

1 **Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District (SWVRTSD)**
2 **Regional Governing Board Meeting Minutes: April 20, 2015**

3 Assembly Room, Career Development Center

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5 Members Present: Gloria Alexander; Jim Boutin; John Gauthier; Rickey Harrington; Leon
6 Johnson; Jackie Kelly; John MacDonald.

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8 Members Absent: Fran Kinney; Ed Letourneau; Jessica Gulley-Ward; Heidi Pickering

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10 GoTo Meeting Attendees: None this evening

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12 Staff and Others Present: Marie-Pierre Huguet, Superintendent Michael Lawler, Stephanie
13 Mulligan, Kathy Slade.

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15 Videotaping: CAT-TV

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17 Recorder: Barb Schlesinger

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19 **Call to Order/ Welcome/ Introduction of Board Members**

20 Chairman Boutin called the meeting to order at 6:30, noted a quorum was present and
21 added the members not physically present might be joining via GoTo.

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23 **Public Comments**

24 Chairman Boutin called for comments; there were none.

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26 **Committee Reports**

27 • Policy

28 Committee chair Johnson reported they met today with their business including the
29 review and approval of the committee's February minutes. The committee also had
30 healthy discussion on the Computer, Network and Internet Acceptable Use (Policy #
31 6141C). This policy will be replacing policies 6140C, 6148C and 6149C. The committee
32 anticipates policy #6141C will be an action item for Warning at the May RGB meeting.

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34 The committee has also agreed their meetings will be held on the third Monday of each
35 month at 4:30pm in the CDC Conference room.

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37 • Strategic Planning

38 Committee chair Alexander reported on the recent AAUW lunch and tour; there were
39 twenty-three attendees, high tea was provided by the Culinary program and the tours
40 were led by the Law Enforcement students.

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42 Alexander also reported

- 43 ○ the new *Student of the Month* project is moving along,
- 44 ○ Superintendent Lawler is in contact with Arlington Superintendent Judy Pullinan
45 on a possible pre-engineering program with Mack,
- 46 ○ On the need to prepare students for jobs they can do anywhere, not just within the
47 local economy,
- 48 ○ the Campus Store will serve as a lab for both Marketing and Business next year,
- 49 ○ the committee's next meeting is scheduled for April 27 at 2:30pm.

1 There was brief talk of other organizations coming in and touring with Alexander
2 suggesting it would also be good for the Board to do so. Chairman Boutin asked if it was
3 possible for the committee to have regularly scheduled meetings.

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5 • Finance
6 No meeting was held.

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8 • Education
9 No meeting was held.

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11 • Contract Negotiations
12 Harrington reported he felt the Bennington Banner's reporting on teacher negotiations
13 has been accurate. Negotiations are now at the hard part: money and insurance.

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15 Chairman Boutin concurred and also noted he felt the recent Banner write-ups on
16 Building Trades and Forestry (re: Bennington Area Habitat for Humanity) were good
17 public relations as was the write-up on Career Day.

18 19 **Consent Agenda**

20 **Minutes**

21 - Minutes of the March 16, 2015 Regional Governing Board Reorganization Meeting

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23 **Johnson moved and Harrington seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the**
24 **March 16, 2015 meeting. Hand vote was taken with all in attendance voting in favor.**
25 Boutin announced the vote was unanimous.

26 27 **Warrants**

28 **PAYROLL**

29 - SWVRTSD Payroll Warrant # 20 3/27/2015 in the amount of \$ 2,498.95
30 - SWVRTSD Payroll Warrant # 1040 3/27/2015 in the amount of \$ 77,823.44
31 - SWVRTSD Payroll Warrant # 21 4/20/2015 in the amount of \$ 868.09
32 - SWVRTSD Payroll Warrant # 1042 4/20/2015 in the amount of \$ 79,865.44

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34 **Harrington moved and Johnson seconded a motion to approve Payroll Warrants #s**
35 **20, 1040 (March 27, 2015) and #s 21, 1042 (April 20, 2015). Hand vote was taken with**
36 **all in attendance voting in favor.** Boutin announced the vote was unanimous.

37 38 **VENDOR**

39 - SWVRTSD Vendor Warrant # 1041 3/27/2015 in the amount of \$ 61,856.81
40 - SWVRTSD Vendor Warrant # 1043 4/20/2015 in the amount of \$ 97,297.22

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42 **Harrington moved and MacDonald seconded a motion to approve Vendor Warrants**
43 **#1041 (March 27, 2015) and #1043 (April 20, 2015). Hand vote was taken with all in**
44 **attendance voting in favor.** Boutin announced the vote was unanimous.

