



REGULAR MEETING – January 26, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Tech Valley Regional Technology Institute (Tech Valley High School), a joint venture of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga Counties, 900 Watervliet-Shaker Road, Albany, New York, and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Counties, 10 Empire State Boulevard, Castleton, New York, was held on January 26, 2017 at the Tech Valley High School, SUNY College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering, 246 Tricentennial Drive, Albany, New York 12203. The meeting was called to order at 6:19 p.m. by President Puccio.

PRESENT

John Bergeron
Edmund Brooks
John Hill
Kevin Kutzscher
Lynne Lenhardt
Marilyn Noonan
Carol Orvis
Paul Puccio
Gladys Cruz, Dist. Supt.
John Yaglieski, Chief Exec. Officer
Gretchen Wukits, Clerk of the Board

ABSENT

Jeff Bradt
John Phelan

STAFF

James Niedermeier
Sarah Fiess

GUESTS

Wendy Ashley
James Church
Matthew Sloane
Lynne Wells

President Puccio led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

It was moved by Dr. Bergeron and seconded by Mrs. Lenhardt to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA

It was moved by Dr. Bergeron and seconded by Mr. Brooks to accept the November 17, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes. It was noted by President Puccio that the amount of the legislative grant on page 2 was incorrect.

MINUTES

It was moved by Dr. Bergeron and seconded by Mr. Brooks to amend the November 17, 2016 Minutes as follows:

- The amount of the legislative grant on page 2 should be corrected to \$460,666.

It was moved by Dr. Bergeron and seconded by Mr. Brooks to accept the Minutes of the November 17, 2016 Meeting, as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Kutzscher and seconded by Mr. Brooks to approve the following:

**PERSONNEL
CONSIDERATIONS**

RESOLVED: that upon joint recommendation of the District Superintendent of Questar III and the Chief Executive Officer of Capital Region BOCES, the following Teacher for the Tech Valley High School be jointly appointed: (Appointments)

Name:	Christina Smith
Position:	Teacher, Special Education (1.0 FTE)
Effective:	January 9, 2017-June 30, 2017
Certification:	Students with Disabilities K-6 Generalist (Initial)
Type of Appointment:	Regular Substitute
Tenure Area:	N/A
Probationary Period:	N/A
Annual Salary:	\$45,000
Benefits:	As set forth in the TVHS Teacher Association agreement

President Puccio called attention to Ms. Smith’s resume and emphasized the TVHS goal of recruiting teaching staff who have experience in building relationships with businesses. Mr. James Niedermeier, Principal and Chief Academic Officer, echoed President Puccio’s enthusiasm about Ms. Smith’s history of dealing with businesses.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hill and Mrs. Noonan arrived at 6:21 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Kutzscher and seconded by Mr. Brooks to approve the following:

RESOLVED: that upon joint recommendation of the District Superintendent of Questar III and the Chief Executive Officer of Capital Region BOCES, the following teachers listed below be jointly appointed to deliver professional development after regular work hours during the 2016-17 school year:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Jennifer Ezzo	\$40/hour
Lana Hower	\$40/hour
Jason Irwin	\$40/hour
Tom Morrill	\$40/hour
Sean O'Brien	\$40/hour
Michelle Sweeny	\$40/hour
Varada Vaughan	\$40/hour
Diane Weldon	\$40/hour

Mr. John Yaglieski, Chief Executive Officer, Capital Region BOCES, explained that the rates would be paid by the school districts requesting the professional development services. He recommended a procedure be developed to address future requests by the TVHS Teacher Association for adjustments to the labor agreement. Dr. Bergeron concurred with Mr. Yaglieski's recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mrs. Lenhardt to accept the November 2, 2016 through December 29, 2016 Internal Claims Auditor Report as submitted. President Puccio and Mr. Kutzscher questioned the "Exceptions" entry on the report. Ms. Wendy Ashley, BOCES Business Official, Capital Region BOCES, explained it denoted that the items should have had purchase orders opened prior to payment.

**INTERNAL
CLAIMS
AUDITOR
REPORT**

The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Mrs. Lenhardt and seconded by Mrs. Noonan to accept the Treasurer's Reports for the periods ending November 30, 2016 and December 31, 2016 as presented. In response to a question raised by Mrs. Lenhardt, Mr. James Church, Director of Strategic Planning Initiatives, Questar III BOCES, responded that the legislative grant is included in the Governor's Budget. Mrs. Noonan asked if a signature could be included on the Treasurer's Report. Ms. Ashley stated that report formats were being refined during the transition of the financial management function, and a signature would be on future reports.

