

Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District No V009
Annual School District Floor Meeting Minutes: March 6, 2017
Bennington Fire House, River Street, Bennington VT

Regional Governing Board Members Present: Rickey Harrington; Art Haytko; Leon Johnson; Jackie Kelly; Ed Letourneau; John MacDonald; Ken Swierad.

Members Absent: James Boutin; Jon Gauthier; Fran Kinney; Heidi Pickering

CDC Staff and Others Present: Joseph Hall, Moderator; Michael Lawler, Superintendent/ Director; Meg Honsinger, Assistant Director; Stephanie Mulligan, Business Manager; approximately 50 members of the public.

Videotaping: CATTV

Recorder: Barb Schlesinger

Moderator Joseph Hall called the Annual Meeting to order at 6:30pm then read the Warning as follows:

(The) Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District No V009, Warning of Annual Meeting March 6th and March 7th, 2017.

The legal voters of the Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District Service Region (consisting of Arlington, Bennington, Dorset, Glastenbury, Manchester, North Bennington, Pownal, Readsboro, Sandgate, Searsburg, Shaftsbury, Stamford, Sunderland, and Woodford) are hereby warned to meet at the Bennington Fire House, River Street, Bennington Vermont at 6:30 in the evening, on Monday, March 6, 2017 to transact the following business from the floor:

Article 1: To establish the annual salaries of the District Directors at \$1000 each.

Motion was made from the floor and seconded. Voice vote indicated all were in favor. Moderator Hall called for opposed and abstention votes, with none voiced. The motion carried.

Article 2: To establish the annual salary of the District Treasurer at \$13,000.

Motion was made from the floor and seconded. Voice vote indicated all were in favor. Moderator Hall called for opposed and abstention votes, with none voiced. The motion carried.

Article 3: To establish the annual salary of the District Clerk at \$1,200.

Motion was made from the floor and seconded. Voice vote indicated all were in favor. Moderator Hall called for opposed and abstention votes, with none voiced. The motion carried.

Article 4: To establish the annual salary of the Assistant District Clerk at \$600.

Motion was made from the floor and seconded. Voice vote indicated all were in favor. Moderator Hall called for opposed and abstention votes, with none voiced. The motion carried.

Article 5: To establish the annual salary of the District Moderator at \$10.

Motion from the floor was made and seconded. Voice vote was taken, with one voice heard in opposition, commenting the pay was too low. The motion carried.

Article 6: To authorize the School District Board to borrow money in anticipation of revenues to meet current operating expenses of the District.

Motion was made from the floor and seconded. Voice vote indicated all were in favor. Moderator Hall called for opposed and abstention votes, with none voiced. The motion carried.

Article 7: To hold a public informational hearing on articles to be voted upon by Australian Ballot on March 7, 2016.

At this time, several members of the public came forward with questions. First off, the board members were asked to identify themselves, which they did. Secondly, questions regarding special education were asked: enrollment numbers, if the numbers were rising failing or falling, how big a part special education played in the budget and if 'special education students' included those that were behind as well as those that excelled.

Board member Ed Letourneau, as well as Superintendent Lawler and Business Manager Mulligan responded as follows: the CDC is its own District which employs a Special Needs Coordinator. This person works with the sending schools regarding students IEPs. There are approximately 65 – 70 special needs students currently in attendance and, the State limits enrollment in certain classes for safety reasons.

Article 8: To transact any other business found proper when met.

Nothing additional was brought forth.

At 6:43, motion was made and seconded to adjourn. All were in favor.