

1 **Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District (SVRTSD)**

2 **Education and Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes: Monday, August 3, 2015 3:15 PM**

3 Assembly Room, Career Development Center

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5 RGB members present: Jim Boutin, John MacDonald, Edward Letourneau, Rickey Harrington,
6 Jon Gauthier and Jackie Kelly. CDC represented by Mike Lawler, Superintendent; Marie Pierre
7 Huguet, Assistant Director, ACE; W. Klein, Work Based Learning Coordinator; Kathy Slade,
8 Medical Professions Instructor and Tom Haskins, Auto Program Instructor.
9 Meeting called to order at 2:35 PM.

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11 Superintendent Lawler spoke about the success of the new Experiences Summer Camp
12 organized by the Bennington Police Department and co-sponsored by the CDC this year. The
13 week long program was well attended with a full day of experiences here at the CDC for
14 participants. CDC programs that the young people, ages 11-15, could experience included Auto,
15 Building Trades, Culinary, Design/Fabrication and Forestry. CDC busses were used for
16 transportation with CDC drivers. There was a great article in the Bennington Banner showcasing
17 the participants and the CDC. Mike feels it our involvement will enhance enrollment in the
18 coming years. He hopes for future experiences with this successful program. It was noted that
19 there was a fee for each participant, but there were several area donations to help offset
20 expenses. Auto Program instructor, Tom Haskins shared with the committee that he would
21 certainly participate again and stated all the young people were well behaved in each of the small
22 groups he taught. He did suggest that the small groups worked quite well in keeping all involved.

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24 The committee next began a discussion concerning the Work Based Learning position, presently
25 half time with Wendy Klein as instructor. Wendy had agreed to some additional hours for this
26 summer. Supt. Lawler noted that this discussion as to fulltime vs. part time has gone on for many
27 months. A new job description has been brought to the board as requested. Mike feels that
28 students are being affected by the fact that the WBL instructor is not available fulltime. He thinks
29 that the job cannot be done to its fullest extent with a part time instructor. More discussion
30 ensued with committee members asking and weighing in with comments. All seemed in favor of
31 a fulltime instructor. The motion was made and seconded by Rickey Harrington and Jackie Kelly
32 to return the WBL present half time position to a fulltime position. Vote was in agreement
33 unanimously.

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35 Mike shared with the group the plans for the upcoming in-service days for faculty. The faculty will
36 meet with Linda Jackson during their in-service time to work on recruitment, work based learning
37 and advisory committees. These are self-identified areas that the CDC instructors have noted the
38 need to improve. On one in-service day, members of the district who are involved in industry,
39 business and services will be taking part in a work luncheon to share ideas and thoughts for what
40 they see as needs in our community that the CDC can readily assist with. The CDC wants to
41 continue to grow with the community and be prepared to provide for the needs of the community.

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43 The committee adjourned for executive session for personnel at 3:40.

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45 The committee adjourned at 4 PM.