

Annual Report - FY 2006
Budget Request - FY 2008



Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District
(Southwest Vermont Career Development Center)

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SOUTHWEST VERMONT REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



Message From Your Regional Governing Board Chair

Greetings:

This has been a year of changes for technical education in Bennington County. Education is always evolving and improving to match industry and post secondary education standards—we are no exception.

The Career Center welcomes Will Steller, our new Horticulture teacher, and Lauren Ferrante, our new Cosmetology teacher. Also, Robert Montgomery joined us this year as our Assistant Director. All of these folks bring a new, exciting energy to the Center. This year we said goodbye to long time Horticulture instructor, Dick Lutz, and long time board member Brian Doxsee. The Board thanks both of these people for their many years of service to education.

Earlier I spoke of change; the board approved a new program and expanded another program to better educate our students. We received a start up grant to help fund a Cosmetology program. This will be up and running this spring semester. I will be excited to watch this course as it puts down roots and grows. The second addition is a full service student-run credit union branch housed in the Center. This enterprise is a partnership with the Heritage Family Credit Union. We will join Rutland and Brattleboro technical centers that have successful student branches. Here is another example of business and education combining our strengths to produce high quality educational experiences for tomorrow's employees.

This spring the Center will be going through the New England Association of School and Colleges ten-year review and evaluation. The end result will provide goals and guides for our future growth.

In closing let me say, all of our new and existing programs are run with quality and common sense cost as our guide. I believe after looking over this report you, the residents of Bennington County, will agree that we have met that challenge.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Lamb, Chairperson
SWVRTSD

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SOUTHWEST VERMONT CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER



Message from the Director

Bennington County should be as proud as I am of the education their students receive at the Career Development Center. Our teachers are exceptional and have years of experience working in the field in which they now teach. Some of our teachers have taught at the college level in addition to high school. All of our teachers have business and industry experience that help make learning experiences relevant to the real world. In addition, we have many successful graduates who are either self employed or working in area businesses; and many local businesses are classroom speakers, provide field trips or hire students through co-op experiences while in school. Many of our students are successfully attending 2- or 4-year colleges or graduates of college.

To help keep our programs up-to-date, each of our programs has an advisory board who advises them on curriculum content, learning activities and up-to-date equipment. These valuable voluntary boards consist of members of our business community who are interested in educating their future workforce. Many of them participate with students in classroom training activities. I'm sure if you ask them they will say they want their future employees adequately trained and with knowledge and skills on equipment that is state-of-the-art. That is our mission and we do an excellent job of that.

Last year voters from these towns also overwhelmingly supported our third independent budget. We have worked very hard to keep expenses as low as possible without harming our student's learning experiences.

The 21 programs offered at the Career Development Center are designed to jump start students toward their chosen career and also meet the region's economic development needs. Many of our technical programs include academic credit that helps students meet their local high school graduation requirements.

CDC program students may earn either an industry recognized credential or can apply with a fee for college credit from a number of colleges that have an agreement with our school. CDC curricula and instruction are aligned with both the Vermont Framework of Standards and State approved technical competencies. With any of these options, students come out ahead with valuable technical knowledge and skills ready to launch them into college or employment.

Along with the technical skills, students are able to develop leadership skills through our student leadership organizations: SkillsUSA, DECA, FFA, and FBLA. Over the years our students have placed first and second in many State competitions and have gone on to national competitions and performed very well.

We hope that as you look through the Annual Report you will stop to read what our students are doing this year. If you have any questions regarding our school, you may call me at 447-0220, ext. 141 or, if you want to enroll your student at the CDC, please call our guidance counselor at 447-0220, ext. 133.

Sincerely,

Donna Oyama, Director

Program Highlights of the Southwest Vermont Career Development Center

It is again our privilege to tell you, the voters of the Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District, what the Southwest VT Career Development Center (CDC) has been doing with your tax dollars this past year. We would like to tell our story through descriptions, pictures and statistics. We are sure you will agree that the resources you have entrusted to us have been put to good use -- educating your students.

Career and Technical Student Organizations

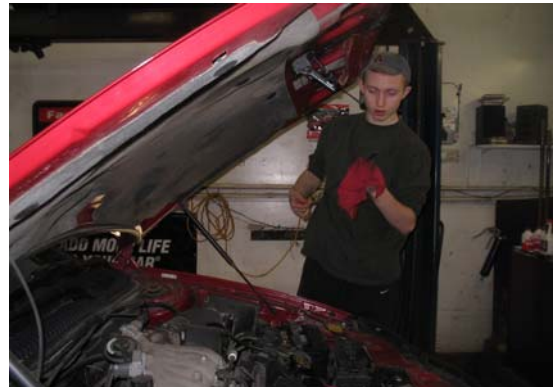
The CDC promotes student membership in four leadership organizations: DECA, FBLA, FFA, and Skills USA. Student leadership organizations provide students with the opportunity to acquire and practice leadership skills in a student-driven organization at both the local and state level, plan professional development and social activities, coordinate community service projects, and participate in state and national leadership conferences and skill competitions. Of the seniors who participated in CDC's Student Organizations and Leadership Training, **83.3%** said the skills they learned in the technical student organization helped them obtain better work place skills such as technical, leadership, personal development, and teamwork skills.

