

1 **Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District (SWVRTSD)**
2 **Regional Governing Board Special Meeting Minutes: December 12, 2011**
3 Assembly Room, Career Development Center

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5 Members Present: Gloria Alexander; Jim Boutin; Kevin Goodhue; Rickey Harrington; Larry
6 Johnson; Leon Johnson (left @ 6:55); Fran Kinney (left @ 6:55); Frank Lamb.

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8 Members Absent: Justin Corcoran; Jon Peaslee; Rick Pembroke.

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10 Staff and Others Present: Dr JoAnn Cox; James Culkeen; Mike Lawler; Greg Lewis; Dawson
11 Raspuzzi, Banner; Sandra Redding; Kathy Slade; Bill Swisher; Addie VanDeurzen.

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13 Videotaping: CAT-TV

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15 Recorder: Barb Schlesinger

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17 **Call to order/ Welcome**

18 Boutin called the meeting to order at 6:03, and noted a) that tonight's meeting was a Special
19 meeting because of the change of day and b) that even though some members would have
20 to leave early for other meetings, a quorum was present.

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22 **Public Comment** There were none

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24 **Agenda Change**

25 The Agenda was modified to move all items to be voted upon up time wise; Instructor
26 Lawler's presentation was moved back.

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28 **Presentation – MGT Representative**

29 Dr JoAnn Cox, senior partner, gave a brief background of her professional history and her
30 partnership at MGT of America. She also gave brief backgrounds of her teammates Robert
31 Schiller (State Superintendent) and Michael Bowman (CBO in Minneapolis). Dr Cox
32 reported their process is thorough and they come with no 'pre-conceived notions'; she noted
33 and thanked both Sandy Redding and James Culkeen for having been most responsive.

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35 Cox further explained the process: review the data, interview stake holders, and draft the
36 report; the project will conclude in late January/ early February 2012. Topics addressed will
37 be: governance, human resources, transportation, tech/ info, and instructional programs.

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39 **Consent Agenda**

40 **Lamb moved and Kinney seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.**

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42 Goodhue inquired as to where the Warrants were. Lewis explained that because tonight's
43 meeting is a 'Special' meeting being held a week before the normally scheduled RGB
44 monthly meeting, they were not available. Boutin interjected we would get caught up next
45 month.

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47 - Minutes of the November 21, 2011 RGB Meeting
48 - Minutes of the November 21, 2011 Finance Committee Meeting
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1 There was no discussion on these minutes.

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3 **Hand vote was taken with all in attendance voting on favor. Boutin reported the**
4 **motion carried unanimously.**

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6 **Action Items**

7 CTSO Nominations

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| 8 ➤ DECA | Lauri Wright |
| 9 ➤ SkillsUSA | Kathy Slade |
| 10 ➤ Human Services Club | Stephanie Peters |
| 11 ➤ FBLA | Neal Hogan |

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13 **Harrington moved and Goodhue seconded a motion to accept the four (4)**
14 **nominations based on the new contract agreement.**

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16 Discussion

17 Lewis noted the salary on the nomination forms was taken from the new contract. Leon
18 Johnson commented positively on the new review process that has more than one individual
19 doing the reviewing. He would like to see even more people involved in the review process.

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22 **motion carried unanimously.**

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24 **Chairman Report**

25 Boutin reported the MGT study was following an aggressive schedule (the public can get a
26 copy from the front office) and requested everyone participate, including community
27 members.

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29 **Superintendent/ Director Report**

30 Culkeen circulated copies of the signed Teacher's Agreement and noted that at this time,
31 CDC is not paying the teachers the new contract rate. The aim is for the teacher's first
32 checks in January begin the new rate. Culkeen noted there is a lot of work required to
33 update: docked pay, a no-pay period, health insurance, and STEP.

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35 Culkeen reported that SWVEA filed a wage claim today, which neither Boutin nor he has
36 seen. Brief discussion followed as to the changes being handled by the CDC business
37 manager and assistant (in-house) and what SVSU is doing.

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39 Culkeen reported the para-professionals have settled their contract; it needs to be ratified.

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41 Culkeen reported he had a lengthy interview with Dr Cox this morning and thanked Sandy
42 Redding and Greg Lewis for their prep work. Culkeen commented he thinks the audit will be
43 a good thing, providing him with a blueprint to go forward with.

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45 Culkeen reported on the input from Vern Grubinger (UVM Extension – Brattleboro)
46 during their conference call:

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- 48 • Developing a program based on 'food systems' (the 'new' term which includes farm
49 to table/ farm to fork)

1 **Adjournment**

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3 **At 7:04, Goodhue moved and Lamb seconded a motion to adjourn. All in attendance**
4 **were in favor.**

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6 Respectively submitted,

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8 Barb Schlesinger
9 December 19, 2011

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12 **Attachments:**

13 Packet

- 14 - Minutes of the November 21, 2011 RGB Meeting
- 15 - Minutes of the November 21, 2011 Finance Committee Meeting
- 16 - CTSO Nominations:
 - 17 o DECA
 - 18 o SkillsUSA
 - 19 o Human Services Club
 - 20 o FBLA
- 21 - Bennington Police Department Letter dated November 8, 2011 (Lawler)

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23 Meeting Additions/ Handouts

- 24 - Culkeen: 1) Signed Teacher's Agreement
- 25 2) Calendar
- 26 - Boutin: 1) MGT Schedule of Meetings (Monday, 12/12 → Thursday 12/15)
- 27 - Alexander: 1) Strategic Planning Subcommittee on Advisory Committees 11/29/2011
- 28 Minutes
- 29 2) RGB Strategic Planning Committee – Advisory Committees Faculty
- 30 Survey 2011
- 31 - Minutes of the November 16, 2011 Outreach/ Marketing Meeting