

Victor Central Schools board approves two key new hires

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Victor Central Schools announced the hiring of two new district officials, Angela Affronti and Leanne Renee Gmeindl.

Gmeindl will replace interim director of special programs and compliance Sheila McCarthy as director of special education and compliance, while Affronti will replace retiring director of technology David Henderson.

Henderson is set to retire in July, while McCarthy is scheduled to step down in June.

Affronti and Gmeindl are scheduled to start on July 1. The Board of Education approved their hires Thursday night, district officials said. One of Affronti’s goals is to increase the opportunities available for incorporating technology into education. “My ultimate goal is to enhance the technology integration at VCS, and have our students develop 21st century skills: to think critically, work collaboratively and solve real world problems,” Affronti said. Gmeindl said she “could not be happier to have such an opportunity to return to my hometown,” of the greater Rochester area. “I look forward to working with the families and students of Victor Central Schools with a focus on family engagement and student achievement. I hope to bring a spirit of ongoing collaboration and communication to my new role,” she said.

Previously, Gmeindl worked at Plainville Middle and High schools in Connecticut as the special education instructional leader from 2014 to 2016. She also worked as the special education reading specialist for the Plainville community from 2005 to 2016, with

17 total years of professional experience.

Affronti also has more than 12 years of educational experience, having previously worked in the Cortland Enlarged City School District as the instructional technology integration and communication specialist from 2017 to 2020. She also worked as an instructional technology integration specialist for the Central New York Regional Information Center/Onondaga- Cortland-Madison BOCES consortium from 2015 to 2020.

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