

Board of Education Meeting - Apr 16 2026 - Approved Minutes

Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 5:30 PM

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

Board Members Present: Lisa Kostecki, Elizabeth Mitchell, Bryan Adams (arrived at 5:45pm), Tim DeLucia, Christopher Parks (arrived at 6:32pm), Carol Prescott, Adam Snyder

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

1. Meeting Called to Order by President Lisa Kostecki at 5:41 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.

Moved by: Tim DeLucia; seconded by: Elizabeth Mitchell

Motion carried. 5 yes 0 no 0 abstentions

B. Adams arrived at 5:45 pm

C. Parks arrived at 6:32 pm

A motion was made to return to regular session at 7:05pm

Moved by: Carol Prescott; seconded by: Elizabeth Mitchell

Motion carried. 7 yes 0 no 0 abstentions

2. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda

Moved by: Bryan Adams; seconded by: Elizabeth Mitchell

Motion carried. 7 yes 0 no 0 abstentions

3. Presentations/Recognitions

The following student groups were recognized for their achievements over the winter months: The Senior High Musical cast and crew, Boys Varsity Bowling (Section V Division 1 Champions), Girls Varsity Indoor Track and Field (Class A1 Team Champions, Individual Sectional Champions), Boys Varsity Indoor Track and Field (Individual Sectional Champions), and Boys Varsity Wrestling (Individual Section V Class A1 and Division 1 Champion).

4. Superintendent's Updates

Superintendent Tim Terranova congratulated Assistant Superintendent for Personnel, Dr. David Passero, for obtaining his doctorate in educational leadership and then commended the previously recognized students for their achievements in performing arts and sectional championships. Appreciation was extended to Kelly Papajohn who was named as *Volunteer of the Year*, highlighting her significant contributions to community and athletic programs. Dr. Terranova thanked the collaborative delegation of members from the Board and VTA, who joined him to meet with New York State Senators Pam Helming and Shelley Mayer to advocate for equitable school funding. This advocacy focused specifically on adjusting special education funding formulas to better reflect complex student needs and addressing unsustainable increases in healthcare premium costs. Additionally, the Superintendent acknowledged the coordination of 33 voluntary staff meetings he is leading this spring, designed to gather internal feedback on district

performance and areas for improvement.

5. Public Participation

Community Member Elliotte Bowerman spoke about environmental sustainability and the school campus.

6. Acceptance of Consent Items

Dr. Terranova recognized the specific employees retiring from the district, thanking them for their long-standing commitments to the school community.

Ms. Griffin gave an overview of item G, the Audit and corrective action plan acceptance.

Dr. Parks thanked the Softball Booster Club for both of their generous donations to the district.

A motion was made to approve upon recommendation of the Superintendent the following consent items A-I.

Moved by: Christopher Parks; seconded by: Elizabeth Mitchell

Motion carried. 7 yes 0 no 0 abstentions

- A. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on March 11, 2026 and the Special Meeting on March 23, 2026.

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[Special Meeting - Mar 23 2026 - Minutes - Html](#) 

- B. Treasurer's Report for the month ending February 28, 2026

[Treasurers Report Ending Feb 2026.pdf](#) 

- C. Personnel Agenda

[4.16.26 Personnel Agenda Final.docx](#) 

- D. Recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from the meetings of January 22, 29, 2026; February 4, 10, 11, 12, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 2026; March 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 26, 2026; April 2, 6, 7, 8, 2026 and from the Committee on Preschool Special Education from the meetings of March 17, 24, 25, 2026, and April 6, 7, 14, 2026.

- E. The following donations:

- \$5,990.27 from the Victor Softball Booster Club to the Victor Central School District to be applied toward the purchasing of equipment outside the scope of the Softball Athletics Budget
- \$2,735 from the victor Softball Booster Club to the Victor Central School District to be applied towards the purchasing of Team Parkas, outside the scope of the program budget, that will be inventoried by the Athletic Department.