Community Appreciation Day

The Career Development Center honors local business representatives through a Community Appreciation Day in May. Local businesses participate as CDC program advisors, student co-op sponsors, speakers for classes, and provide opportunities for field trips so students can gain an understanding of their business.

The Cooperative Education Program (Co-op)

Work Experience While Earning Credit. Co-op is a program for students who are recommended to participate in supervised work-based learning experiences with regional employers. Every Co-op is customized to match a student's career interests and specified learning objectives. The goal of the Co-op Program is to provide students with opportunities to: Explore career interests in a real job setting; Strengthen academic and technical skills; Develop work readiness skills; Gain exposure to the standards, practices, policies, and culture of work.



Auto student at work

Student Recognition Ceremony

Each June the CDC faculty identifies students who have achieved academic success in their programs. Over 13 students were awarded certificates of Technical Excellence; 20 National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) inductees; 18 second year NTHS students; 39 Special Recognition awards; and scholarships from Vermont Land Trust, Valarie Mould; James W. Quinn Memorial; and Jacobs, McClintock & Scanlon LPC and Bennington County Bar Association.

College Articulation Agreements

Articulation Agreements with Southern Vermont College (SVC), Vermont Technical College (VTC) and the Community College of Vermont (CCV) have been developed. The programs involved include: Accounting and Finance, Business Management, Communication Technology, Horticulture and Landscape Design, Law Enforcement, Marketing Education, Medical Professions, Theater Arts, and Video Production. Two of the features in the articulation agreements are: CDC students may enroll in the SVC's Early Enrollment Program during their senior year, taking courses concurrently at both institutions; and, tuition to be paid by each student enrolled in an SVC course is at the high

school student rate provided the student qualifies as a full-time high school student under the age of 19. There are other articulation agreements noted in the CDC's Program of Studies. Several of our programs offer students the opportunity to earn from 3 to 16 college credits from specific colleges if they meet certain criteria.

PROGRAMS:

Accounting and Finance

This year the program has teamed up with the Heritage Credit Union for the construction and operation of a branch on campus. This will enhance the student's knowledge of banking by working with live transactions and real customers. Students are active in the student run organization (Future Business Leaders of America) FBLA. Students participated in a leadership conference and will compete at a statewide conference in April, a number of students placed first through fourth in these competitions last year. Students will once again participate in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program sponsored by BROOC. These students will be trained in preparing Vermont Income Tax Returns and need to pass a test given by the IRS. Students will work with elderly and low-income taxpayers at the local BROOC office.



Accounting & Finance Class

Artificial Intelligence (Programming & Microprocessors)

Students have completed a number of projects over the year. We have visited Eveready, Abacus Automation and ADC. Students completed working on projects that include a light show synchronizing itself to music, a number of robotics projects and altimeters and g-force sensors for a rocketry project. We are currently working with Albuquerque Technical Vocational Institute (TVI) and the New Mexico public schools to develop a means by which our students will be able to enter the Robo Rave competition sponsored by TVI and Sandia National Labs.



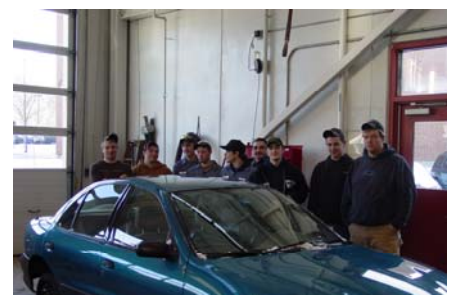
Holiday project in lights

Automotive Technology

The Automotive program officially received certification this past summer from the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF). This certification shows that the program is serious about training students for careers in the automotive industry and is teaching to national standards. To achieve certification, programs must have modern up-to-date tools and equipment, facilities and curriculum.

The automotive program is currently working on three vehicles in hopes of donating them into the community later this spring. The program has donated three vehicles in the past through the Department of Children and Family Services and plans to do the same this year. This year's vehicles were donated to the school from private community members and Cahill's Auto Recycling. The program students will access and complete all repairs needed on the vehicles. This is a great way for the students to utilize the resources available to them, learn, and provide a positive impact on the local community.

We have a new tire mounting machine and balancing equipment that will service the new run flat tires, larger wheels and low profile tires found on any new vehicles; the balancer will service all new style wheels and is equipped with advanced diagnostic capabilities. The Auto II class is currently preparing for the Ford/AAA Auto Skills competition written exam in hopes of securing a spot in the hands-on competition that takes place in early May. Cahill's Auto Recycling of Hoosick, NY has again donated 12 four-cylinder engines to update the engine lab for the Auto I students.



Auto students will repair and donate car

Building Trades

The Building Trades Program students attended the AGC Vermont career day in Randolph. Students attended workshops in Insulating Concrete Forms, Building and Site Layout, and Fire and Building Codes. Local field trips have been taken to several construction sites to view the many phases of building construction.

First year students have begun construction of a storage building for Bennington Area Habitat for Humanity as a way to hone their layout, framing, roofing, and exterior trim skills, and will soon be participating in the heating and interior finish work at the Susan Taylor Lane project house.

Second year students have completed the plumbing rough-in work, and all of the drywall and taping work on the main floor of the project house, and are currently installing rigid foam insulation in the box sills to boost R-values where the radiant heating will be installed. When completed, the house is expected to achieve a 5 Star Energy rating, the best rating achievable. With the most efficient boiler available, state-of-the-art foam insulation, and a heat recovery ventilation system, heating costs for the 1800 square foot home will be very low in comparison to a "typical" home of this size.



