

1 **Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District (SVRTSD)**
2 **Education and Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes: Monday, August 11, 2014 10 AM**
3 Assembly Room, Career Development Center

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5 RGB members present: Jim Boutin, Ed Letourneau, Jackie Kelly and Rickey Harrington
6 CDC Administration-Acting Superintendent/Director Michael Lawler and Stephanie Mulligan,
7 Business Manager
8 CDC faculty present: Barbara Gorbaty

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10 Recorder: Sandra Redding

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12 Meeting opened at 10:12 AM with the chair, Ed Letourneau, requesting the committee go into
13 executive session for personnel. Motion made Rickey Harrington and seconded by Jim Boutin to
14 go into executive session. Unanimous vote.

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16 Committee returned at 10:35 AM and voted to return to open session. All approved.

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18 Motion was made and seconded to accept minutes from the July 28, 2014 meeting. All approved.

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20 Superintendent Lawler shared his update on the engineering program. At this time, there are no
21 viable candidates for the 2014/2015 school year. He feels the previous decision to suspend the
22 program for a time while we pursue a STEM criteria and curriculum would be the way to go. He
23 spoke with Principal Maguire at MAUHS who shared how difficult it is at this time of the school
24 year, to adapt schedules that have already been established. Also, the state is recommending
25 that STEM programs be studied and placed into as many schools as possible. There may well be
26 additional state funding available for this type of program. Jackie Kelly inquired if we had a
27 robotics program. We do not at this time. She suggested that we reach out to MCLA just south
28 of here for possible assistance, either thru dual enrollment and/or teaching situations for their
29 apprentice teachers. She indicated she would do some research on this and also, we should be
30 on the hunt for any grants in this area.

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32 Supt. Lawler announced that the Business Management Program Instructor position has been
33 filled. He notes at this time, there are 38 students enrolled in various components of that
34 program. He also stated that we expect the new guidance coordinator to be on the job next week
35 after the full board meeting.

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37 There are no changes in the Sustainable Foods Program at this time. The supt. met with the
38 MAUMS principal last week. There are details to be worked out regarding the setup of the
39 greenhouse which will be done in a cooperative effort involving the CDC building trades and
40 forestry classes. We look forward to a continued joint project with the Middle School and
41 collaboration of associated classes, such as culinary. This may be a project we can run year
42 round in association with the local food pantry. This greenhouse will not have electrical power,
43 heat or direct running water. There is water available at the site. We do not have the schedule
44 for the coming year for this class yet or the number of students.

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46 The committee mentioned the faculty handbook which has been in the drop box for some time.
47 They will encourage board members to review it for any additional thoughts.

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49 The committee unanimously called for adjournment at 10:45 AM.