



**Operating Board
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE: March 27, 2025

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:

Capital Region BOCES

~~Nancy delPrado, Board Member~~
Lynne Lenhardt, Board Member
John Phelan, Board President
Heather Soroka, Board Member
~~Bruce Tryon, Board Member~~

Questar III BOCES

Edmund Brooks, Board Member
Joseph Garland, Board Member
Nadine Gazzola, Board Member
John C. Hill, Board Member
Frank Zwack, Board Member


Regular Meeting Called to Order and Pledge of Allegiance	Meeting called to order by President Phelan at 6:18PM and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
Recognition of Visitors/ Guests/ Staff	<p><u>Guests:</u> Danielle Hemmid, TVHS Teacher</p> <p><u>Students:</u> Franceliz Rosello Dan Pearlstein Aneice Cridelle CJ Lockwood Sal Lento Lee Suto Caius Carnes Joseph Leinfelder Douglas Hart Memo Feliz-Nickerson Noelle Ascoti Colin Anslow Devyn Currier</p>
Presentation(s)	None

Communications	<p>Our Next Board Meeting: Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 6:15 PM.</p> <p>TVHS Robotics Competition MVP Arena: March 28 & 29, 2025</p> <p>TVHS Graduation: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 @ 5 PM UAlbany</p>
Approval of the Prior Meeting Minutes	<p>BE IT RESOLVED: that the Tech Valley High School Operating Board accepts and approves the minutes of the reorganization and regular board meeting held on September 26, 2024.</p> <p><i>File Attachments</i> MINUTES 09-26-24 Reorg&Reg TVHS.pdf (295 KB)</p> <p>Motion by Lynne Lenhardt, second by Nadine Gazzola. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yes: Edmund Brooks, Joseph Garland, Nadine Gazzola, John Hill, Lynne Lenhardt, John Phelan, Heather Soroka, Frank Zwack</p>
BUSINESS / REPORTS	<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 September - October 2024.</p> <p><i>File Attachments</i> Claims Auditor Report September - October 2024.pdf (135 KB)</p> <p>Motion by Joseph Garland, second by Nadine Gazzola. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yes: Edmund Brooks, Joseph Garland, Nadine Gazzola, John Hill, Lynne Lenhardt, John Phelan, Heather Soroka, Frank Zwack</p> <p><u>Treasurer's Report</u> BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tech Valley High School Operating Board approves the Treasurer's Report dated October, 2024.</p> <p><i>File Attachments</i> TVH Board Reports - October 2024.pdf (279 KB)</p> <p>Motion by Ed Brooks, second by Lynne Lenhardt. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yes: Edmund Brooks, Joseph Garland, Nadine Gazzola, John Hill, Lynne Lenhardt, John Phelan, Heather Soroka, Frank Zwack</p> <p><u>Donation(s) Acceptance: Northeastern Fine Jewelers</u> BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tech Valley High School Operating Board hereby accepts the following donations in accordance with Tech Valley High School Policy No. 2090:</p> <p>Motion by Lynne Lenhardt, second by Nadine Gazzola. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yes: Edmund Brooks, Joseph Garland, Nadine Gazzola, John Hill, Lynne Lenhardt, John Phelan, Heather Soroka, Frank Zwack</p>

PERSONNEL	<p>BE IT RESOLVED, upon joint recommendation of the District Superintendents of Questar III and Capital Region BOCES, that the Tech Valley High School Operating Board accepts/approves the following personnel item(s) as noted.</p> <p><u>Per Diem Subs</u> The following substitutes are presented for approval at a per diem rate of \$125 per day effective October 9, 2024, through June 30, 2025:</p> <p><i>Sarah Mills</i> <i>Michiel Considine</i> <i>Jean Kerr</i> <i>Edward Webber</i> <i>David Jansson</i></p> <p><u>Increase in FTE and new probationary appointment:</u> Name: Scott O'Leary Position: School Social Worker Effective: November 22, 2024 Certification: School Social Worker (Permanent) Type of Appointment: Probationary Tenure Area: School Social Worker Probationary Period: November 22, 2024 – November 21, 2028 Annual Salary: \$68,169 Benefits: As set forth in the TVHS Teacher Association agreement</p> <p>ALL PERSONNEL ITEMS BY CONSENT Motion by Frank Zwack, second by Edmund Brooks. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yes: Edmund Brooks, Joseph Garland, Nadine Gazzola, John Hill, Lynne Lenhardt, John Phelan, Heather Soroka, Frank Zwack</p>
OTHER	<p><u>2025-26 Tech Valley High School Budget</u> BE IT RESOLVED: that the Tech Valley High School Operating Board hereby accepts and approves the 2025-26 TVHS Budget.</p> <p>Motion by Lynne Lenhardt, second by Joseph Garland. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yes: Edmund Brooks, Joseph Garland, Nadine Gazzola, John Hill, Lynne Lenhardt, John Phelan, Heather Soroka, Frank Zwack</p> <p><u>2025-26 Tech Valley High School Calendar</u> BE IT RESOLVED: that the Tech Valley High School Operating Board accepts the 2025-26 Tech Valley High School calendar as attached.</p> <p>Motion by Nadine Gazzola, second by Frank Zwack. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yes: Edmund Brooks, Joseph Garland, Nadine Gazzola, John Hill, Lynne Lenhardt, John Phelan, Heather Soroka, Frank Zwack</p>

	<p><u>2025-26 Tech Valley High School Operating Board Meeting Dates</u></p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED: that the Tech Valley High School Operating Board accepts and approves the 2025-26 TVHS Board Meeting dates.</p> <p>Motion by Lynne Lenhardt, second by Nadine Gazzola. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yes: Edmund Brooks, Joseph Garland, Nadine Gazzola, John Hill, Lynne Lenhardt, John Phelan, Heather Soroka, Frank Zwack</p>
TVHS Principal's Report	<p><u>Report by Amy Hawrylchak, TVHS Principal & Chief Academic Officer</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• TVHS Enrollment update w/ 4-year comparison• Grants, PLAN Pilot Mentor School (Project-Based Learning) and Teacher Residency (Partnered w/ Siena) student teaching• Innovative Solutions - a huge project that encapsulates everything the students have learned throughout the year• Robotics Team Competition this week• iTerm - Business Partners and relationships
District Superintendents' Reports	<p>District Superintendent, Gladys Cruz, thanked all the students for sharing their passions and sharing what they're leaving the school with. She expressed our pride, told them to change the world.</p> <p>District Superintendent, Lauren Gemmill shared the same thoughts and said that one of the themes she thought of is what the fabric that TVHS is built upon. Your dedication and commitment are something to be proud of and she thanked the administration as well.</p>
Board Discussion	None
Executive Session	None
Adjournment of Regular Meeting	<p>BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tech Valley High School Operating Board voted to adjourn the regular meeting of March 27, 2025, at 7:00PM.</p> <p>Motion by John Hill, second by Edmund Brooks. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yes: Edmund Brooks, Joseph Garland, Nadine Gazzola, John Hill, Lynne Lenhardt, John Phelan, Heather Soroka, Frank Zwack</p>

Respectfully submitted by,



Robin Emanation, Board Clerk
Tech Valley High School