviator in the United State Marine Corps Reserve Adam Snyder presented Frederick Dean Brindisi with his Victor Central School District Diploma.

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and facilitator of the Visual and Performing Arts Hall of Fame Committee Karen Finter started the induction ceremony. She said the Visual and Performing Arts Hall of Fame is to celebrate and honor the accomplishments of outstanding alumni staff and community members who have excelled in the arts. Tonight they induct and celebrate Mr. Benjamin Barbash. Three students, Analie Van Manen, Keshil Bilimoria, and Adeline Larson who are actively involved in the arts and each spoke about what the arts and the Arts Hall of Fame means to them. Senior High School Band Teacher Laura Brewer then provided comments from the theatre representatives who were unable to attend and went on read the plaque being presented. Actor Benjamin Alexander Barbash was a highly respected visionary, artist, businessman and a friend to all. After he graduated from Victor Central Schools in 1991, Barbash attended the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University. He worked for the Manhattan Theatre Club in New York, and upon returning to Victor, he established a fiber art center and also served as the executive director of Valentown Hall. He returned to New York City for a job with Actor's Equity and relocated to Los Angeles. He became the manager of a landmark motion picture theater, the Fairfax. Barbash wanted to tie his passion to theater, to some kind of legacy and heritage. Barbash dreamed of implementing theatre programs in shopping malls regionwide and developing a cultural corridor along Route 96 from Rochester to Oswego. According to Barbash's father, "He could go out and bring people together in ways no one could think of." Superintendent Tim Terranova and Board President Tim DeLuica presented 2023 Visual and Performing Arts Induction Plaque for Theatre to Steven Barbash, Benjamin's father. Mr. Barbash spoke about his son and the success he had throughout his career. He thanked the committee for the award. He said it is an honor and Benjamin would have loved it.

Dr. Terranova recognized the Board of Education as October is Board of Education Appreciation Month. He thanked Tim DeLucia, Christopher Parks, Lisa Kostecki, Kristin Elliott, Elizabeth Mitchell, Adam Snyder and Bryan Adams. They are community leaders, greatly respected pillars of the community. He admires the fact that they are a team of eight and not afraid to speak their minds when it comes to what's best for kids, giving him solid feedback in the direction they would like the District to go in. They are also great teachers for the Superintendent toward social/emotional intelligence and the ability to build a collaborative relationship with one another. Dr. Terranova said he depends on them for their wisdom and their council. He deeply appreciates their professional relationships, and he is never in doubt that they are making decisions on what is best for kids every time.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None at this time

CONSENT ITEMS: A motion was made by L. Kostecki, seconded by E. Mitchell, to approve, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the following consent items:

MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 14, 2023 and the Special Meeting of September 28, 2023;

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Treasurer's Report for the month ending August 31, 2023;

PERSONNEL: *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 **Robert Grasso**, who has pending certification in Technology Education, to a probationary position as a Technology Education Teacher, effective December 18, 2023, at an annual salary of \$44,929, leading towards tenure in Technology Education.

The probationary appointment of **Tara Baldwin**, who has certification in Speech/Language Education, to a probationary position as a Secondary Special Education Teacher on Special Assignment, effective November 6, 2023, at an annual salary of \$73,800, leading towards tenure in Speech/Language Education.

**Part Time
Appointments:**

The appointment of **Gregory Caryk**, who has certification in Physical Education, to a part-time (.6fte) position as a Physical Education Teacher effective September 25, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, at an annual salary of \$26,957, which will be prorated based on length of the assignment.

**Tenure
Appointments:**

The appointment to tenure of **Emily Hopkins-Ives**, who is certified as a School Psychologist, upon the successful completion of her probationary period as a School Psychologist, effective October 29, 2023.

Co-Curriculars:

Clubs & Advisors

Name

Band

Sr. High Link Crew

Sarah Annlee

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Resignation:

The resignation of **Amy Noye**, Victor Pride Coalition Advisor.