Business Management

The Business Management and Recreation/Hospitality Program students have spent the first part of the year learning management skills such as public speaking, business writing, research, presentation and computer skills as they relate to business. A major focus has been the writing of a business plan for a business the students might like to start now or in the future. Students have had the opportunity to meet with an insurance agent to discuss their potential insurance needs and will be meeting with business owners and commercial lenders to further develop their plans in the spring semester. It is expected that many of the business plans will be entered in the Future Business Leaders of America Spring 2007 competition at the Sheraton Hotel in April.

FBLA students have had the opportunity this fall to give back to their community in the form of a food drive for BROCC. FBLA members collected over 30 bags of food donations from CDC and MAUHS classrooms that were donated by students and faculty. Monetary donations amounting to \$100 were spent at a local grocery store and another truck load of food delivered to BROCC before Christmas. Money was raised from bake sales and a donation by DECA members.



FBLA food drive for BROCC

Communication Technologies

Two new college articulation agreements are nearly finalized. These will provide Communications Technology Program completers with the opportunity to earn up to nine transcribed college credits through Lyndon State College or Community College of Vermont. A portfolio review process and an assessment of academic skills will be required, and it is likely that three or four second year students will be earning credit this year.



Student measures and squares off wide format

Artwork and production of large scale banners for the Pownal Center Community Church and AMHS have been among the projects which have provided students with opportunity to demonstrate their skills while giving back to the community. One student has been involved in a highly successful co-op at Graphitek, through which he has become expert at cutting, weeding and applying Vinyl graphics. This has sparked student' interest



Students work on story budget & dummy for multi page print publication

in producing line art that meets specifications for production. Many thanks go to Graphitek for their recent donation of Vinyl and other materials to support this on-going learning. Another student will soon begin co-op working her with the writing staff of the gourmet food magazine, *Sante*. She will be working on the print publication and will be working on their website, *Isante.com*.

Cosmetology

This is an exciting year as we will be working with our first group of Cosmetology 1 students! These students will have the opportunity to embark on the beginning of their journey to the countless career opportunities available in this industry. We look forward to seeing these students through to their Cosmetology State Board Licensing Exam at the completion of their required hours.

Computer Technology and Networking

All students are working towards A+ certification through the Networking Essentials I curriculum sponsored by Cisco and Hewlett Packard. This allows students to earn certificates for their class work and also receive a 25% discount on the actual certification exams. During the second semester, we will be studying wireless, cabling, IP addressing, home networking, and taking a look at the new operating system from Microsoft, Windows VISTA.

Engineering and Design

Students are working with engineers from three local companies and the business program at the CDC to improve a prototype snowboard binding accessory. This project includes analyzing and evaluating the prototype design and specifications as well as conceptualizing potential design changes and new features for the product to succeed in the marketplace.



Engineering & Design students problem solving a product design

Forestry and Heavy Equipment

Forestry II students have completed a large surveying project that entailed land and trail measurement including map drafting. The project included mapping of the Norman Greenberg Conservatory and other individual trails for the Audubon Society. Forestry I has been busy shooting grade and leveling the possible future site of the baseball stadium at Willow Park. Recently both classes have finished servicing all of the equipment and are currently working on The Game of Logging chainsaw safety training program. The classes are working in a woodlot owned by Burgess Brothers where they are cutting and selling firewood, studying silviculture and are continuing tree identification. The winding down of winter will lead into GPS labs and CDL training with the class' new dump truck



Forestry students gain excavation skills

Horticulture

The Horticulture/Landscaping Program is in a redevelopment stage. The emphasis of the horticulture class will introduce students to the different fields in the green industry. Students will learn subject matter in nursery management, soil science, arboriculture, floriculture, greenhouse management, and entomology. The landscaping class this semester has participated in a hardscape project at the Building Trades house in North Bennington. This project involved excavation and base preparation for an Ashfield fieldstone walkway. Both classes were involved with holiday wreath and floral arrangements that were sold to help raise money for field trips and class projects. Upcoming projects will involve the classes growing perennial crops in the greenhouse facility. These crops will be used by both classes in projects on campus and also for fund raising activities. The landscaping group will get to look over plans and possibly help develop a landscape plan for the new waste water treatment facility for the Town of Bennington. Both classes will also be involved in vegetable crop production at land available at the MAUMS. The FFA will continue to be a part of the students experience in this program group. This includes field trip to FFA sponsored activities and events.

Human Services

Human Services 1st year students learned about various foundation topics for the field of Human Services -- workplace safety, ethics, child & elder abuse, career exploration, employability skills (resumes, interviewing, and job search). These students also learned about the college process and had a campus tour at MCLA. Other curriculum content include human Lifespan Development in the second semester, and students will gain hands-on experience to life in Co-Op Placements working with children and the elderly.

Second year Human Services students learned about child development and have had extensive experience working with young children. Students experienced various early childhood settings through Co-Op Placements at a home day care, a preschool, and our on-site childcare lab, Growing Upright at the CDC. Students also earned certification in CPR. Students learn what it takes to attend college and had a campus tour of Keene (NH) State College. Eligible second year students are currently working to complete 12 college credits embedded in the program through a new articulation agreement Community College of Vermont (CCV).