- F. Transportation Contract between a parent and the Victor Central School District

- G. **RESOLVED**, that the Victor Central School District Board of Education does hereby accept the 2024-2025 Internal Control Cycle Audit Report for the Transportation Department and approves the associated Corrective Action Plan.

[Victor CSD Transportation Audit Report 2024-25 FINAL \(1\).pdf](#) 

- H. Declare the following as surplus:
 - 19 Textbooks from the Victor Intermediate School
- I. Accept an Agreement between the Victor Central School District and an Employee executed on April 10, 2026

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A. **Campus News**

Administrators and the Student Board Members provided updates from around campus.

B. **Multiple Pathways for Student Success - Career and Technical Education in VCS**
(Karen Finter & Brian Siesto)

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Karen Finter and High School Principal Brian Siesto presented an overview of Career and Technical Education (CTE) and its integration with the New York State "Portrait of a Graduate" framework. The presentation emphasized that modern CTE provides aligned pathways leading to industry credentials and college credits, moving beyond the traditional model of disconnected elective courses. Significant growth was reported in Victor Central Schools' in-house programming, including the expansion of work-based learning, a first-ever welding cohort with Finger Lakes Community College, and a forthcoming locally endorsed business management program. Student testimonials highlighted the practical success of these pathways in securing post-secondary employment and advanced educational placements. The district looks toward a future of expanded partnerships and the 2027 opening of an auto technology facility to continue fostering high student engagement and career readiness.

Questions:

Mrs. Prescott thanked the presenters, and noted a presentation she attended at the state board conference highlighted what different schools were doing. She is impressed with our district's pathways in work based learning.

Mr. Adams asked regarding vertical alignment, if there are there precursor programs at the younger grade levels (like Junior Achievement field trip) that "seed" these career pathways before high school? Mrs. Finter and Mr. Siesto confirmed that career awareness begins early through counseling tools, middle school Family and Consumer Science coursework, and mock interview exercises for eighth graders. Additionally, extracurricular activities like Robotics, Lego League, and as Mrs. Mitchell noted, "Hour of Code" events—where high schoolers mentor primary students—serve as informal CTE foundations, made more effective by the district's single-campus layout.

Mr. Adams then asked if there an opportunity to enhance alumni engagement, perhaps through a symposium where former students return to discuss their careers in fields like engineering or accounting? Mrs. Finter responded that the district strongly agrees and is already implementing similar models, such as a recent educator forum featuring student teachers and professors. Additionally, the district hosts graduates in January to discuss their post-high school transitions, using their feedback to refine current programs and

maintain long-term community connections.

Dr. Parks highlighted the testimonials from the three students, and thought having them push into the elementary schools to talk about their experiences, as fellow Victor students, could even further grow the program's reach. He then asked for the presenters to ask for what they need from the Board of Education to be sure this continues to excel and build greatness.

Mr. Calnon referenced the event he attended with Mrs. Finter and other students from around the area where a main focus of the students was the need for financial literacy. He was glad to hear of Victor's progress and pathway in this area.

C. **Adopt the 2026-2027 Budget** (Tim Terranova & Christine Griffin; 20 min.)

The Board of Education formally adopted the proposed \$116,316,911 budget for the 2026-2027 school year, representing a 5.96% increase driven largely by contractual obligations and rises in health insurance premiums. This will be brought to voters on May 19.

Assistant Superintendent for Business Christine Griffin noted that while the New York State budget remains delayed, the district must adhere to strict legal timelines for the upcoming May 19th public vote. To bridge a \$6 million structural gap between projected revenues and expenditures, the district will utilize fund balance reserves, though leadership emphasized that this strategy is not sustainable long-term. Despite these fiscal pressures, the budget maintains all current student programming and class size parameters by achieving efficiencies through BOCES aid and staffing attrition. The final tax levy is set at a 4.29% increase, remaining within the state-mandated tax cap while ensuring continued operational stability.