Athletics:

Position

Name

Level

Years

**Strength &
Conditioning**

Volunteer

Alex Ciccone

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Alpine Skiing

Varsity Assistant

Tracey DeBruyn

5

1

Basketball – Boys

Varsity Assistant

Graig Roberts

3

9

Modified

Randy Johnson

4

6

Volunteer

Sean Rutherford

-

-

Volunteer

Jay Barber

-

-

	Volunteer	David Vistocco	-	-
	Volunteer	Phil Desaw	-	-
	Volunteer	Benjamin Raymo	-	-
Basketball – Girls	JV	Marie Hunt	3	2
	Modified	Brian Hill	4	6
	Modified	Anna Milham	4	1
Unified Bowling	Head Coach	Johanna Arnitz	6	3
Lacrosse – Girls	Head Varsity	Jennifer Haggerty	2	6
	Varsity Assistant	Jamie Smith	4	16
	JV Assistant	Madeline Haney	5	3
	Modified	Ashley Zahn	6	3
	Volunteer	Mary Allen	-	-

**Per Diem
Substitutes:**

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Area of Certification</u>
Ashleigh Rombaut	Uncertified
Sammantha Hamilton	Uncertified
Mary Allen	Uncertified
Olivia Santos	Uncertified
Mary Pilcher	Elementary

**Non-Instructional
Appointments:**

The appointment of **Linda Miller**, from Part Time Teacher Aide to Full Time Teacher Aide, effective September 7, 2023.

The appointment of **Jill Pavlock**, from Part Time Teacher Aide to Full Time Teacher Aide, effective September 7, 2023.

The appointment of **Gloria Caceres de Reyes**, Full Time Teacher Aide, effective September 26, 2023, at an hourly rate of \$15.17.

The appointment of **Rebecca Ball**, Part Time Teacher Aide, effective September 20, 2023, at an hourly rate of \$15.17.

The appointment of **Linda Bryant**, Full Time School Bus Driver, effective October 2, 2023, at an hourly rate of \$25.27.

The appointment of **Suzanne Grow**, from Part Time Teacher Aide to Full Time Teacher Aide, effective September 7, 2023.

The appointment of **Kinley Palmer**, from Part Time Teacher Aide to Full Time Teacher Aide, effective September 20, 2023.

The appointment of **Krista Englert**, from Registered Professional Nurse Substitute to Full Time Registered Professional Nurse, effective October 10, 2023, at an annual rate of \$41,963, which will be prorated based on the start date.

The appointment of **Kristen Napolitano**, Full Time Teacher Aide, effective September 25, 2023, at an hourly rate of \$15.17.

The appointment of **Peter Deckert**, Full Time School Bus Driver, effective September 28, 2023, at an hourly rate of \$25.27.

The appointment of **Carole Fenner**, Department Secretary, effective September 26, 2023, at an hourly rate of \$19.40.

The appointment of **Alma Solis Pizarro**, from Full Time Cleaner to Part Time Cleaner, effective September 15, 2023.

The appointment of **Katie Mangiamele**, Full Time Teacher Aide, effective October 4, 2023, at an hourly rate of \$15.17.

The appointment of **Imelda Valenzuela**, Part Time Teacher Aide, effective October 2, 2023, at an hourly rate of \$15.17.

The appointment of **Kimberly Patti**, Full Time Teacher Aide, effective October 2, 2023, at an hourly rate of \$15.17.

The appointment of **Michael Burke**, from School Bus Driver Substitute to Part Time School Bus Drivers, effective October 4, 2023, at an hourly rate of \$21.99.

The appointment of **Gloria Caceres de Reyes**, Full Time Teacher Aide, effective September 26, 2023, at an hourly rate of \$15.17.

The appointment of **Jorge Coria**, Full Time Teacher Aide, effective October 16, 2023, at an hourly rate of \$15.17.

The appointment of **Marina Coleman**, Part Time Teacher Aide, effective October 16, 2023, at an hourly rate of \$15.17.

Resignations:

The resignation of **Corey Kelley**, Food Service Helper, effective September 12, 2023.

