

# **Board of Education Meeting - Jan 13, 2026 - Approved Minutes**

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 5:30 PM

Early Childhood School Boardroom 953 High Street, Victor, NY 14564

Board Members Present: Lisa Kostecki, Elizabeth Mitchell, Tim DeLucia (arrived at 7:15 PM), Christopher Parks, Carol Prescott, Adam Snyder

Student Board Members Present: Aiden Calnon (arrived at 7:15 PM), Isabella Polanco (arrived at 7:15 PM)

Board Members Absent: Bryan Adams

## **1. Meeting Called to Order by President Lisa Kostecki at 5:34 PM.**

A motion was made to enter executive session to discuss the employment history of specific individuals and matters related to collective negotiations with the Victor Teachers' Association and the Victor Administrator and Supervisors Association at 5:34 PM.

*Moved by:* Christopher Parks

*Seconded by:* Elizabeth Mitchell

**Motion carried. 5 yes 0 no 0 abstentions**

A motion was made to return to regular session at 7:10 PM.

*Moved by:* Christopher Parks

*Seconded by:* Elizabeth Mitchell

**Motion carried. 5 yes 0 no 0 abstentions**

T. DeLucia arrived at 7:15 PM

## **2. Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made to approve the agenda.

*Moved by:* Elizabeth Mitchell

*Seconded by:* Christopher Parks

**Motion carried. 6 yes 0 no 0 abstentions**

## **3. Superintendent's Updates**

Superintendent Dr. Tim Terranova provided an update focusing on district advocacy efforts aimed at securing appropriate state aid and supplemental funding for the upcoming school year. The district's

legislative priorities include a request for the governor's office to maintain "save harmless" provisions and implement a minimum 3% increase in foundation aid, alongside adjustments for modern special education costs. Dr. Terranova highlighted the collaboration with a community partner group that has identified five strategic pillars for long-term revenue growth and expense reduction. Operationalizing these pillars through subcommittee work is scheduled to begin in February with a goal of presenting actionable solutions by the summer. Additionally, Dr. Terranova recognized the achievements of the girls' golf team, as well as a Victor Senior High student who spoke at the Wayne-Finger Lakes Legislative Brunch last Friday. He promoted the upcoming PTSA Harlem Wizards fundraiser. Lastly, he recognized the upcoming Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday on Monday, which is a national day of service, honoring the life and work of Dr. King, encouraging all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities.

#### **4. Presentations/Recognitions**

Director of Health, P.E. and Athletics Duey Weimer and Girls Golf Coach Trevor Sousa celebrated the exceptional achievements of the 2025 Girls Golf team following their undefeated 17-0 season. The team secured the Section V Championship and the Monroe County Public School Athletic Conference title and the individual Sectional Champion. Beyond competitive success, the program was honored with the Monroe County Team Sportsmanship Award and maintained a cumulative scholar-athlete GPA of 96.42. The team will prepare to compete in the State Championship scheduled for June 2026.

#### **5. Public Participation**

None at this time.

#### **6. Acceptance of Consent Items**

Dr. Terranova recognized and thanked the retirees under the Personnel Agenda, item 6C.

Assistant Superintendent for Business, Christine Griffin, updated the Board on item 6F, the District's Annual Reserve and Financial Plan.

Mrs. Kostecki thanked those under item 6H for their donations to.

A motion was made to approve, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, consent items A-G.

Moved by: Christopher Parks

Seconded by: Elizabeth Mitchell

**Motion carried. 6 yes 0 no 0 abstentions**

- A. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on December 11, 2025
- B. Treasurer's Report for the month ending November 2025
- C. Personnel Agenda  
[Personnel Agenda 1.13.26.pdf](#) 
- D. Recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from the meetings of October 23, 29, 2025, November 21, 25, 2025, December 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 17, 18, 19, 29, 2025, and January 2, 5, 2026; and from the Committee on Preschool Special Education from the meetings of December 16, 2025 and January 6, 2026.
- E. Approve Single Audit
- F. Annual Reserve and Financial Plan for the 2025-2026 school year as submitted
- G. Approve amended Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA) starting rates, effective January 1, 2026, due to the New York State minimum wage increase:

| Position                | 2025-2026 Starting Rate |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Assistant Cook          | \$16.00 per hour        |
| Food Service Laborer    | \$16.00 per hour        |
| Food Service Helper     | \$16.00 per hour        |
| Teacher Aide            | \$16.00 per hour        |
| Bus Cleaning/Sanitizing | \$16.00 per hour        |
| Bus Monitor             | \$16.00 per hour        |

