



**Operating Board  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE:** August 3, 2023

**LOCATION:** Tech Valley High School  
SUNY Polytechnic Institute - College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering  
246 Tricentennial Drive, Albany, New York 12203

**District Superintendent:** Dr. Gladys I. Cruz, Questar III BOCES  
**District Superintendent:** Ms. Lauren Gemmill, Capital Region BOCES

**Members in Attendance:** Edmund Brooks, ~~Nancy delPrado~~, Joseph Garland, ~~Nadine Gazzola~~,  
~~John C. Hill~~, Lynne Lenhardt, John Phelan, Heather Soroka, Bruce Tryon, Frank  
Zwack

Regular Meeting Called to Order and Pledge of Allegiance	Meeting called to order by President Brooks at 6:16 PM and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
Recognition of Visitors/ Guests/ Staff	Guests: Staff: Jim Niedermeier, Mike Buono
Presentation(s)	None
Communications	Our Next Board Meeting: (Reorg & Regular) Meeting: Thursday, September 28, 2023 Updated TVHS Board Information (meeting dates/board directory)
Approval of the Prior Meeting Minutes	BE IT RESOLVED: that the Tech Valley High School Operating Board approves the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on June 1, 2023. Motion by Lynne Lenhardt, second by Joseph Garland. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yes: Edmund Brooks, Frank Zwack, Heather Soroka, John Phelan, Joseph Garland, Lynne Lenhardt, Bruce Tryon

