

Board of Education Meeting - May 14 2026 Approved Minutes

Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 5:30 PM

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

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

Student Board Members Present: Aiden Calnon, Isabella Polanco

Board Members Absent: Tim DeLucia

1. Meeting Called to Order by President Lisa Kostecki at 5:39 PM

A motion was made to enter executive session to discuss the employment history of specific individuals

Moved by: Adam Snyder; seconded by: Elizabeth Mitchell

Motion carried. 5 yes 0 no 0 abstentions

C. Parks arrived at 5:45 pm

A motion was made to return to regular session and adjourn the meeting at 6:47 PM.

Moved by: Elizabeth Mitchell; seconded by: Adam Snyder

Motion carried. 6 yes 0 no 0 abstentions

2. Meeting Called to Order by President Lisa Kostecki at 7:19 PM

3. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda

Moved by: Bryan Adams; seconded by: Elizabeth Mitchell

Motion carried. 6 yes 0 no 0 abstentions

4. Presentations/Recognitions

The Victor Indoor Percussion Ensemble (VIPE) was recognized by Director Mark Gowman, as the New York State Percussion Circuit Open Class Champions.

The 2025-2026 district Retirees were recognized for their accomplishments and dedication to the school community. Retirees this year include: From the District Office: Karyn Ryan; from the Transportation Department: Richard Engert, Ann DeRooy, Gerald Sensabaugh, Peter Deckert, Doreen Benschop, Cynthia Peets, Michael Benschop, and Gerald Vaughn; from Facilities: David DeWitt; from the Early Childhood School: Nancy Williamson and Jane Gallina; from the Primary School: Steven Fish, Mary Anne Buckley, and Stephanie O'Shell; from Intermediate School: Alison Sheridan, Elizabeth McLean, Amy Smith-Faczan, Jennifer Garland, and Linda Bocchino; from the Junior High: Deborah Palisano, Karen Ierlan, and Ann Marie Crye; and from the High School: Todd Forrest, Steve Cronmiller, Sue Utz, Anthony Montone, Sean Rucker, Valerie Falagan, Cristie Rydzynski, and Julie Merges.

5. Superintendent's Updates

Superintendent Dr. Tim Terranova opened his update by recognizing Board Member Dr. Bryan Adams for his recent doctoral degree, while also commending the VIPE program and recent district

retirees for their service. Board members and the community were reminded of the upcoming annual budget vote scheduled for Tuesday, May 19th, from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the ECS boardroom. The proposed budget maintains all current staffing ratios, programming, and class-size parameters despite ongoing fiscal challenges regarding the gap between expenses and revenue. Additionally, May 19th will feature several major district events, including the Random Acts of Art exhibition, the Cares Carnival, a senior high orchestra concert, and multiple athletic competitions. Finally, the Superintendent highlighted national recognition for the music department and celebrated four district alumni graduating from the Life Prep program at Nazareth University.

6. Public Participation

None at this time

7. Acceptance of Consent Items

Mrs. Prescott thanked Girl Scout Troop 40062 for their donation under item G.

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

Moved by: Carol Prescott; seconded by: Elizabeth Mitchell

Motion carried. 6 yes 0 no 0 abstentions

- A. Treasurer's Report for the month ending March 31, 2026
[Treasurers Report Ending March 2026.pdf](#) 
- B. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on April 16, 2026 and Special Meeting on April 22, 2026
[Board of Education Meeting - Apr 16 2026 - Minutes - Html](#) 
[Special Meeting - Apr 22 2026 - Minutes - Html](#) 
- C. Personnel Agenda
[5.14.26 Personnel Agenda Final.docx](#) 
- D. Recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from the meetings of October 23, 2025; December 18, 2025; January 21, 27, 28, 29, 30, 2026; February 3, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 24, 2026; March 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 31, 2026; April, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 29, 30, 2026; May 1, 4, 6, 7, 2026 and from the Committee on Preschool Special Education from the meetings of March 17, 2026; April 13, 21, 28, 29, 2026; May 5, 12, 2026.
- E. Election Inspectors for the May 19, 2026 Annual vote and Board of Education Election
- F. Resolution Pursuant to Education Law Section 913
RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Victor Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and pursuant to its powers under New York Education Law § 913, hereby directs a member of the teaching staff to undergo medical and/or psychiatric examination(s) and/or other tests deemed medically

appropriate, by an examiner(s) selected by the District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education directs the Superintendent of Schools to make such arrangements as are necessary to effectuate this resolution, pursuant to Education Law Section 913; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the findings of such examination(s) shall be reported back to the Board of Education for the evaluation of the employee's fitness to continue employment.

G. The following donation:

- A 48 inch Trex bench (valued at \$469) for the Intermediate playground area, donated by Girl Scout Troop 40062, earned after collecting and recycling 1000 pounds of plastic film over the course of a year

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A. Campus News

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

B. Capital Project Update

Christine Griffin, Assistant Superintendent for Business, introduced the capital project team from SWBR: Mark Maddalina and Cameron Cunnyworth, and the project's construction management firm Campus Construction: George Spinaris and Chris Mergler. They provided a comprehensive district-wide update on the Capital Project. The presentation outlined that Phase 1 is currently halfway complete and tracking ahead of schedule for a late summer finish, while Phase 1.5 parking lot construction remains on schedule for upcoming summer curbing and intersection enhancements. Financially, Phase 2 estimates currently sit at approximately \$44 million, slightly exceeding original projections, while the Phase 3 scope continues to be narrowed and finalized around an estimated \$21 million budget. Infrastructure upgrades are moving forward steadily, with the learning center and operations center transitioning to interior work, the notification systems advancing through the primary and intermediate schools, and drainage preparations underway for the Phase 1 turf field. Looking ahead, Phase 2 is awaiting State Education Department (SED) approval with plans to break ground in November.

