



## REGULAR MEETING – July 28, 2016

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 July 28, 2016 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 6:15 p.m. by President Puccio.

### PRESENT

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

### ABSENT

John Hill

### STAFF

James Niedermeier

### GUESTS

James Church  
Danielle Bouton-Wales  
Meghan Heimroth  
Heather Nellis  
Matthew Sloane  
Lynne Wells

President Puccio led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

### **AGENDA**

It was moved by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mrs. Orvis to accept the May 26, 2016 Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

### **MINUTES**

Ms. Danielle Bouton-Wales, Questar III BOCES, introduced herself. Mr. James Niedermeier, Principal and Chief Academic Officer, explained that Ms. Bouton-Wales would be assuming the responsibilities of Director of Tech Valley High

### **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

School, the position outlined in the organizational chart adopted by the Board at its meeting on May 26, 2016. President Puccio indicated he had met with Ms. Bouton-Wales and had discussed the Tech Valley High School’s relationships with the two BOCES. He thanked Ms. Bouton-Wales for the learning that took place during their conversation.

It was moved by Dr. Bergeron and seconded by Mrs. Orvis 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 resignation of Julie Adadjo, Special Education Teacher, be accepted effective July 23, 2016. (Resignation)

The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Dr. Bergeron and seconded by Mrs. Orvis 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 Coordinator for the Tech Valley High School be jointly appointed: (Appointments)

Name:	Sarah Fiess
Position:	School Outreach Coordinator (1.0 FTE)
Effective:	July 6, 2016
Certification:	ELA 7-12 (Professional)
Type of Appointment:	Probationary
Tenure Area:	Instructional Support Services in Professional Development
Probationary Period:	Four years
Annual Salary:	\$72,500
Benefits:	As set forth in the TVHS Benefits Policy

The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Dr. Bergeron and seconded by Mrs. Orvis 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 School Counselor for the Tech Valley High School be jointly appointed:

Name: Laura Lee  
Position: School Guidance Counselor (1.0 FTE)  
Effective: June 6, 2016  
Certification: School Counselor (Permanent)  
Type of Appointment: Probationary  
Tenure Area: School Counseling and Guidance  
Probationary Period: Four years  
Annual Salary: \$52,000  
Benefits: As set forth in the TVHS Teacher Association agreement

The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Dr. Bergeron and seconded by Mrs. Orvis 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 Teacher for the Tech Valley High School be jointly appointed to a four year probationary term, commencing on July 5, 2016, provided that, except to the extent required by law, in order to be granted tenure, s/he shall have received composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Education Law §3012-c or §3012-d of either effective or highly effective in at least 3 of the 4 preceding years, and if s/he receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period, s/he shall not be eligible for tenure at that time:

Name: Devin Robinson  
Position: Teacher, Living Environment (1.0 FTE)  
Effective: July 5, 2016  
Certification: Biology 7-12 (Initial)  
Type of Appointment: Probationary  
Tenure Area: Science  
Probationary Period: Four years  
Annual Salary: \$52,500  
Benefits: As set forth in the TVHS Teacher Association agreement

The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Dr. Bergeron and seconded by Mrs. Orvis 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 Teacher for the Tech Valley High School be jointly appointed:

Name:	Jennifer Muirhead
Position:	Teacher, Art (Part-time .60 FTE)
Effective:	July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017
Certification:	Visual Arts (Initial)
Type of Appointment:	Part-time (non-probationary)
Tenure Area:	N/A
Probationary Period:	N/A
Annual Salary:	\$46,818 (to be prorated based upon FTE)
Benefits:	As set forth in the TVHS Teacher Association agreement (prorated based upon FTE)

The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Dr. Bergeron and seconded by Mrs. Orvis 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 Teacher for the Tech Valley High School be jointly appointed:

Name:	John Hartnett
Position:	Teacher, Technology Education (Part-time .60 FTE)
Effective:	July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017
Certification:	Technology Education (Initial)
Type of Appointment:	Part-time (non-probationary)
Tenure Area:	N/A
Probationary Period:	N/A
Annual Salary:	\$51,000 (to be prorated based upon FTE)
Benefits:	As set forth in the TVHS Teacher Association agreement (prorated based upon FTE)

The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Dr. Bergeron and seconded by Mrs. Orvis 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 Clerk be jointly appointed:

Name: Nancy Delacruz  
Position: Part Time Clerk (.50 FTE, 12 month position)  
Effective: August 2, 2016-June 30, 2017  
Type of Appointment: Exempt Civil Service  
Probationary Period: N/A  
Annual Salary: \$37,440 (to be prorated based upon FTE)  
Benefits: As set forth in the TVHS Benefits Policy  
(prorated based upon FTE)

The motion passed unanimously.

In answer to a question by Mrs. Lenhardt, Mr. Niedermeier detailed the staff development and orientation being provided to the new staff members. President Puccio asked for additional information about Ms. Sarah Fiess, the new School Outreach Coordinator. Mr. Niedermeier indicated she has a strong background in integrated curriculum and project based learning. He cited her previous experience in charter schools and noted her plans to work with the component school districts' middle schools.