Law Enforcement

Students enrolled in the Law Enforcement Program have had a busy first semester planned. We have completed units in Basic Accident Investigation, Report Writing, Crime Scene Investigation, Courtroom Procedure/Demeanor, Fingerprinting and control & Restraint. The class spent several hours at the Bennington District court viewing proceedings, including portions of the Peter L. Kulzer murder trial. Jess Gulley from the Southwest Vermont Regional Ambulance Service provided instruction to students, and all Law Enforcement Students have been certified at the healthcare provider level for adult, infant and child CPR, AED and first aid. The Bennington Police Department and the Bennington County Sheriff's Office have been instrumental in providing students internships and co-op work experience that blend classroom instruction with real-life law enforcement work. During the second semester, several guest speakers are planned as well as completing units in Patrol Procedures, RADAR operation, DUI enforcement and Police Ethics.



Investigating, reporting a crime scene

Manufacturing Technology

Recently the second year manufacturing students toured the following industries: Abacus Animation, Cambridge Valley Machining, Energizer, Krone Optical-ADC, Lovejoy Caplet, Mack Molding, NSK, Orvis, Quadra Tek, Sperber Tools. These tours have given students a good understanding of what the manufacturing field is like. During and after each tour, students write about the experience and what job position they would like in each company. They also participate in industry based scenario assessments to demonstrate their technical knowledge to manufacturing representatives from local industrial companies. After completion students will receive a special certification from industry and the State Department of Education.

Marketing

The Marketing Education program continues to operate The Campus Store as a lab. The store is ranked by National DECA as one of the top school stores in the United States based upon twelve different performance indicators. The store funds much of the DECA activities. DECA is a national Association of Marketing Students.



Students learn customer relations, marketing skills and more

During 2006 our local DECA chapter attended the Vermont State DECA Conference in Burlington, Vermont winning a total of 20 awards. We also attended the International DECA Career Development Conference in Dallas, Texas where we competed nationally in several marketing areas. Finally, we attended the DECA Southern North-Atlantic Regional conference in Washington, DC. At all of the conferences students attend various marketing workshops, meet with vendors, and tour the area.

Medical Professions:

Medical Professions students have had a very busy first semester. The second year students have studied the anatomy, physiology, and pathophysiology of the blood and the cardiovascular systems. They have also continued their work on medical terminology and healthcare systems. Tim Finney, a registered nurse and EMT with the Bennington Rescue Squad is currently teaching a First Responder class to the class. They will be completing a national examination in February in order to earn their First Responder certification, which is the first level of EMT training in the state of Vermont. Medical Profession II students also learned a great deal from our local medical community through their job shadowing experiences. Students each spent 24 hours following health professionals in areas of their choice. Employees from SVHC, as well as various medical offices, generously shared their knowledge and expertise of their careers. Different careers explored by students include: nurse, physical therapist, nurse practitioner, anesthetist, radiologic technologist, oncologist, radiation therapist, dental careers, veterinarian, EMT, and paramedic. This career exploration was an extremely valuable experience, as these students are deciding what their college majors will be and/or what their future careers will be. First year students will have similar job shadowing experiences in the spring.



Students practice medical skills

The first semester Medical Professions I curriculum encompasses the foundational backbone for the entire two-year program. Students have learned about health careers and their requirements, health care systems, medical terminology, medical ethics and the history of medical care. Next semester they are looking forward to learning more about medical/ethical issues, infection control, and human growth and development. They have also learned various hand-on skills such as: vital signs, airway management, and venipuncture.

Networking Academy

It has been another successful year for the Networking Academy. All but one of the students who graduated last year went on to college. The first of this year's students will take their CCNA exam in Albany at the end of May. Several of this year's students have already received acceptance notices from colleges.

Pre-Law

Pre-Law Program students have worked this year in extended Co-op Work experiences in the Bennington County Superior Court, a local law firm and the Bennington Child Advocacy Center, providing some needed support but more importantly, getting some first hand experience in the legal community. Pre-Law students are also participants in the Juvenile Justice Team which meets with law enforcement and community resource representatives. Pre-Law II students are planning a springtime trip to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals in New York City. Pre-Law students participated in Constitution Day at the Career Development Center and are active in registering local high school students to vote.



Pre-Law students register voters

Theater Arts

The Theater Arts program students adapted and performed their own version of A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens. Students performed the play at Oldcastle Theatre Company to an enthusiastic holiday crowd in early December. The class took a field trip to the Theatre District in New York City last May to see the play, Awake and Sing.

Video Production

The Video Production class collaborated with Project Against Violent Encounters, to produce Public Service Announcements (PSA). Many of the PSA's have been used for education by PAVE. We are also collaborating with the Bennington Museum. They will be presenting student films as part of their Vermont filmmaker series on February 9 at 7:00 pm.

ADULT EDUCATION SERVICES

ONLINE COURSES -- DESIGNED WITH YOU IN MIND! Instructor facilitated online courses, available at our website, www.ed2go.com/svcdc; over 300 high quality courses begin every month in the areas of business, computers, web page design, digital photography, languages/writing, grant writing, career development, entertainment, finance, health care, law & legal careers, test prep, education, math/critical thinking. **Check out the new Career Certificate Programs too!**

ADULT EDUCATION DURING THE DAY This year, 9 adults enrolled in a variety of our daytime technical programs 7 without a high school diploma, and the other 2 with high school diplomas. We provide services to these students, including financial aid counseling.