The resignation of **Timothy Cedar**, School Bus Driver, effective September 17, 2023.

The resignation of **Lisa Cedar**, School Bus Monitor, effective September 17, 2023.

The resignation of **Stacey King**, School Bus Monitor, effective September 15, 2023.

The resignation of **Shaunna Schaufelberger**, Full Time Teacher Aide, effective October 9, 2023.

Position Action: The Board of Education authorizes the following actions to be effective on October 13, 2023:

- Create a position of Network Engineer I at an hourly rate of \$29.75. This position is not assigned to a bargaining unit.
- Abolish the position of Information Technology Network Analyst I.

**Per Diem and
Substitute Positions:**

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Position</u>
Paul Anderson	School Bus Driver Trainee/ School Bus Monitor
Brooke Bagley	Teacher Aide
Emily Reed	Teacher Aide
Autumn Chapman	Teacher Aide/ Typist
Jaclyn Corrado	Teacher Aide
Shaunna Schaufelberger	Teacher Aide
Patricia St Mary	School Bus Driver Trainee/ School Bus Monitor
William Ramos	Lifeguard

CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS: Recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from the meetings of August 29, 2023, September 8, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28, 2023, October 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 2023 and from the Committee on Preschool Special Education from the meetings of September 8, 11, 12, 13, 19, 22, 27, 28, 2023.

DONATION: Buddy Bench donated to the Victor Early Childhood School from the Daisy Girl Scouts valued at \$384.92. Board President DeLucia thanked the Daisy Girl Scouts for the Buddy Bench. He said it was a great video and very much appreciated.

TEAM OF ONE: Irondequoit Central School District Varsity Girls' Alpine Skiing to participate with the Victor Central School District as a Team of One in Varsity Girls' Alpine Skiing for the 2023-2024 School Year.

EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT: The Basic Financial Statements, Management Letter and Corrective Action Plan for year ended June 30, 2023. Assistant Superintendent for Business Derek Vallese said the Audit Committee convened last week to review the financial statements for the 2022-2023 school year. Overall the financial statements were very good. The auditors did have two comments. One was that the Child Nutrition Program has a surplus above the state limit. He said the District is currently in the process of rebranding the Child Nutrition Program to try and increase participation in the program so there is a spend-down plan. The other comment was in transition of Claims Auditors there was one report that was unsigned. Dr. Terranova said one of the most important comments that came out of the Audit Committee Meeting is that the District is in great financial health. He thanked Mr. Vallese for his leadership.

MAINTENANCE VEHICLE BID: The Maintenance Vehicle Bid from Auction Direct as the lowest bidder meeting bid specifications.

HIGH JUMP PITS BID: The High Jump Pits Bid from MFAC, LLC dba M-F Athletic as the lowest bidder meeting bid specifications.

GRADUATES OF DISTINCTION: Appoint Senior High student Kyle “Tippett” Reinson to the Graduates of Distinction Committee for a term of two school years (2023-2024, 2024-2025).

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTIAL SETTLEMENT OF VAPING LITIGATION:

WHEREAS, in recent years the use and abuse of e-cigarettes and vaping devices increased dramatically among high school and middle school students, leading to significant risks of addiction and potentially life-threatening respiratory ailments; and

WHEREAS, students attending the Victor Central School District (the “School District”) have not been immune to this phenomenon with the School District observing students using e-cigarettes and vaping devices in school and on school grounds; and

WHEREAS, the use of e-cigarettes and vaping devices by students has caused the School District to incur costs in the form of staff time, disciplinary proceedings, and other costs, with the expectation that these costs will only increase unless and until student use of these devices decreases and stops; and

WHEREAS, the School District authorized the law firms of Ferrara Fiorenza PC, and the Frantz Law Group, APLC, to initiate litigation against Altria Group, Inc. and Philip Morris USA, Inc., Altria Client Services LLC, Altria Enterprises LLC, and Altria Group Distribution Company (collectively “Altria”) by board resolution relating to the production, marketing, sale, and distribution of e-cigarettes and vaping devices; and

