

**VICTOR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Approved Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 24, 2024  
Early Childhood School Boardroom  
953 High Street  
Victor, New York 14564**

**CALL TO ORDER** President Tim DeLucia called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

**Members Present** Bryan Adams, Tim DeLucia, Kristin Elliott, Lisa Kostecki, Elizabeth Mitchell, Christopher Parks (arrived at 5:08 PM), Adam Snyder

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

**VICTOR-FARMINGTON LIBRARY VOTE LEGAL NOTICE:** A motion was made by L. Kostecki, seconded by K. Elliott, to approve the legal notice for the Victor-Farmington Library Vote as submitted. The motion was carried. 6 yes 0 no 0 abstentions

**BOCES BOARD CANDIDATES:** A motion was made by E. Mitchell, seconded by K. Elliott, that the Board of Education of the Victor Central School District cast one vote for Pam Pendleton to a seat on the Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES Board for a three-year term effective July 1, 2024. The motion was carried. 6 yes 0 no 0 abstentions

A motion was made by E. Mitchell, seconded by K. Elliott, that the Board of Education of the Victor Central School District cast one vote for OJ Sahler to a seat on the Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES Board for a three-year term effective July 1, 2024. The motion was carried. 6 yes 0 no 0 abstentions

A motion was made by E. Mitchell, seconded by K. Elliott, that the Board of Education of the Victor Central School District cast one vote for Lynn Gay to a seat on the Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES Board for a three-year term effective July 1, 2024. The motion was carried. 6 yes 0 no 0 abstentions

**BOCES ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET:** A motion was made by L. Kostecki, seconded by K. Elliott, that the Board of Education of the Victor Central School District, at its April 24, 2024 meeting, approved the 2024-2025 tentative administrative budget (Part 1) of the Wayne-Finger Lakes Board of Cooperative Educational Services in the amount of \$3,863,200. The motion was carried. 6 yes 0 no 0 abstentions

**BUDGET UPDATE:** Superintendent Tim Terranova provided a budget update. The District needed to adopt the budget on April 11<sup>th</sup> despite the uncertain state aid numbers. New York State did not adopt their budget until the weekend of April 20<sup>th</sup>, which provided clarity around state aid. He reviewed the adopted revenues, which included \$39,554,135 of state aid, which was the projection, based on best case scenario. He then went over the proposed additional positions. He feels the positions are necessary to support the continued excellence at Victor. There are two main categories for the increased positions, one being the Intermediate School enrollment and the other being special education. The 20 additional Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) positions does not include two Senior High School Musical Assistants, a Teaching Assistant (which is a transition position), Work-Based Learning and Athletic Teacher on Special Assignment summer support, section coverage and coaches. The actual state aid received is \$38,596,352.

He said now that the budget is adopted and we know that we will not receive all the state aid the District has adjusted expenses accordingly. \$100,000 has been reduced from the original budget. The other \$800,000 will come from two sources. They have reduced the amount of money budgeted for healthcare over the next two years and they lowered the contingency, which is the amount left from expenses from 3 ½% to 3%. Mrs. Mitchell said with these changes will it be a big implication for next years budget already? Dr. Terranova said the expenses are outpacing the revenue, which does put us in tighter position. He said the District is alright for the next 2-3 years. Mr. Vallese said the District is not exceeding the Tax Cap. Currently the rate increase will be at 2.82%, however he strongly believes that it will be less than that once they have the final rate in August. The budget proposition will be for \$103,224,919 and because the District did not receive the higher amount of state aid, the actual expenditures will be less. Mrs. Elliott said she has a really strong opinion about not offering healthcare to the substitute positions. She said it's hard to draw good candidates for substitutes, employees and teacher aides without fully supporting and enticing them with a good package. The District should not have to cut benefits to welcome new staff into the District. She said she is not saying she's all for raising taxes, however if you look where Victor stands with the per pupil expenditure compared to other schools in Ontario and Monroe Counties ours is much less for an incredible product. Mrs. Elliott said when people move to Victor they move because of the School District. Victor has done everything right over the last several years. The healthcare needs to be put back in. Dr. Terranova said the good news is that the District has only been offering the single plans for the five building substitutes. Because it is the single plan only a few have taken it. We were able to use the Federal Stimulus money to cover it. Mrs. Mitchell asked if there was a possibility they could just get a bump in pay. Mrs. Kosteki asked if we could check with other districts to see what they are doing with substitutes. Mr. Vallese then went over the additional propositions on the ballot.

**CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE:** Superintendent Tim Terranova provided a Capital Project update. He started out by reviewing the themes of the project which include safety and security, building renovations and innovation to support 21<sup>st</sup> century learning, as well as facility repairs and enrollment and space needs. The total cost of the project will be \$75,000,000. Currently the District has \$19,000,000 in the capital reserve and we could have between \$23,000,000 - \$25,000,000 with the leftover contingency money from this years budget. Dr. Terranova said if the District receives 100% aid for the project the levy increase would be a 1.57% tax rate increase, 50% aid would be 2.09% and no aid would be an increase of 2.61%. In dollars and cents that would mean for a \$300,000 house 100% aid would be an additional \$68.02 in taxes per year, 50% aid would be an additional \$90.52 per year and no aid would be an additional \$113.02 per year. Mrs. Elliott asked if we could apply for the aid retroactively. Dr. Terranova said he would check, however, he believes the aid is set when the project is approved. Mrs. Mitchell said at what point do we act on the project and put it to a vote without the state's decision on aid? Dr. Terranova said he does not recommend doing it without the final determination of aid from the state. The next steps are to run the project through the Thought Partner Group. With the information from the Thought Partners. Mr. Adams asked about how they strategically communicate the capital project. Much discussion took place around the communication process of both the budget and the project.

**ADJOURN:** A motion was made by E. Mitchell, seconded by B. Adams, to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 PM. The motion was carried. 7 yes 0 no 0 abstentions

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen A. Goodberlet  
District Clerk