- H. Accept the following donations: \$1220 from the Victor Girls Lacrosse Booster Club to the Victor Central School District, to be applied towards the purchasing of 30 Gold Uniforms for the Varsity Girls Lacrosse Team; \$300 from Kathleen Wilson to the Victor Central School Music Department in name of Leola Melious; \$2,188 from the Victor Flag Football Booster Club to the Victor Central School District, to be applied towards funding the Flag Football Modified A team for the Spring 2026 Season; and \$1,098.50 from the Victor Football Booster Club to the Victor Central School District to be applied toward purchasing 19 gold replacement uniforms for the Varsity Football Team

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- A. Campus News  
Administrators updated the Board and Community on events happening around campus.
- B. Special Education Update (Karyn Ryan, Amanda Tripp, and Shannon Markin-McMurtrie)  
Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Services Karyn Ryan, and Directors for Special Education Shannon Markin-McMurtrie and Amanda Tripp from the Office of Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) presented a comprehensive update on Special Education data, highlighting a notable increase in the graduation rate for students with disabilities during the 2024-2025 school year. Leadership attributed this success to the expansion of integrated co-teaching (ICT) services and high school course offerings that align specialized instruction with Regents diploma pathways. As of October 2025, the district serves 571 students with disabilities, with the vast majority educated within district programs to prioritize the least restrictive environment. The department also detailed its data-driven approach to student discipline, utilizing behavioral incidents as diagnostic tools to refine Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) and ensure legal compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).  
  
Dr. Parks asked how the district's "sense of belonging" survey results compare to national norms or similar single-campus districts, and can we learn from districts achieving higher

percentages? Ms. Ryan said while Panorama does not currently offer specific local comparisons for similar single-campus districts, the administration can reach out to peer districts to investigate comparative data and successful strategies. Dr. Parks then asked if the open-ended feedback from students identify specific trends, and how can the Board further support this work? Ms. Ryan responded that the High School feedback indicated that student stressors are largely tied to managing grades, sports, and AP coursework; notably, recent graduates suggested implementing peer mentors to help with time management. The Board's previous support in increasing staffing for social workers, psychologists, and counselors has been vital, and continued support for professional development and program building remains the priority. Dr. Parks continued by asking if there is data correlating student involvement in extracurricular activities with their sense of belonging to help target students who have no "touch points" with the school? Ms. Ryan answered that the district is currently working on updating participation data for all students, including subgroups. While the previous equity audit did not fully capture club participation, the administration identified this as a future area of focus to better understand and encourage student connections. Mrs. Mitchell asked if at the district-level there was a way to map student connectedness, specifically students with disabilities, to identify which adults they feel closest to? Ms. Ryan responded that every building has a cultural goal tied to a sense of belonging, and various versions of connectedness mapping are occurring at different levels; the results will be reflected in the year-end goals for each building.

C. New Course Proposal and Approval (Carrie Goodell and Chris Wuest)

- Python - Coding/Computer Science

Director of Math and Science, Carrie Goodell introduced Senior High Teacher Chris Wuest. Mr. Wuest proposed a new full-year computer science course, "Introduction to Python - Coding/Computer Science," designed to provide an equitable and diverse pathway for students following their foundational coursework. Mr. Wuest highlighted that the course is a proactive response to a 2023 program review, aiming to equip students with skills in the world's most versatile

programming language used in AI, machine learning, and data science. The curriculum will utilize highly engaging, game-based learning platforms to make theoretical concepts tangible and fun. By offering this as an alternative or supplement to AP Computer Science, the district provides a fourth-year option accessible to a broader range of student interests and academic profiles.