INDUSTRY CERTIFIED COURSES Twenty-two adults from the region have participated in the national Pharmacy Technician Certification prep program, with all completers passing their certification exam.

ADULT EDUCATION IN YOUR COMMUNITY -- "NEW" At popular request, we have greatly expanded offerings for the community in creativity, the arts, and personal development. See the list at www.svcdc.org at the Adult Education page.

INDUSTRY REQUESTED TRAINING Courses include Onsite/customized workforce training with Abacus Automation, Energizer, NSK STEERING SYSTEMS AMERICA, and Vermont Composites.

GRANTS FOR VERMONT MANUFACTURING COMPANY EMPLOYEES are available for training from the Vermont Training Program; call Bob Mazur, Adult Services Coordinator at 447-3596.

TUITION DISCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL AID FOR INDIVIDUALS: 10% tuition discount for seniors 60 and over; financial aid and training grants to eligible individuals through VSAC Non-degree grants, Department of Labor, Vocational Rehabilitation, Workers Compensation, Reach Up, employers.

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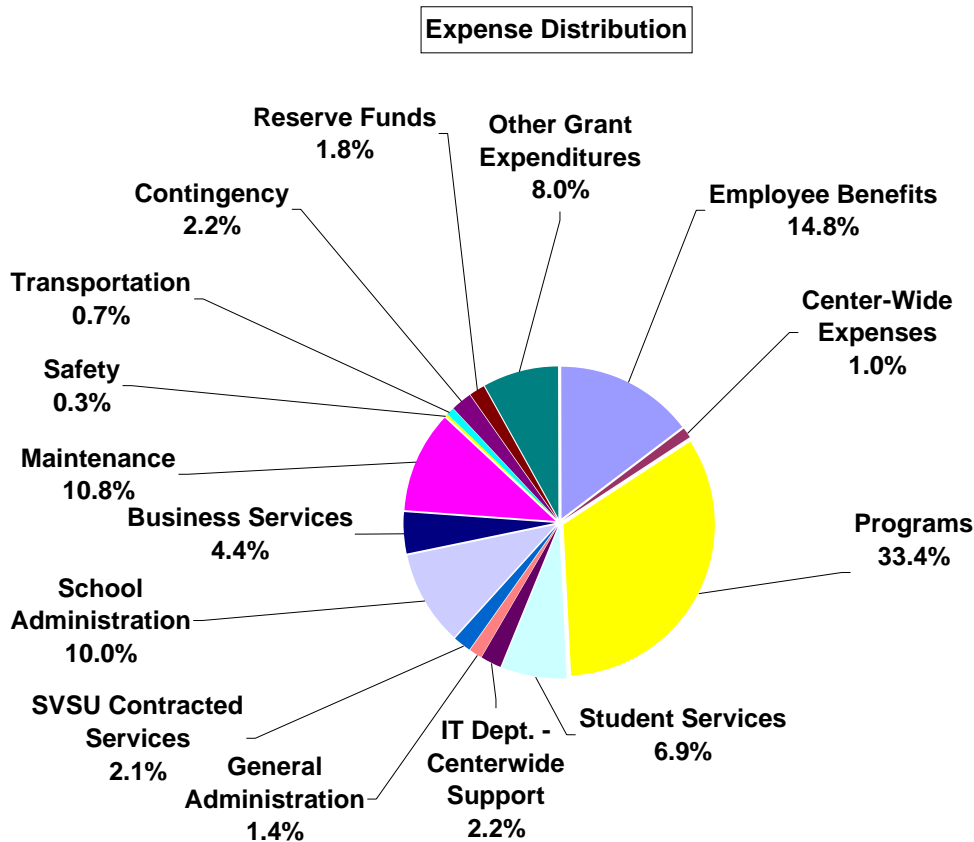
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Expense Summary