**TREASURER'S
REPORTS**

The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Mrs. Lenhardt and seconded by Mr. Kutzscher that the Tech Valley High School Operating Board approve the agreement with the Guilderland Central School District to provide lunches for the 2016-17 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
SCHOOL LUNCH
AGREEMENT WITH
GUILDERLAND
CENTRAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT**

It was moved by Dr. Bergeron and Mrs. Orvis that the Tech Valley High School Operating Board approve the agreement with Dr. Shuching Chen, Executive Director, Center for Cross-Cultural Exchange, and TianJin No. 41 High School, effective January 26, 2017 through January 25, 2018. Mrs. Lenhardt commented that the Board had not seen such an agreement previously. Dr. Lynne Wells, Assistant District Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Capital Region BOCES, indicated approval of the agreement had been recommended as the consultant service and commitment had been informal in the past. It was noted that Schedules A and B had inadvertently been omitted from the agreement copy. Mr. Niedermeier explained that he could provide copies of the schedules.

**APPROVAL OF
AGREEMENT WITH
DR. SHUCHING
CHEN AND TIANJIN
NO. 41 HIGH
SCHOOL**

It was moved by Mr. Kutzscher and seconded by Dr. Bergeron to table discussion of the agreement until copies of the schedules were distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. James Niedermeier began his report by sharing the schedule of this school year's I-Term. He noted that the contacts with students and businesses had doubled from last school year. He highlighted that seniors were participating in panels talking with lower classmen. Mr. Niedermeier provided an overview of the increased outreach to school districts and the efforts of TVHS to serve as a resource to school districts. President Puccio asked if TVHS had gained any traction with the Albany City School District. Mr. Yaglieski commented that the Albany City School District still regards TVHS as a charter school, but that he is continuing to work with the Albany Board of Education to reinforce a relationship. Mr. Niedermeier added that the Albany City School District struggles with the selection process for TVHS. Mr. Niedermeier provided an overview of college opportunities at TVHS. He referenced his discussions with Excelsior College and a partnership to earn college credits with acceleration enabling students to acquire an associate's degree almost simultaneously with graduation from TVHS. He noted the development of a program that would be very economical, if not free, with money provided from the Foundation and fundraising through the Foundation. He reviewed course sequence options for pathways in math, science and technology. Mr. Niedermeier stated TVHS has flexibility because it is small, but he recognized the possible attrition rate in senior year due to students exhausting the school environment. President Puccio asked what could be done to stimulate seniors. Dr. Bergeron suggested encouraging students to network. President Puccio offered the idea to drive up the rigor at TVHS and to reintroduce it as a new place.

**PRINCIPAL'S
REPORT**

Schedules A and B of the agreement with Dr. Shuching Chen, Executive Director, Center for Cross-Cultural Exchange, and TianJin No. 41 High School were distributed.

It was moved by Mrs. Lenhardt and seconded by Mrs. Orvis to reintroduce the agreement with Dr. Shuching Chen, Executive Director, Center for Cross-Cultural Exchange, and TianJin No. 41 High School, on the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH DR. SHUCHING CHEN AND TIANJIN NO. 41 HIGH SCHOOL

It was moved by Mrs. Orvis and seconded by Dr. Bergeron that the Tech Valley High School Operating Board approve the agreement with Dr. Shuching Chen, Executive Director, Center for Cross-Cultural Exchange, and TianJin No. 41 High School, effective January 26, 2017 through January 25, 2018. Dr. Bergeron asked how the cost of the trip compared to those in prior years. Mr. Niedermeier responded that although there had been less support from parent fundraising, the overall cost is similar. He stated that the contract would formalize what had been done in the past. Dr. Wells noted that the last trip’s arrangements had been handled through a travel agency. She recognized that the Foundation Board had donated the cost to cover this trip’s chaperones. Dr. Bergeron reminded the Operating Board of the impressive video of a previous trip produced by the late Operating Board Member, Mr. Robert Gibson. Ms. Sarah Fiess, TVHS School Outreach Coordinator, responded that the TVHS students would be providing a similar video record of their trip.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Yaglieski acknowledged the efforts of Mr. Church in organizing a trip with TVHS students to the Division of the Budget to verify that the TVHS was included in the Governor’s Budget. Dr. Gladys Cruz, District Superintendent, Questar III BOCES, acknowledged that the participation of TVHS students in meetings at the Capitol is impressive. She noted that Mr. Niedermeier would be accompanying her and Mr. Harry Hadjioannou, Deputy Superintendent, Questar III BOCES, to meetings with component school boards of education. She also provided an update on the summer camps.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS’ REPORT

President Puccio acknowledged the work of Ms. Ashley and her team with the external auditing function.

BOARD DISCUSSION

The following items are follow-up items for the next meeting.

SUMMARY ACTIONS

- Resolution for Professional Development Trainers
- Visit on February 10 for I-Term student presentations
- Copy of lease with CNSE requested by Dr. Bergeron

It was moved by Dr. Bergeron and seconded by Mr. Brooks to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

March 24, 2017

Date



Gretchen E. Wukits
Clerk of the Board