WHEREAS, a tentative settlement has been reached with Defendant Altria whereby in return for discontinuing the litigation, the School District would receive certain cash payment; and

WHEREAS, the amount that the School District receives will be no less than \$20,276; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the “Board”) has determined it is necessary, advantageous, desirable, and in the public interest and the best interests of the School District that it settle this litigation against Altria.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the School District as follows:

1. The Board authorizes the partial settlement of the vaping lawsuit against defendant Altria.
2. A Settlement with the substantive terms contained herein is hereby approved in substantially the form reviewed by the Board and together with such minor modifications as are deemed necessary by the School District’s attorneys and administrators to protect the best interests of the School District.
3. The Board President, Superintendent and their designee(s) are hereby authorized to finalize, sign and enter into the Settlement Agreement on behalf of the School District and take all actions and execute all documents necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

VCS AND EMPLOYEE AGREEMENT: Agreement between the Victor Central School District and an Employee executed on October 12, 2023.

The motion to accept the foregoing consent items was carried.

6 yes 0 no 0 abstentions *(end of consent items)*

CAMPUS NEWS: VCS administrators summarized campus news and events.

THE SPOT PRESENTATION: Ms. Jessica Evangelista Balduzzi, Executive Director of The Spot provided an update to the Board of Education. She thanked the Board of Education for allowing her the time to review the program and thanked the District Administration for their continued support of The Spot. The Spot is a registered 501c3, volunteer-led organization dedicated to improving the lives of Ontario County children by providing access to food, clothing, school supplies and personal care items via free resource rooms in Canandaigua and Victor Schools. There is an increasing donor and volunteer base, implementation of strategic processes and procedures that will secure their sustainability moving forward, and an increasing awareness of the service that is provided to the community. The Spot started out as a sock and underwear drive initiated by Sarah Chilson in 2017. It has grown into an annual back-to-school event, year-round free resource rooms in every building in Canandaigua and Victor schools. The Spot has a dynamic Board of Directors, with six new members, along with a dedicated leadership team and nearly 100 passionate volunteers. Ms. Evangelista Balduzzi said nearly 40% of Ontario County households are living paycheck to paycheck and are one emergency away from poverty. This data comes from United for Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed (ALICE). Households make too much to qualify for federal programs like free lunch but too little to afford to feed their families on top of housing, transportation, health care, childcare, and utility costs. It is estimated that approximately 2,500 students between Victor and Canandaigua come from ALICE households. When children don't have what they need for school there are consequences. When basic needs are not met learning cannot happen. She said their work is to provide students with the basic needs, which benefits everyone. The Spot works in four ways providing school supplies, clothes and shoes, personal care items and food support. They rely on the relationships with the social workers and teachers within the District to help identify students who might be in need. Resources are located within each building so they can meet children where they are at. Last school year there were 144 individual requests from Victor that came in through the online request system. This is in addition to the resource rooms that are open to teachers to come in and take what they need whenever they need it. The cost to operate the resource rooms is about \$30,000. Ms. Evangelista Balduzzi said food support is the pillar of their program. Food insecurity is on the rise. The in-school snack program provides free healthy snacks to students. Teachers request classroom snacks for students who are unable to consistently provide their own. It costs approximately \$15,000 annually to run the Snack Program. Last year they provided around 200 cases of snacks per month to both Canandaigua and Victor School Districts. Snacks are a built-in part of the school day for many of the elementary children. The Spot has a partnership with Food Link. They just opened a pantry in the Canandaigua City School District in the elementary school where they are able to provide meals for an entire family eight times a year. She said last week they had 80 families that registered, and they offered pick-up and delivery for the holiday weekend. She said another big part of the program is their back-to-school event. This past August

they provided 700+ backpacks and grade level materials for grades UPK – 12 between Canandaigua and Victor. Even when school started the need for backpacks continued. Within the first week of school they filled 100 requests that came in for various items including shoes and clothing. She talked about the Concert Committee that is in Canandaigua Schools. This committee helps to provide concert attire for students and she would like to get this up and running for students in Victor. She said a lot of times the families that they help are the first to volunteer when there is an opportunity. The program relies on numerous local partnerships and donors to ensure they can continue to serve students in need. Board President DeLucia thanked Ms. Evangelista Balduzzi for the update and for all the hard work the organization does. Superintendent Terranova thanked her for her leadership in the program.

MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE; Curricular Program Review & Revision: Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Karen Finter, Director of Math and Science Carrie Goodell and Director of Humanities and Professional Learning Kristin Williamson provided the curriculum program update. Mrs. Finter said they will look at the two processes, curricular program review and curricular revision and share information on how the two processes function. Ultimately, the final goal is student achievement. It is important to document what is being done through the curriculum revision and review tied to instructional best practices. Thinking not just about academic standards as they are present across all grade spans, but how do we also think about social/emotional learning, character traits and developing well rounded individuals in an inclusive environment that is supportive of equity. She said the year 2 theme is around curriculums vertical alignment in terms of the standards. This is where program review can come in. She said they are also continuing to work with some of the year 1 tasks. Mrs. Williamson talked about the curriculum writing process. She said they are looking at what curriculum needs to be prioritized. As new standards roll-out they are making sure that they are implementing those standards in the curriculum. Sometimes a focus area is chosen based on teacher feedback or because an area has not been updated in a while. The program review process will also help choose a focus area for curriculum. She said those who are going to be teaching the courses are writing the curriculum. Before a team comes together to write curriculum, they receive training in the backwards design curriculum development. From there they look at the essential standards that will be addressed in the unit, enduring understandings and identify the knowledge and skills children will need to master in the unit and develop assessments. Mrs. Williamson then provided a curriculum revision process example from 4th grade English Language Arts (ELA). She said some of the focus areas include continuing to implement the new World Language Standards, integrated humanities units 3-6, standard alignment of K-12 science, 9-12 mathematics, and 9-12 business. They will also continue to work on the vertical alignment within art course sequences 4-12, general music PreK-12, music performance groups and physical education PreK-12. K-6 health curriculum units will continue to be developed. Mrs. Finter then talked about the point of a program review. It is a way to look at the effectiveness of the program in achieving the goals and objectives. It involves accessing and organizing information about student achievement and the role curriculum and instructional practices play in supporting achievement. Mrs. Finter then reviewed the schedule of the programs under review. The schedule was created by Curriculum Council last school year. The review runs on a cyclical fashion and curriculum would go under review every 5-7 years. The schedule is adjusted based on mandates from the New York State Education Department and ongoing District initiatives. Mrs. Goodell talked about the timeline on how the program review work is broken down. She

said when they started talking about the process and what it would look like they started with the end in mind. They identified the products and outcomes they wanted at the end of the reviews. Mrs. Goodell then went over the process through the lens of the Computer Science Review. A review has a phased approach which includes the program review, action plan development and implementation. Mr. Snyder said he loves the curriculum. He asked how they evaluate the students' expectations for their learning. What would that look like? Mrs. Goodell said it is important as part of the curriculum development that they include as part of the understandings and questions from a teacher lens what they want the students to be able to understand and do at the end of the unit. Teachers have to be transparent with the students on what the hope and expectations are for them. The students also have to be able to identify those as well so they can start to self-assess where they fall on the understanding and ability range and how they can use and apply that learning. Mr. Adams said he also believes it is incredible work and it is exciting to see it unfold. He said a suggestion he has is to look at potential programs that are out there such as "Girls Who Code." One of the things he has noticed on the higher education side is there is a shortage of women who go into these particular fields and Victor could be positioned very well to develop that. Senior High School Principal Brian Siesto said that Chris Wuest, the Computer Science teacher, just started a Coding Club this month. In his proposal he specifically recognizes and identifies that there is a discrepancy between the number of males and females going into, not only Computer Science but some of the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEAM) in general. He is trying to develop the genuine interest through the Coding Club from the ground level up through a fun activity. Mr. Siesto said Mr. Wuest is trying to address some of the gaps beyond high school and college. Mrs. Mitchell said she loves to see the schedule for the program reviews over several years. She asked if secondary students, specifically, have an opportunity to provide feedback at the end of a relatively new course? Not to evaluate their learning but to find out what went well or if they wanted more opportunities in a specific area? Mrs. Goodell said a big part of the program reviews in the past that they would want to continue is to find a way to tap into some of the alumni from the different programs for whatever review they are working on to make sure the insight is pulled back in terms of what they felt really prepared for or what pieces they felt they could have used more development in. Bringing those students into the program review form where they can provide that information to the group is a valuable learning experience for the District. Board President DeLucia said the presentation was very informative.