Cost Center	Actual FY 2006	Budget FY 2006	Budget FY 2007	Budget FY 2008
<u>Employee Benefits</u>	411,856.21	437,031.58	473,328.06	506,176.27
<u>Center-Wide Expenses</u>	39,031.52	34,690.00	35,700.00	35,050.00
<u>Special Committees</u>	442.13	980.00	875.00	0.00
<u>Programs</u>				
Pre-Technology	-25.00	2,697.56	0.00	0.00
Technical English	29,433.66	30,933.65	24,652.64	30,308.69
Communications Technology	27,947.25	33,593.66	36,812.64	35,458.69
Cosmetology	0.00	0.00	0.00	31,178.50
Recreation & Hospitality Management	26,272.93	26,272.93	30,601.50	28,904.76
Theatre Arts	39,600.50	39,600.50	39,071.85	42,655.42
Horticulture	47,085.68	46,130.00	72,231.00	59,662.88
Forestry & Heavy Equipment	45,201.92	48,261.00	53,987.00	53,243.08
Computer Networking	35,211.64	38,275.64	37,482.20	10,968.01
Computer Technology	49,267.48	49,783.27	10,300.00	30,463.96
Medical Professions	59,656.61	60,751.50	62,834.78	57,751.92
Intro.- Mental Illness / Human Serv I & II	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,720.91
Entrepreneurship	23,780.17	24,322.93	26,601.50	27,954.76
Business Basics	4,883.73	4,883.71	4,296.62	4,354.58
Artificial Intelligence	30,041.95	33,275.64	30,652.20	33,563.96
Marketing	56,837.58	57,054.00	58,333.00	60,046.32
Accounting & Finance	62,610.64	60,703.00	46,905.29	54,652.83
CAD Design & Manufacturing	12,279.30	20,069.07	10,381.40	11,818.01
Automotive Technology	71,464.97	65,537.90	69,947.36	64,852.92
Automotive Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,868.01
Human Services	61,788.16	63,735.80	60,003.00	59,509.52
Special Needs Program	63,189.38	68,524.62	55,833.00	58,046.32
Building Trades	47,945.06	48,193.38	48,560.23	51,070.64
Video Production	30,794.29	32,208.49	37,506.85	38,100.42
Agricultural Science	32,605.00	32,585.00	11,141.73	0.00
Employability Skills	1,275.00	1,275.00	575.00	0.00
Pre-Engineering	49,850.78	49,984.98	55,845.61	72,500.32
CAD 3D Inventor	0.00	0.00	9,693.24	8,679.75
Manufacturing Technology	71,496.83	72,076.98	76,049.33	82,927.92
Pre-Law	57,462.00	57,636.01	57,433.00	61,905.52
Law Enforcement	34,843.71	34,637.00	51,285.54	49,113.52
Forensics	10,881.44	19,821.66	5,212.74	6,603.14
<u>Student Services</u>				
Para Educators	53,102.17	53,906.37	72,426.10	75,323.14
Student Testing	59.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Guidance Services	80,573.01	83,327.65	85,655.49	86,205.63
Planning Room	10,135.41	18,254.92	0.00	0.00
Co-operative Education	46,429.60	46,537.00	48,138.00	52,153.70
Nursing Services (Allocated Expense)	9,781.24	12,602.41	13,106.91	14,273.04
Student Organizations	7,301.80	6,500.00	9,031.00	7,150.00
<u>IT. Dept. - Centerwide Support</u>	54,288.73	60,473.24	76,742.31	76,675.79
<u>General Administration</u>				
Regional Governing Board	7,309.17	7,350.00	9,725.00	10,275.00
Treasurer's Office	8,800.00	8,800.00	10,600.00	11,100.00
Election & Annual Report	9,051.11	13,644.70	14,339.43	17,238.60
Audit	7,500.00	6,500.00	7,500.00	7,725.00
<u>SVSU Contracted Services</u>	93,504.74	93,698.82	70,060.50	71,325.00
<u>School Administration</u>				
Director' Office & General Administration	221,363.62	267,772.99	324,803.83	279,086.99
Discipline	38,204.37	44,961.87	51,858.00	55,209.52
Recruitment	8.60	14,300.00	8,200.00	7,618.00

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Cost Center	Actual FY 2006	Budget FY 2006	Budget FY 2007	Budget FY 2008
<u>Business Services</u>				
Business Office	78,300.85	86,820.05	79,485.84	81,703.86
Advertising, Bank Fees, Interest Exp.	7,336.43	20,100.00	21,105.00	21,105.00
Insurance	22,489.75	18,700.00	31,506.12	46,946.13
<u>Maintenance</u>				
Utilities	137,353.82	108,775.00	143,686.25	178,226.00
Maintenance Director (Allocated Exp.)	7,192.99	7,197.00	7,271.00	9,140.00
Building Maintenance	126,948.56	162,562.14	164,862.24	163,011.03
Grounds Expense	17,606.11	19,442.90	16,397.46	18,687.00
<u>Safety Expense</u>	8,700.35	11,890.60	13,620.00	11,691.25
<u>Transportation Expense</u>	15,224.30	20,650.00	18,350.00	22,250.00
<u>Contingency (2.5 %)</u>	0.00	69,757.35	73,943.21	76,710.78
<u>Reserve Funds (Voter Approved)</u>	0.00	0.00	60,000.00	60,000.00
Total Warned Expenditures	2,603,578.25	2,860,051.47	3,026,547.00	3,145,142.00
Percentage Change				3.92%
<u>Other Grant Expense</u>				
Perkins Grant	177,731.00	177,731.00	170,258.00	170,258.00
Program Innovation Grant - Cosmetology	0.00	0.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
Program Innovation Grant - Pre-Engineer.	50,000.00	50,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
Equipment Grant	5,983.00	5,983.00	28,702.00	28,702.00
Adult Ed. Salary Grant	20,876.30	20,876.30	21,715.47	21,715.47
Adult Ed. Formula Grant	4,669.41	4,669.41	4,669.41	4,669.41
Total Grant Expenses	259,259.71	259,259.71	300,344.88	275,344.88
Total Expenses	2,862,837.96	3,119,311.18	3,326,891.88	3,420,486.88

