

1 **Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District (SWVRTSD)**
2 **Regional Governing Board Meeting Minutes: February 12, 2013**

3 Assembly Room, Career Development Center
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5 Members Present: Jim Boutin; Kevin Goodhue; Rickey Harrington; Larry Johnson; Fran
6 Kinney; Frank Lamb; Ed Letourneau; Heidi Pickering.
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8 Members Absent: Gloria Alexander; Justin Corcoran; Leon Johnson.
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10 Staff and Others Present: Superintendent James Culkeen; Barb Gorbaty; Mike Lawler;
11 Dawson Raspuzzi (Banner); Sandra Redding; Kathy Slade.
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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 6:30pm, welcomed all and noted a quorum was
19 present.
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21 **Public Comments**

22 Boutin called for public comments; Barb Gorbaty, English and Communications instructor,
23 responded that the faculty had concerns with the Minimum Enrollment Policy adopted at the
24 last RGB meeting. She shared a letter which states their concerns regarding this goal and
25 cited figures that indicate a need to attract an unrealistic 65% of the 11th grade general
26 enrollment in the public school(s) in order to meet these policy numbers. She noted that this
27 semester, only two out of the nineteen programs now meet the 10 student guideline for
28 student enrollment in the second year. Gorbaty requested the policy be reexamined and
29 suggested that it be looked at from a 'center-wide' viewpoint.
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31 Boutin responded there would be no action tonight and questioned why the faculty was just
32 now approaching the board; the process for policy adoption, which allows ample occasions
33 for input, had been followed. However, no input had been brought before the board until
34 after the policy was adopted. He thanked Gorbaty and noted it will be put on a full board
35 Agenda in the future.
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37 **Committee Reports**

38 Boutin reported that in the short period between the January and February RGB meetings,
39 no committee meetings were held.
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41 **Consent Agenda**

42 ❖ Minutes

43 - of the January 28, 2013 RGB Full Board Meeting
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45 **Harrington moved and Kinney seconded a motion to approve the January 28, 2013**
46 **RGB meeting minutes. Hand vote was taken with all in attendance voting in favor.**
47 **Boutin announced the vote was unanimous.** There were no comments.
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❖ Warrants

Payroll

- SWVRTSD Payroll Warrant # 1029 2/12/2013 in the amount of \$ 75,859.25

Harrington moved and Kinney seconded a motion to approve the Payroll Warrant. Hand vote was taken with all in attendance voting in favor. Boutin announced the vote was unanimous. There were no comments.

Vendor

- SWVRTSD Vendor Warrant # 1030 2/12/2013 in the amount of \$ 19,030.45

Harrington moved and Kinney seconded a motion to approve the Vendor Warrant. Hand vote was taken with all in attendance voting in favor. Boutin announced the vote was unanimous. There were no comments.

Cash Flow Statement *(January 1 through January 31, 2013)*

Boutin noted the report was in both the packet and the drop box. He called for comments and heard none.

Revenue & Expenses

Boutin noted the report was in both the packet and the drop box. He called for comments and heard none.

Action Items

- Field Trip Human Services I Stonington CT 3/14 → 3/15 8 students

Goodhue moved and Kinney seconded a motion to approve the presented field trip. Hand vote was taken with all in attendance voting in favor. Boutin announced the vote was unanimous. It was noted the trip is out-of-state and overnight.

Chairman's Report

Boutin deferred his time to the Superintendent, noting there has been nothing new to report on in the past two weeks.

Superintendent/ Director's Report

Culkeen reported:

- Tomorrow night there will be Open House from 6:30 until 8:00.
- The Vermont School Board Association has provided a certificate and a letter to present to board member Frank Lamb in honor of his nine years of service.
- In the drop box is the postcard that will be mailed next week to 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th graders. Lawler and Marie-Pierre are the ones handling this mailing.
- The afternoon the first meeting for negotiations for support personnel was held. Six dates were selected for future meetings. The goal is to have negotiations completed before the end of the school year.

1 **Other**

2 Boutin reported that recent Banner articles have been put in the drop box along with the
3 Human Services newsletter.
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5 Boutin also recognized Sandy Redding's birthday today, presented departing board member
6 Frank Lamb with a gift and noted his nine years of work and devotion, and presented
7 departing board member Larry Johnson with a gift and thanks for his four years of board
8 service. These three announcements were met with applause.
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10 **Executive Session**

11 **At 6:45pm, Lamb moved and Goodhue seconded a motion to enter Executive Session**
12 **to discuss personnel. All in attendance were in favor.**
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14 **At 7:48pm, Kinney moved and Goodhue seconded a motion to exit Executive Session.**
15 **All in attendance were in favor.**
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17 No action was taken.
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19 **Adjournment**

20 **At 7:49pm, Lamb moved and Johnson seconded a motion to Adjourn. All in**
21 **attendance voted in favor.**
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23 Respectively submitted,
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25 Barb Schlesinger
26 February 18, 2013
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28 **Attachments**

- 29 - Minutes of the January 28, 2013 RGB Meeting
- 30 - Payroll Warrant February 12, 2013
- 31 - Vendor Warrant February 12, 2013
- 32 - Statement of Cash Flow 01/01/2013 – 01/31/2013
- 33 - Local Budget Revenue & Expense 01/01/2013 – 01/31/2013
- 34 - Field Trip Requests: Human Services I
- 35 - FYI: Technical Center Tuition Fact Sheet
- 36 Letter from Bennington Police Department
- 37 Letter from parent of student
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39 Distributed at meeting

- 40 - Annual Report – FY 2012/ Budget Request – FY 2014 Booklet
- 41 - Letter to the Board from Instructors re Minimum Enrollment Policy
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