APPROVE TRIP: A motion was made by L. Kostecki, seconded by B. Adams to approve the Varsity Softball trip to Myrtle Beach, SC from 4/1/2024 – 4/5/2024 to participate in spring training. The motion was carried. 6 yes 0 no 0 abstentions

POLICY REVIEW Second Read: Policy 1499, Use of Service and Therapy Animals was brought to the Board of Education for a second read.

POLICY REVIEW First Read: Policy 9520.2, Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) was brought to the Board of Education as a first read.

MEETING REPORTS: Monroe County School Boards Association: Mrs. Kostecki attended the Fall Law Conference in September. She said the main topics were risk avoidance, employee rights and due

process. She said they were lucky enough to have the general counsel attend from the New York State Education Department to talk about new caselaw. She said it was excellent and incredibly informative.

Mr. DeLucia attended the Information Exchange Committee Meeting where the Gates Chili Central School District presented on Electric School Buses. They talked about how they got started and some of the incentives they capitalized on. New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) covered 90% of the cost of the infrastructure for the electrical lines to the pole. They currently have two 24kw chargers, which enables them to charge a bus to full charge in about eight hours and they can get about 100 miles from each bus. The district reported that every bus driver has an opportunity to drive the electric bus and because they are so quiet, the drivers say they can hear everything on the bus. They are considering putting in six 60kw chargers that would only take three hours to charge each bus. Currently the buses have an eight-year warranty on the bus batteries. The manufacturer did the training for not only their staff but also the fire department. Mr. DeLucia said they also talked about a poverty incentive. Even if your district does not qualify based on demographics, if you have one student that is transported to the district you can get the incentive. The concerns identified is that the incentives might go away and then the state will be saddled with more costs to support more electric bus purchases. A scare could be the state would have to do another Gap Elimination Adjustment in the future to balance the state budget.

Mr. DeLucia said he and Dr. Terranova attended the Executive Committee Meeting. He said it was a very full agenda. He spoke about the Monroe County School Boards Association website that is used for updates and communication from the association. Currently there are only 88 members that have logged in to register. He reminded the Board to log in and register to take advantage of the information that is on their website. There was a presentation by Sarah Pelusio, who is the legislative liaison. She talked about legislation that is in the works and how Monroe County School Boards Association can plan for advocacy with the trip to Albany and the Legislative Breakfast. Mr. DeLucia said he will provide the packet of information from the meeting to District Clerk Maureen Goodberlet and ask her to post it on the Board's secure site.

Standing Committee Updates: Mrs. Kostecki, as part of the Audit Committee that met last week, said it is nice to see the District in such strong financial health.

Mrs. Kostecki said she felt lucky to attend the Faculty Art Show and Music Recital last evening. She said we have thousands of students who are incredibly lucky to have such talented staff mentoring them. She said Aaron Isaacs, who oversees the live streaming for the Board of Education Meetings, has a voice of an angel. It was incredible to see the number of students there to support their teachers. She thanked all the staff for participating.

UPCOMING EVENTS: The next meeting will take place on Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 7:15 PM in the Early Childhood School Boardroom.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by B. Adams, seconded by A. Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen A. Goodberlet
District Clerk