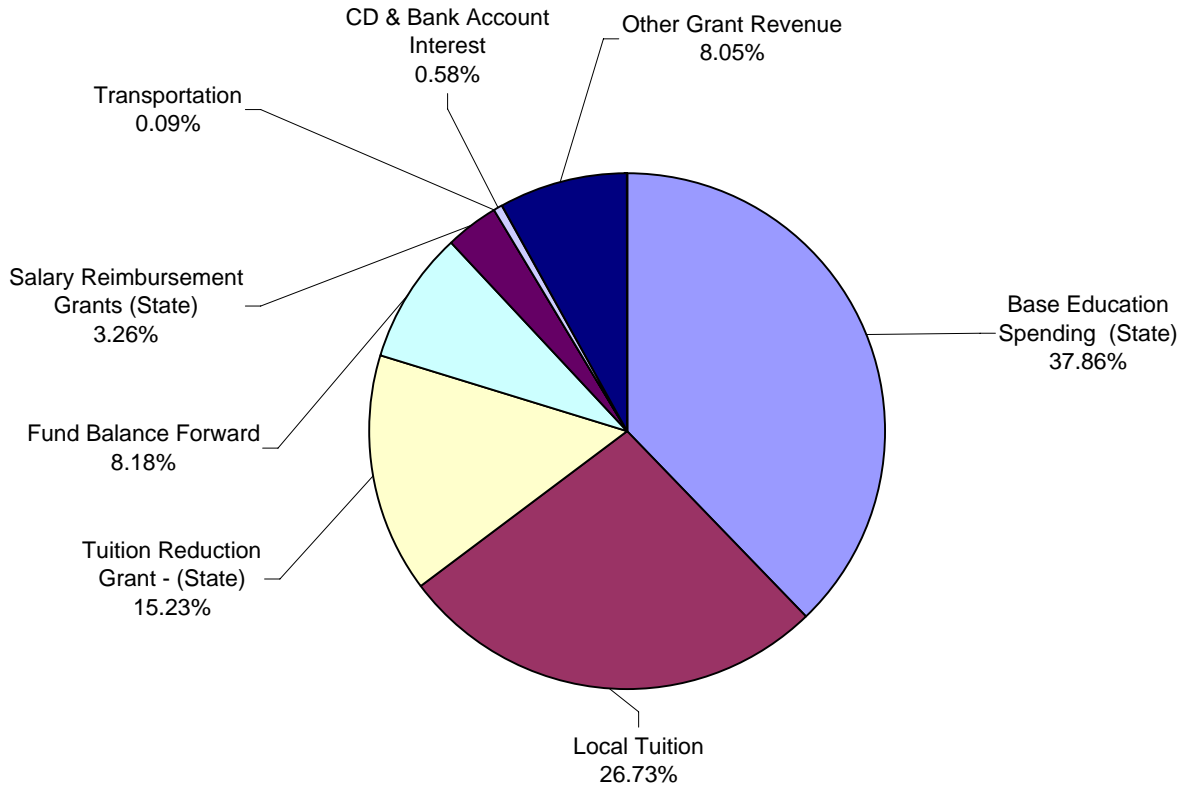


Revenue Summary

Local and State Revenue (amount on warning)	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2006 Budget	FY 2007 Budget	FY 2008 Budget
Base Education Spending (State)	1,127,981.00	1,128,026.99	1,234,246.96	1,295,053.90
Local Tuition	890,344.32	890,343.91	891,222.11	914,129.86
Tuition Reduction Grant - (State)	448,291.33	453,803.96	496,536.13	521,100.44
Fund Balance Forward	0.00	256,544.00	275,019.00	279,835.00
Salary Reimbursement Grants (State)	111,522.80	111,493.00	111,522.80	111,522.80
New York Tuition	0.00	7,339.61	0.00	0.00
Daycare Rental Income	200.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Transportation	16,675.47	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
CD & Bank Account Interest	31,853.64	9,500.00	15,000.00	20,000.00
Local and State Revenue Totals	2,626,868.56	2,860,051.47	3,026,547.00	3,145,142.00

Other Grant Revenue

Perkins Grant (Federal)	177,731.00	177,731.00	170,258.00	170,258.00
Program Innovation Grant - Cosmetology (State)	0.00	0.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
Program Innovation Grant - Pre-Engineering (State)	50,000.00	50,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
Equipment Grant (State)	5,893.00	5,893.00	28,702.00	28,702.00
Adult Ed. Salary Grant (State)	20,876.30	20,876.30	21,715.47	21,715.47
Adult Ed. Formula Grant (State)	4,669.41	4,669.41	4,669.41	4,669.41
Totals -Other Grants	259,169.71	259,169.71	300,344.88	275,344.88
Total Revenue	2,886,038.27	3,119,221.18	3,326,891.88	3,420,486.88



Revenue Distribution

Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District Budget Request FY 2008

Key Note: This page shows how the tuition for 2008 is calculated for each sending school district. The last column on the right will be the actual amount billed to the sending school district.

Tuition Detail by Sending School District for Fiscal Year 2008 - Part 1

Local Tuition Rate Fiscal Year 2008		\$4,750.45
Local Tuition Rate Fiscal Year 2007		\$4,604.76
Change		\$145.69
% Change		3.16%

FTE History For 6 Semesters For Each School District

Sending District	Sem 2 2004 FTE's	Sem 1 2005 FTE's	Sem 2 2005 FTE's	Sem 1 2006 FTE's	Sem 2 2006 FTE's	Sem 1 2007 FTE's	FY 2008 FTE's * 6 Sem. Avg.	FY 2008 Gross Tuition
Mt. Anthony Union	176.67	212.94	212.34	180.03	175.08	163.09	186.72	\$887,004.77
Arlington	3.83	1.75	1.83	2.51	1.88	5.38	2.87	\$13,633.80
Dorset	1.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.38	0.23	\$1,100.52
Manchester	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.38	0.59	\$2,794.85
Readsboro	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00
Sandgate	0.63	0.63	0.38	0.63	1.00	0.75	0.67	\$3,182.80
Searsburg	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00
Stamford	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00
Sunderland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.63	0.63	1.01	0.38	\$1,805.17
Regional Area Total	182.77	215.95	215.18	184.43	179.22	170.99	191.46	\$909,521.92