It was moved by Mr. Kutzscher and seconded by Mrs. Lenhardt to accept the May 11, 2016 through June 30, 2016 Internal Claims Auditor Report as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

**INTERNAL  
CLAIMS  
AUDITOR  
REPORT**

It was moved by Mr. Kutzscher and seconded by Mrs. Lenhardt to accept the Treasurer's Reports for the periods ending May 31, 2016 and June 30, 2016 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S  
REPORTS**

It was moved by Mr. Kutzscher and seconded by Mrs. Lenhardt to designate Key Bank as the official depository for the Tech Valley High School. The motion passed unanimously.

**DESIGNATION  
OF DEPOSITORY**

It was moved by Mr. Kutzscher and seconded by Mrs. Lenhardt to reject the bids for \$36,305, \$36,800 and \$79,995 for transportation for the 2016-17 school year for the Tech Valley High School physical education class as the pricing is over budget and further to recommend that this bid be re-bid with a more comprehensive calendar and an extended vendor base to include school district transportation departments. The motion passed unanimously.

**TRANSPORTA-  
TION BID**

Mr. Phelan asked if there would be enough time for the transportation re-bid before the beginning of the school year. President Puccio confirmed his interest in the re-bid being open to school districts.

Mr. Niedermeier began his report by highlighting the teachers' experience at the Center of Gravity in Troy where they were put in the role of students.

**PRINCIPAL'S  
REPORT**

In answer to a question from Mr. Brooks, Mr. Niedermeier explained that the teachers were provided with staff member mentors. He reported on the attendance of three teachers and the School Outreach Coordinator at NTAC Orlando as well as the School Outreach Coordinator attending the Buck Institute event at TVHS. Mr. Niedermeier provided an update on the development of a TVHS graduation profile, one of the suggestions from the Report on Sharing the Learning and Achieving Sustainability. Mrs. Noonan raised the question of how cultural awareness could be measured.

Mr. Niedermeier cited a number of class projects including a mock UN and the design of water filters. He noted that TVHS had evolved into something more than a STEM school. Mr. John Yaglieski, Chief Executive Officer, Capital Region BOCES noted the four years of math and science provided at TVHS. A review and discussion of the regents results followed. Mr. Phelan asked if a TVHS student needed to attend summer school, would it take place in the home district. Mr. Niedermeier responded yes, provided the course were offered through the home district's summer school program. He also indicated that there would be an update at the next Board meeting about the food services at TVHS. He stated there would be a possibility of a local school district operating the program. It was concluded that very important work was being done at TVHS. Dr. Gladys Cruz, District Superintendent, Questar III BOCES, thanked Mr. Niedermeier from bringing the examination of data back to the conversation.

Mr. James Church, Director of Strategic Planning Initiatives, Questar III BOCES, provided a summary of the vacancies on the Foundation Board and noted the resignation and relocation of Mr. John Cavalier. He shared an overview of the visits with the Division of the Budget and federal and state legislators at the end of the school year. He noted that he and Mr. Niedermeier had met with Business Alliance members in order to provide a smooth transition after the leaving of Ms. Denise Zieske, Business Partnership Coordinator.

**DEVELOPMENT  
REPORT/  
BUSINESS  
PARTNERSHIP  
REPORT**

Dr. Gladys Cruz welcomed Mr. John Yaglieski in his new role as Chief Executive Officer for the Capital Region BOCES and again extended her thanks for his work on the Report for Sharing the Learning and Achieving Sustainability for TVHS. She noted staff members from both TVHS and Questar III BOCES had participated in leadership training at Questar III BOCES and Cornell University. Mr. John Yaglieski expressed his enthusiasm for working with TVHS and reported on his meetings with the 24 component school district superintendents. He also reported on his meeting with the Albany City School Superintendent and found her enthusiasm encouraging. Both Mr. Yaglieski and President Puccio raised the question about the cost of TVHS tuition versus the cost of tuition for charter schools.

**DISTRICT  
SUPERINTENDENTS'  
REPORT**

It was moved by Mrs. Orvis and seconded by Mr. Brooks to meet on the following dates with items as noted.

**REGULAR  
MEETING/  
DATE AND TIME**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
September 22, 2016	TVHS	6:15 p.m.
November 17, 2016*	TVHS	6:15 p.m.
January 26, 2017	TVHS	6:15 p.m.
March 30, 2017*	TVHS	6:15 p.m.
May 25, 2017	TVHS	6:15 p.m.
July 27, 2017	TVHS	6:15 p.m.

\*Indicates change in normal schedule

The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Orvis conveyed her excitement about the new staff members joining the TVHS team. Mrs. Lenhardt noted the interest for Ptech in rural schools and whether that interest could be extended to TVHS. Dr. Lynne Wells, Assistant District Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Capital Region BOCES, indicated that a lot of funding was becoming available for rural schools. Mr. Niedermeier emphasized that TVHS has 30 students on its waiting list. Mr. Phelan asked if a report on enrollment could be provided at the next Board meeting. A chart of current Board members and TVHS administration was requested.

**BOARD  
DISCUSSION**

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

- Report from Ms. Sarah Fiess, School Outreach Coordinator
- Report on food services
- Report on transportation
- Report on enrollment
- Chart of current Board members and TVHS administration

**SUMMARY  
ACTIONS**

It was moved by Mrs. Noonan and seconded by Mrs. Lenhardt to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

September 16, 2016  
Date

Gretchen E. Wukits  
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Clerk of the Board