PERSONNEL	<p><b><u>PART-TIME STAFF APPOINTMENTS</u></b> BE IT RESOLVED: that upon joint recommendation of the District Superintendents of Questar III and Capital Region BOCES, that the Tech Valley High School Operating Board approve the following part-time appointments:</p> <p><b><u>Certified Staff</u></b></p> <p>Name: Jean Kerr Position: Teacher, Special Education (Part-time 0.90 FTE) Effective: July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 Certification: Special Education, K-12 (Permanent); Social Studies, 7-12 (Permanent) Type of Appointment: Part-time (non-probationary) Tenure Area: N/A Probationary Period: N/A Annual Salary: \$69,066(to be prorated based upon FTE) Benefits: As set forth in the TVHS Teacher Association agreement (prorated based upon FTE)</p> <p>Name: Scott O'Leary Position: School Social Worker (Part-time 0.80 FTE) Effective: July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 Certification: School Social Worker (Permanent) Type of Appointment: Part-time (non-probationary) Tenure Area: N/A Probationary Period: N/A Annual Salary: \$65,547(to be prorated based upon FTE) Benefits: As set forth in the TVHS Teacher Association agreement (prorated based upon FTE)</p> <p><b><u>Classified Staff</u></b></p> <p>Name: Christine Futia Position: Cleaner (Part-time 0.60 FTE, 10 month) Effective: July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 Type of Appointment: Part-time Probationary Period: N/A Annual Salary: \$42,539 (to be prorated based upon FTE) Benefits: As set forth in the TVHS Benefits policy (prorated based upon FTE)</p> <p><b><u>RESIGNATION: CARYN ANDERSON</u></b> BE IT RESOLVED: that the probationary period of Caryn Anderson, Teaching Assistant, will end on June 30, 2023; and THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon joint recommendation of the District Superintendents of Questar III and Capital Region BOCES, that Caryn Anderson's employ with Tech Valley High School will cease effective June 30, 2023.</p> <p><b><u>BY CONSENT - All Personnel Items</u></b> Motion by Joseph Garland, second by Frank Zwack. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yes: Edmund Brooks, Frank Zwack, Heather Soroka, John Phelan, Joseph Garland, Lynne Lenhardt, Bruce Tryon</p>
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<p>BUSINESS</p>	<p><u>Internal Claims Auditor Report</u> BE IT RESOLVED: that the Tech Valley High School Operating Board accepts the Internal Claims Audit Reported dated May through June 2023. <a href="https://go.boarddocs.com/ny/techvalleyhigh/Board.nsf/files/CTUM3H5946E8/\$file/REPORT%20-%20TVHS%20Claims%20Auditor%20Report%2005-06%202023.pdf">https://go.boarddocs.com/ny/techvalleyhigh/Board.nsf/files/CTUM3H5946E8/\$file/REPORT%20-%20TVHS%20Claims%20Auditor%20Report%2005-06%202023.pdf</a></p> <p><u>Treasurer's Report</u> BE IT RESOLVED: that the Tech Valley High School Operating Board approved the Treasurer's Report dated June 2023. <a href="https://go.boarddocs.com/ny/techvalleyhigh/Board.nsf/files/CTUM4B5964FC/\$file/REPORT%20-%20Jun%202023%20-%20TVH%20Treasurer's%20Report.pdf">https://go.boarddocs.com/ny/techvalleyhigh/Board.nsf/files/CTUM4B5964FC/\$file/REPORT%20-%20Jun%202023%20-%20TVH%20Treasurer's%20Report.pdf</a></p> <p><b>BY CONSENT</b> - All Business Items Motion by Frank Zwack, second by Lynne Lenhardt. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yes: Edmund Brooks, Frank Zwack, Heather Soroka, John Phelan, Joseph Garland, Lynne Lenhardt, Bruce Tryon</p>
<p>POLICIES</p>	<p>BE IT RESOLVED: that the Tech Valley High School Operating Board conducts a second reading and adoption of the following policies:</p> <p>NONE</p>
<p>Presentation(s)</p>	<p>NONE</p>
<p>OTHER</p>	<p>NONE</p>
<p>Principal's Report</p>	<p>Amy Hawrylchak, TVHS Principal</p> <p>- Saved \$5k at UAlbany for graduation - the theatre atmosphere was wonderful for acoustics.</p> <p>Shared 2023 College Credits data (Total credits average was 24) TVHS Enrollment for 2023-24 shared 2024- 31 2025- 40 2026-37 2027-43</p> <p>Camp Innov@tion 2023 Report Received several grants from sponsors Financially breaking even for camp</p> <p>Wait list for students is approximately 55 due to home districts limited number of kids sent. Gladys will discuss with the Commissioner. Gladys stated it's a lack of equity and access.</p> <p>Teachers worked 15 days over the summer to set academic and contact goals - choosing:</p> <p>AI - There are 2 ways they're looking at it - our own efficiencies / teaching students how to use it to enhance their learning and not do their work for them.</p>

	<p>Data Literacy - this came from their Business Alliance. Want students to be fluid in data set and be able to tell the story.</p> <p>Digital Fluency -</p> <p>These all come from being innovation and moving students into the future.</p>
District Superintendents' Reports	<p>Dr. Cruz reported that we are trying to find a new location for TVHS and spoke with UAlbany and as soon as their VP returns, it is something that will receive further discussion (started this last year).</p> <p>Amy would like to see a partnership with HVCC for the Associates Degree. Because Excelsior is more expensive as a private college, HVCC - along with their relationship would be more advantageous to TVHS.</p> <p>Lauren Gemmill expressed her appreciation of Amy and how she looks forward to working with the TVHS leadership.</p> <p>Gladys also added that AASA is coming to visit in September - to include TVHS.</p>
Board Discussion	NONE
Summary Actions	NONE
Adjournment of Regular Meeting	<p>BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tech Valley High School Operating Board voted to adjourn the regular meeting of August 3, 2023, at 6:54 PM.</p> <p>Motion by Lynne Lenhardt, second by Joseph Garland. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yes: Edmund Brooks, Frank Zwack, Heather Soroka, John Phelan, Joseph Garland, Lynne Lenhardt, Bruce Tryon</p>

Respectfully submitted by,



Robin Emanatian, Board Clerk  
Tech Valley High School