

Board of Education Meeting - February 12, 2026 Minutes

Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 5:30 PM

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

Board Members Present: Lisa Kostecki, Elizabeth Mitchell, Bryan Adams, Tim DeLucia (arrived at 5:42 PM), Carol Prescott, Adam Snyder

Student Board Members Present: Aiden Calnon, Isabella Polanco

Board Members Absent: Christopher Parks

1. Meeting Called to Order by President Lisa Kostecki at 5:38 PM

A motion was made to enter executive session to discuss the employment history of specific individuals at 5:38 PM.

Moved by: Elizabeth Mitchell

Seconded by: Carol Prescott

Motion carried. 5 yes 0 no 0 abstentions.

T. DeLucia arrived at 5:42 PM

A motion was made to return to regular session at 6:51 PM.

Moved by: Bryan Adams

Seconded by: Adam Snyder

Motion carried. 6 yes 0 no 0 abstentions.

2. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda

Moved by: Elizabeth Mitchell

Seconded by: Bryan Adams

Motion carried. 6 yes 0 no 0 abstentions.

3. Superintendent's Updates

Superintendent Dr. Tim Terranova provided an update regarding the district's ongoing commitment to student social-emotional well-being, specifically focusing on the strategic goal of fostering a sense of belonging and value. Using the Panorama data platform, the district confirmed that Victor currently ranks in the 90th percentile nationally for student

belonging compared to similar demographics. To support students falling outside this percentile, school building teams are utilizing "relationship mapping" to identify and connect students with trusted adults and necessary mental health resources. While high participation rates in athletics and music programs (60% and 40%, respectively) correlate with stronger student connections, the district remains mindful of the potential stress and time-management challenges facing highly involved students. Finally, the Superintendent recognized the Board's continued legislative advocacy for fair state funding and commended the facilities, transportation, and traffic control staff for their essential service during extreme winter conditions recently.

4. Presentations/Recognitions

None at this time

5. Public Participation

Mr. Jonathan Prater, District parent, Vice Commander of the American Legion, and Veteran, formally requested the District adopt two specific New York State property tax exemptions for veterans.

Mr. Adam Thompson, community member and Veteran requested the District's adoption of New York State property tax exemptions for veterans.

6. Acceptance of Consent Items (5 min.)

Dr. Terranova congratulated and showed appreciation for five teachers retiring at the end of this school year. He then thanked the Associations and Mr. David Passero, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel for their collaboration setting the 2026-2027 School Year calendar.

Mrs. Kostecki thanked the Buffalo Bills Foundation and the Victor Flag Football Booster Club for their donations to the flag football program.

A motion was made to approve upon recommendation of the Superintendent the following consent items A-L:

Moved by: Tim DeLucia

Seconded by: Adam Snyder

Motion carried. 6 yes 0 no 0 abstentions.

A. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on January 13, 2026

and Special Board Meeting on January 29, 2026

- B. Treasurer's Report for the month ending December 2025
- C. Personnel Agenda
[2.12.26 Personnel Agenda.pdf](#) 
- D. Recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from the meetings of December 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 2025; January 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 2026; and February 3, 2026 and from the Committee on Preschool Special Education from the meetings of January 7, 9, 13, 20, 27, 30, 2026 and February 3, 10, 2026.
- E. Accept the following donations:
 - \$3,000 from the Buffalo Bills Foundation Grant to the Victor Central School District, to be applied towards funding the Flag Football Modified A team for the Spring 2026 Season
 - 3,575 from the Victor Flag Football Booster Club to the Victor Central School District, to be applied towards the purchasing of 30 Parkas for the Varsity Flag Football Team
- F. School Calendar for the 2026-2027 School Year as submitted
[VCSD District Calendar 26-27.pdf](#) 
- G. Athletic Hall of Fame By-Laws as submitted
[Athletic Hall of Fame By-Laws.pdf](#) 
- H. Visual and Performing Arts Hall of Fame By-Laws as submitted
[Visual and Performing Arts Hall of Fame By-laws.pdf](#) 
- I. Graduates of Distinction By-Laws as submitted
[Grad of Distinction By-Laws.pdf](#) 
- J. Capital Project Change Order Approval

BE IT RESOLVED , that the Board of Education of the Victor Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby approves the Change Order for Maracon Enterprises Inc. in the amount of \$83,692;

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this change order is for necessary asbestos abatement services at the Learning Center; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Board President or the Superintendent of Schools to execute the necessary documents to finalize this change order.

K. Authorization for Superintendent to Approve Capital Project Change Orders up to \$50,000

WHEREAS, the Victor Central School District (the "District") is frequently involved in Capital Improvement Projects (the Project) as approved by the voters of the District; and

WHEREAS, during the course of construction, it is anticipated that certain modifications to the work, known as Change Orders, may be required to address unforeseen conditions, design adjustments, or other necessary changes to ensure the Project proceeds efficiently and on schedule; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board") recognizes that delays in approving necessary minor changes can result in project stoppages, increased costs, or scheduling conflicts; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to establish a streamlined process for the approval of Change Orders that allows for efficient project management while maintaining appropriate fiscal oversight and governance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Victor Central School District hereby adopts the following regarding the approval of Change Orders for the Project:

1. Authorization of Superintendent: The Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized to review and approve written Change Orders for the Project, provided that the total cost of any single Change Order does not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).
2. Board Approval Required: Any Change Order exceeding the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) must

be presented to the Board of Education for review and formal approval prior to execution, except in cases of emergency where immediate action is required to protect the safety of students, staff, or property, in which case the Superintendent may authorize the work and immediately notify the Board.