Questions: Dr. Parks asked if there is any legal recourse when the state consistently fails to pass a budget by the April 1st deadline, given the difficulties it creates for local planning? Ms. Griffin responded that there is no known recourse and noted that only 10 of the last 40 state budgets have been on time. She explained that districts are forced to rely on estimates from the Governor's January proposal and historical formulas, though transportation and BOCES aids are generally predictable based on district spending. Dr. Parks applauded fellow board members for the advocacy with legislators, appreciating the diligence to get us to this point.

Mrs. Mitchell sought clarification on how an eventual change in state foundation aid would impact the budget if the state finally adopts its budget after the district has locked in its numbers. Ms. Griffin and Dr. Terranova clarified that the total expenditure number of \$116.3 million is "locked in" if the board adopts it tonight. If the state provides more aid than the estimated 2% increase, the district will simply use less of its fund balance; if the state provides less, the district would be forced to use more of its reserves to cover the difference.

A motion was made to Adopt the 2026-2027 District Budget:

RESOLVED, that, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the proposed budget for the 2026-2027 school year be approved as submitted, for a total of \$116,316,911, subject to approval by the qualified voters of the District at the Annual Vote and Election on May 19, 2026.

Moved by: Elizabeth Mitchell; seconded by: Tim DeLucia

Yes: Adam Snyder, Bryan Adams, Carol Prescott, Christopher Parks, Elizabeth Mitchell, Lisa Kostecki, and Tim DeLucia

Motion carried. 7 yes 0 no 0 abstentions 7-0

D. Approve the following trips:

- Robotics to Albany, NY from April 15, 2026 to April 18, 2026 to participate in the Tech Valley Regional Competition
[Trip Request - Robotics - 4.15.26.docx](#) 
- Cheerleading to Beach Lake, PA from August 23, 2026 to August 26, 2026 to take part in the UCA Masters Cheer Camp
[Trip Request - Cheerleading - 8.23.26 R.pdf](#) 

A motion was made to approve the Robotics team to Albany, NY from 4/15/26-4/18/26 and the Cheerleading team to Beach Lake, PA from 8/23/26-8/26/26

Moved by: Adam Snyder; seconded by: Christopher Parks

Motion carried. 7 yes 0 no 0 abstentions

8. Meeting Reports

A. Monroe County School Boards Association Committee Reports

Mrs. Kostecki reported the MCSBA Legislative Committee met last week with Regent Hale who spoke on "Portrait of a Graduate". Dr. Terranova added that the district has reached out for an additional meeting with Regent Hale to advocate for the district but has not gotten a response yet.

B. Standing Committee Updates

No additional updates.

9. Upcoming Events

A. Student Board Member Process

Mrs. Kostecki outlined information from the Board's last workshop surrounding the term lengths and application process for the student board members. The board favors a model that includes multiple grade level representation, one from the sophomore, junior, and senior classes. The option for expedited reappointment of any current student board members in good standing, who wishes to stay on the board the following year, for a term length up to 3 years total, was agreed upon. It was noted that this process could stay flexible, and subject to change, as necessary.

B. Special Board Meeting for W-FL BOCES Administrative Budget and Annual Election Vote followed by a Board Workshop: Wednesday, April 22, 2026, 5:30 PM

C. Budget Forum and Meet the Candidate Night, May 5, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the Junior High/Senior High Performing Arts Center

D. Board of Education Visit to the Early Childhood School: May 14, 2026, 8:30 AM

E. Next Regular Board Meeting: May 14, 2026 in the Early Childhood School Boardroom

F. Annual Vote and Board of Education Election Tuesday, May 19, 2026 from 6:00 AM - 9:00 PM in the Early Childhood School Boardroom

10. Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM.

Moved by: Bryan Adams; seconded by: Elizabeth Mitchell

Motion carried. 7 yes 0 no 0 abstentions



District Clerk