Mrs. Mitchell inquired about the new parking lot near the intermediate school and whether additional road signage would be implemented to alert drivers to new traffic flow patterns or stop signs at the reformatted intersection. Mr. Mergler clarified that the reformatting will not change the direction or flow of traffic. Instead, the modification is designed to create a more generous radius to eliminate the existing tight corner, while aligning the entrance of the new parking lot directly with the exit of the existing one.

Mrs. Prescott sought clarification on the specific locations designated for solar infrastructure, asking if both the high school and intermediate school additions would feature rooftop solar. Mr. Cunnyworth confirmed that small rooftop solar panels are integrated into the designs for both the high school and intermediate school buildings. Mrs. Prescott then suggested the team to look into the feasibility or grant opportunities for installing class-sized greenhouses within new courtyard spaces to support agricultural classes while still maintaining classroom window requirements.

C. Community Partner Update

Dr. Terranova provided a comprehensive progress update on the Community Partners Committee, which was established by the Board of Education to counteract structural budget deficits caused by historically insufficient state aid and rising expenses. Comprising 28 community members, the committee initially generated five general strategic concepts in late 2025, all of which were formally approved by the board for deep-dive exploration across dedicated subcommittees. These active subgroups include Legacy and Major Gift Fundraising, Other Revenue Streams (focusing on county sales tax advocacy), Educational Program Partnerships, Community Education Programming, and an Energy/Sustainability initiative. Key milestones include a district-wide fundraising analysis, regional coalition-building for a proposed 0.5% Ontario County sales tax increase, and plans for a NYSERDA-supported program study evaluating geothermal and large-scale solar feasibility. The subcommittees are on track to finalize their recommendations over the summer, with actionable plans slated for formal presentation to the Board of Education in the fall of 2026.

Dr. Parks expressed support for the inclusion of geothermal energy in the Sustainability Committee's scope, noting previous Boards had discussed it before, as well. He highlighted Calkins Road Middle School as a successful regional example of a geothermal building.

Mrs. Kostecki thanked the subcommittees and chairs for their work and partnership, noting how pivotal it is to the success of the district.

D. VCS Library Department Update

8:36 pm

Angela Affronti, Director of Technology, along with district Library Media Specialists Christina Burke (ECS) and Danyelle Westbrook (HS), presented a comprehensive update on the Victor Central School District's library program for the 2025–2026 school year. The presentation outlined strategic milestones originating from the 2023–2024 formal library program review, emphasizing goals such as enhancing inclusive literacy, establishing guaranteed pre-K–12 media learning opportunities, and optimizing physical spaces. Across the elementary levels, libraries achieved high engagement metrics, including over 20,000 circulations at the Early Childhood School (ECS) and nearly 40,000 checked-out items at the primary school, while successfully expanding collection access to 100% of the student population. At the secondary level, the junior high and high school libraries transitioned into active hubs for research, critical thinking, and interactive media literacy lessons aimed at combatting digital misinformation. Looking ahead, the department remains committed to maintaining these equitable instruction models, updating book collections to align with newly adopted district curriculum, and expanding digital and physical titles to reflect student interests.

Miss Polanco asked for insight into how collaboration typically functions between classroom teachers and the building librarians. Ms. Westbrook responded it often happens organically via casual interactions in the hallways where librarians align library resources with classroom projects, through creative, educational ideas pitched directly to teachers, as well as formally through shared participation in the district's curriculum

writing process.

Mrs. Mitchell praised the presentation's data and inquired about how students specifically access and obtain the district's digital checkouts, such as e-books and audiobooks. Ms. Westbrook explained that students utilize the Sora app on their one-to-one devices, Chromebooks, iPads, or phones, which serves as the school-specific version of the public library app, Libby. Through a partnership with the regional OWWL library system, students gain expansive access to collections across 40 public libraries; the platform automatically filters content to ensure it is age and grade-level appropriate and features robust multi-language offerings, such as simplified Chinese titles.

Mrs. Prescott appreciated the goal of every ECS student getting a chance to come to library every week.

Dr. Parks appreciated the presentation, and noted that as an educator, he likes that students have an opportunity to come to the library, hold books in their hands, and read.

E. Approval of Trip

A motion was made to approve High School students to Cortland, NY from 5/27/26 - 5/28/26 for the Envirothon State Competition

Moved by: Bryan Adams; seconded by: Elizabeth Mitchell

Motion carried. 6 yes 0 no 0 abstentions

F. Approval of Tenure

A motion was made to approve, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the following tenure appointments, as submitted

Moved by: Adam Snyder; seconded by: Tim DeLucia

Motion carried. 5 yes 0 no 1 abstention (C. Parks)

[5.14.26 Tenure Appt.docx](#) 

9. Meeting Reports

None at this time.

10. Upcoming Events

- A. Annual Vote and Board of Education Election, Tuesday, May 19, 2026 from 6:00 AM - 9:00 PM in the Early Childhood School Boardroom
- B. Budget Workshop, Thursday, May 28, 2026 in the Early Childhood School, Conference Room A
- C. Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, June 11, 2026 in the Early Childhood School Boardroom

Mrs. Prescott acknowledged the LifePrep at Naz program completion ceremony which had happened this week, noting that it was something to be proud of.

Dr. Parks proposed expanding future meeting agendas, particularly under Item 8, that might allow for inviting a rotating selection of teachers to share classroom updates and professional development highlights. It was suggested to discuss it more at an upcoming Board workshop.

11. Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 PM.

Moved by: Bryan Adams; seconded by: Elizabeth Mitchell

Motion carried. 6 yes 0 no 0 abstentions

Kate Selleck

District Clerk