Dr. Parks asked thanked Mr. Wuest, and said he is an example of why Victor teachers are so great, and why students feel connectedness with teachers. Mrs. Kostecki thanked Mr. Wuest for his enthusiasm, and acknowledged it's use in many job fields. Mrs. Mitchell appreciated the enthusiasm of the students and opportunities for them. Mrs. Prescott said she appreciated Mr. Wuest's personal efforts to increase courses and pathways of computer science classes and students.

A motion was made to approve the new course: Python - Coding/Computer Science.

*Moved by:* Carol Prescott

*Seconded by:* Christopher Parks

**Motion carried. 6 yes 0 no 0 abstentions**

D. Budget Development Update (Christine Griffin)

Assistant Superintendent for Business Christine Griffin presented the second installment of the 2026-2027 budget development plan, focusing on the district's operational pillars: operations and maintenance, security, and transportation. A strategic shift involves moving \$100,000 for door hardening from BOCES services to a "capital outlay project" line to maximize state building aid, effectively reducing the long-term cost of essential facility upgrades. The security budget is proposed to increase by 4.1%, covering updated SRO contractual costs and a \$60,000 investment in surveillance and door security. Transportation remains a challenge due to the ongoing driver shortage, necessitating an increase in contractual lines to fund outside providers. Ms. Griffin also highlighted a \$1.56 million bus fleet replacement proposition to include five 77-passenger Diesel buses, two 30-passenger Diesel buses, and one 60-passenger Diesel Wheelchair Bus. The budget process will continue through

March with upcoming reviews of building-level needs and personnel, leading toward a final adoption on April 16, 2026. Dr. Parks thanked the Board and prior board members for the increase in Security and filling gaps that needed to be filled.

E. Amendment to Previously Approved Trip:

A motion was made to approve an amendment to the Cheerleading field trip to Orlando, FL, previously approved at the Regular Board meeting on October 16, 2026; said amendment is to reflect a revised travel window of January 28, 2026 through February 2, 2026 (originally approved for 1/29/26-2/2/26).

*Moved by:* Tim DeLucia

*Seconded by:* Elizabeth Mitchell

**Motion carried. 6 yes 0 no 0 abstentions**

## 8. Meeting Reports

A. Monroe County School Boards Association (MCSBA)  
Committee Reports

Mrs. Kostecki provided updates from the January 7th Monroe County School Boards Association legislative meeting, noting that the New York State Board of Regents has proposed an increase in foundation aid with new funding weights for English Language Learners (ELL) and students experiencing homelessness. Governor Hochul's State of the State address highlighted key priorities for 2026, including transforming literacy and math outcomes and investing in high-impact tutoring and teen mental health first aid training. The upcoming Legislative Breakfast on February 7th will feature a new format allowing the addition of one student board member per district to attend alongside key state representatives. Additionally, "Albany Day" will be scaled back to a smaller delegation of five or six representatives this year to pilot a more focused advocacy format.

B. Standing Committee Updates

Mrs. Prescott praised the success of the recent alumni luncheon, recommending it become a permanent tradition to

gather graduate feedback on district readiness.

**9. Upcoming Events**

Budget Workshop and Board Goals Review, Thursday, January 29, 2026 at 5:30 PM in the Early Childhood School Boardroom; Board of Education Visit to the Primary School, Friday, January 30, 2026 at 8:30 AM; Board of Education Visit to the Intermediate School, Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at 8:30 AM; MCSBA Legislative Breakfast, Country Club of Rochester, Saturday, February 7, 2026 at 8:30 AM; Next Regular Board Meeting, February 12, 2026 at 7:15 PM in the Early Childhood School Boardroom; Budget Workshop, Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 5:30 PM in the Early Childhood School Boardroom

**10. Adjourn**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 PM.

*Moved by:* Elizabeth Mitchell

*Seconded by:* Christopher Parks

**Motion carried. 6 yes 0 no 0 abstentions**

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District Clerk