3. Effective Date: This resolution shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as it is rescinded.

- L. Memorandum of Agreement Between the Victor Central School District and the Civil Service Employee's Association related to the financial compensation of a specific assignment

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- A. Campus News
Administrators and student Board Members Aiden Calnon and Isabella Polanco updated the Board and community of events and news from around campus.
- B. Capital Project Update (Christine Griffin, George Spinaris, Cameron Cunneyworth, Chris Mergler; 10 min.)
Representatives from SWBR and Campus Construction provided a comprehensive status update on the district's multi-phase Capital Project. Phase 1 is currently underway, with significant demolition occurring at the Operations Center and Learning Center, while campus-wide communication system upgrades have commenced at the Primary School. To mitigate logistical challenges in Phase 2, a new "Phase 1.5" was established to expand parking capacity at a highly economical, state-aidable cost. Phase 2 will prioritize state-mandated HVAC upgrades for large spaces and use a strategic bidding process to increase trade competition and reduce contractor markups.
- C. Management Plan Update; Grades 3-5, Implementation of CKLA - Assessment Analysis (Karen Finter, Kira Carinci, and Jim Mauro; 20 min.)
Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Karen Finter, Director of Humanities Kira Carinci, and Intermediate School

Principal Jim Mauro presented an update on the *Learning and Instruction* pillar, focusing specifically on refined ELA practices for grades 3 through 6. A key development this year is the implementation of a Schoolwide Assessment Team (SWAT) to standardize Oral Reading Fluency (ORF) testing, ensuring data consistency across classrooms and allowing teachers to create individualized "fluency profiles" for students. These profiles guide the WIN (What I Need) block, a designated time for targeted remediation, practice, or extension tailored to specific student needs. The district highlighted the successful integration of the CKLA curriculum, which emphasizes the reciprocal relationship between building background knowledge through reading and applying it through sophisticated writing tasks. Recent benchmark data confirms that Victor students remain in the "high growth/high achievement" quadrant, with upward movement in achievement levels across these grade bands.

Mrs. Prescott questioned whether the SWAT Assessment team was the same one that accessed all classrooms? Mrs. Carinci said that yes, this approach helps standardize consistency.

Mrs. Mitchell asked if the AimsWeb testing is timed? Mrs. Carinci responded that it is. Mrs. Mitchell then asked how Superkids curriculum is transitioning into CKLA curriculum? Mrs. Finter said that the district is looking at it currently, as the first cohort is finishing the transition.

- D. Budget Development Update: (Christine Griffin; 20 min.)
- Assistant Superintendent Christine Griffin reviewed the non-personnel budget updates for the Office of Instruction and Pupil Services, emphasizing a commitment to fiscal sustainability and transparency. The Offices of Instruction's non-personnel budget is projected to decrease by 6%, primarily due to aligning textbook expenditures with the static state aid allocation per pupil. The Pupil Services non-personnel budget faces an increase (\$579,212), driven largely by a shift of 18 students from BOCES to private special education placements and mandated contracted services. While non-personnel costs across all departments have risen by approximately 9.35%, these expenses represent only 7% of the total district budget. Looking ahead, the district is

monitoring factors such as a projected 15% increase in health insurance premiums and upcoming debt service.

Mrs. Mitchells asked Ms. Griffin to define what encompasses aideable "textbooks"? Ms. Griffin indicated instructional aide would include library, software, and hardware, along with standard textbooks. Mrs. Mitchell then asked if there is a formula used to calculate textbook aide? Ms. Griffin clarified that no, it is a set amount per pupil.

E. Trip Approvals

A motion was made to approve VIPE to Dayton, OH from 2/27-3/1/2026; VIPE to Dayton, OH from 4/15-4/19/26; DECA to Atlanta, GA from 4/25-4/29/2026; SEAS Club to Saranac Lake, NY from 5/29-5/31/2026; and Senior High students to Japan during Spring Break, 2027.

Mrs. Prescott asked for clarification as to what the cost to the district was indicated in the DECA trip paperwork? Senior High Principal Mr. Siesto was able to help clarify the ability for the school or local businesses to help fund the chaperone cost, as well as students who may have financial difficulty associated in participating in DECA competitions.

Moved by: Elizabeth Mitchell

Seconded by: Adam Snyder

Motion carried. 6 yes 0 no 0 abstentions.

8. Meeting Reports

A. Monroe County School Boards Association Committee Reports

Mrs. Kostecki communicated that the Legislative Committee met and planned for the Legislative Breakfast. *MCSBA Albany Day* this year is sending 5 members of the committee in the hopes to get more meeting opportunities.

Mrs. Mitchell reported that the District Operations Committee will hold a meeting after break on healthcare.

Mrs. Kostecki then reported about the great Legislative Breakfast event held the previous weekend. There were excellent student speakers; she also extended thanks to our

student board members for their attendance and engagement.

Mrs. Mitchell agreed that she was proud of Victor's student Board Members, and equally impressed with our elected officials who came. They were invested in the conversations and supportive of the school districts.

Mrs. Prescott said that when speaking with legislators at the breakfast, she appreciated their collaboration in bipartisan fashion for the school districts.

B. Standing Committee Updates

Mrs. Prescott said there was an IPAC Meeting which presented more inquiry opportunities including coding, robots, engineering challenges, stock market and book clubs, and keyboarding.

9. Upcoming Events

- A. Budget Workshop, Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 5:30 PM - 6:20 PM in the Early Childhood School Boardroom
- B. Next Regular Board Meeting, Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 7:15 PM in the Early Childhood School Boardroom
- C. Board Visit to Facilities and Transportation Departments, Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 8:30 AM
- D. Budget Workshop, Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 5:30 PM in the Early Childhood School Boardroom

10. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 PM.

Moved by: Bryan Adams

Seconded by: Elizabeth Mitchell

Motion carried. 6 yes 0 no 0 abstentions.

Kate Selleck

District Clerk