45 46 **Revenue & Expenses, Cash Flow**

47 Boutin called for questions for Business Manager Mulligan; none were raised.

1 **Action Items**

2 ▪ **Field Trips**

- 3 ✓ Theatre Arts 5/13 NYC 14 students
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- 5 ✓ SkillsUSA 6/22 → 6/27 Louisville, KY 4 students
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7 **Alexander moved and Johnson seconded a motion to approve the presented Field**
8 **Trips. Hand vote was taken with all in attendance voting in favor.** There was no
9 discussion.

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11 **Director/ Superintendent’s Report**

12 Superintendent Lawler had no presentation this evening but spoke on the following:

- 13 - Tech Centers at Work – the instructors have all reported back with their self -
14 assessments.
- 15 - The SREB had a site visit this Wednesday; there will be professional development
16 on May 15th which will include motivational speaker Jerry Ackerman.
- 17 - CDC students spent five days at Molly Stark this week as part of Career month. The
18 Theatre Arts students will be working with Bennington Elementary students later this
19 month.
- 20 - Student of the Month (April) is Darcy Lyle, a Medical Professions student. Honors for
21 her included a lunch (prepared by Culinary) with her family and a photo in front of the
22 ‘Cat’.
- 23 - Room 156, which is being renovated for use by the LNA/ Pharmacy Tech Adult
24 program, is currently 95% complete. Marie Pierre reported they will be moving in
25 next week and anticipate ‘ribbon-cutting’ in September. She noted that Pharmacy
26 Tech is the first in Vermont and is a blended program with both classroom and online
27 instruction.
- 28 - The he and the Arlington Superintendent, Judy Pullinan, are in talks re a potential
29 pre-engineering, offsite program at Mack. He reported they are at what would be
30 considered a very beginning strategy, with the potential for something next spring.
31 Kelly brought up that this could possibly solve the problem of engaging an
32 engineering instructor.
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34 **Chairman’s Report**

35 * **Committee assignments**

36 Chairman Boutin spoke of Committee assignments and asked if it was possible to have a
37 regular time/ day that each committee met. He also requested that agendas be given to
38 Sandy to warn. Boutin then announced the following assignments:

- 39 Policy: Johnson, MacDonald
- 40 Strategic Planning: Alexander, Gulley-Ward, Pickering
- 41 Finance: Harrington, Kinney
- 42 Education/ Facilities: Gauthier, Kelly, Letourneau, MacDonald
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44 Comments included Boutin noting that he (as chair) is a member of all the committees but
45 chair of none. This allows him to stay informed. Johnson noted that it would be nice to be
46 possibly ‘stack’ the committee meetings on the same day as the RGB meeting.

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48 Boutin reported an Education committee meeting will be scheduled in the near future with
49 the Coop position to full-time and a new STEM position being on the agenda. Both these

1 items will then be action items and be on the May RGB meeting agenda.

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3 * **Off Warrant Signers**

4 Boutin raised the voted item of Off-Warrant signers (Re-Organization – March 2015) and
5 asked if it was adequate to have just the board officers sign regular warrants rather than
6 having to pass them around for the entire board. Johnson reiterated that the item that was
7 voted on purpose is for off meetings and /or emergencies only, not regular warrants. There
8 was brief discussion with no change forthcoming in how warrants are signed by all
9 members.

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11 * **April 27, 2015 Legislator meeting**

12 Chairman Boutin spoke briefly of H.341 which includes items on district consolidation and
13 teacher strikes. He urged all to contact their legislator(s) to let their voices be heard.

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15 **Executive Session**

16 There was none this evening

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18 **Adjournment**

19 **At 7:00pm Johnson moved and Harrington seconded a motion to Adjourn. All in**
20 **attendance were in favor.**

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22 Respectfully submitted,

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24 Barb Schlesinger

25 April 25, 2015

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28 **Dropbox:**

- 29 - Minutes of the March 16, 2015 Regional Governing Board Regular Meeting
- 30 - Minutes of the March 23, 2015 Strategic Planning Committee Meeting
- 31 - SWVRTSD Payroll Warrant # 20 & 1040
- 32 - SWVRTSD Payroll Warrant # 21 & 1042
- 33 - SWVRTSD Vendor Warrant # 1041
- 34 - SWVRTSD Vendor Warrant # 1043
- 35 - Revenue & Expenses (Local Budget and Adult Ed), Statement of Cash Flow
- 36 - Field Trips (2) SkillsUSA & Theatre Arts
- 37 - Agenda