Towns outside Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District Service Region

Peru	0.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.11	\$522.55
Rupert	0.63	0.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.38	0.27	\$1,282.62
Whitingham	0.00	0.88	0.63	0.38	1.00	0.00	0.48	\$2,280.22
Wilmington	0.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.11	\$522.55
Sub Region Total	1.89	1.51	0.63	0.38	1.00	0.38	0.97	\$4,607.94
Grand Totals	184.66	217.46	215.81	184.81	180.22	171.37	192.43	\$914,129.86

* One FTE = one Student Attending Technical Center for 240 minutes a day. (full day)

6 Semester Average FTE's	
FY 08	192.43
FY 07	193.54

Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District Budget Request FY 2008

Key Note: This page shows how each district's total cost is calculated. Local Tuition plus State Aid.

Tuition Detail Fiscal Year 2008- Part 2

	Local Tuition Per FTE	State Aid ** Per FTE	Total Cost Per FTE
Fiscal Year 2008 →	\$4,750.45	\$6,730.00	\$11,480.45
Fiscal Year 2007 →	\$4,604.76	\$6,377.10	\$10,981.86
Increase →	\$145.69	\$352.90	\$498.59
% Increase →	3.16%	5.53%	4.54%

Sending School District	FTE's 6 Sem. Avg.	Local Tuition	State Aid * Amount	Total Cost
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Districts within the Technical Center Service Region

Mt Anthony Union	186.72	\$887,004.77	\$1,256,625.60	\$2,143,630.37
Arlington	2.87	\$13,633.80	\$19,315.10	\$32,948.90
Dorset	0.23	\$1,100.52	\$1,559.12	\$2,659.64
Manchester	0.59	\$2,794.85	\$3,959.48	\$6,754.33
Readsboro	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sandgate	0.67	\$3,182.80	\$4,509.10	\$7,691.90
Searsburg	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Stamford	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sunderland	0.38	\$1,805.17	\$2,557.40	\$4,362.57

Subtotal - Service Region	191.46	909,521.92	1,288,525.80	2,198,047.72
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Districts outside the Technical Center Service Region

Peru	0.11	\$522.55	\$740.30	\$1,262.85
Rupert	0.27	\$1,282.62	\$1,817.10	\$3,099.72
Whitingham	0.48	\$2,280.22	\$3,230.40	\$5,510.62
Wilmington	0.11	\$522.55	\$740.30	\$1,262.85

Subtotal - Non-Service Region	0.97	\$4,607.94	\$6,528.10	\$11,136.04
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Grand Totals	192.43	\$914,129.86	\$1,295,053.90	\$2,209,183.76
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** Base Education Spending Amount

One FTE = one Student Attending Technical Center for 240 minutes a day.

Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District Budget Request FY 2008

Key Note: This page compares local tuition billed in 2007 to tuition to be billed in 2008. The Change in FTE's is also shown.

Local Tuition - Comparison of 2007 to 2008

Sending School District	FYE 2007 FTE's	FY 2007 Tuition	FYE 2008 FTE's	FY 2008 Tuition	\$ Change
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Mt. Anthony Union	187.39	\$862,890.03	186.72	\$887,004.77	\$24,114.74
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<i>Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District CDC Service Region - Other Towns</i>					
<i>Arlington</i>	2.97	\$13,654.40	2.87	\$13,633.80	-\$20.59
<i>Dorset</i>	0.38	\$1,726.79	0.23	\$1,100.52	-\$626.26
<i>Manchester</i>	0.60	\$2,782.04	0.59	\$2,794.85	\$12.81
<i>Readsboro</i>	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Sandgate</i>	0.50	\$2,302.38	0.67	\$3,182.80	\$880.42
<i>Searsburg</i>	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Stamford</i>	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Sunderland</i>	0.38	\$1,726.79	0.38	\$1,805.17	\$78.39
Subtotal	4.82	\$22,192.39	4.74	\$22,517.15	\$324.76

Subtotal Service Region	192.21	\$885,082.42	191.46	\$909,521.92	\$24,439.50
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<i>Towns outside Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District</i>					
Sending School District	FYE 2007 FTE's	FY 2007 Tuition	FY 2008 FTE's	FY 2008 Tuition	\$ Variance
<i>Peru</i>	0.21	\$959.33	0.11	\$522.55	-\$436.78
<i>Rupert</i>	0.27	\$1,247.12	0.27	\$1,282.62	\$35.50
<i>Whitingham</i>	0.31	\$1,438.99	0.48	\$2,280.22	\$841.23
<i>Wilmington</i>	0.54	\$2,494.25	0.11	\$522.55	-\$1,971.70
Subtotal	1.33	\$6,139.68	0.97	\$4,607.94	-\$1,531.74

Totals	193.54	\$891,222.10	192.43	\$914,129.86	\$22,907.76
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Tuition Rate per FTE		\$4,604.76		\$4,750.45	\$145.69
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SOUTHWEST VT REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Office of the Treasurer
ANNUAL REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2006

Beginning Balance .	1-Jul-05		\$631,506.02
RECEIPTS:			
General State Support Grants		\$1,127,981.00	
Other State of Vermont receipts		\$819,186.33	
Interest on investments		\$31,853.64	
Other receipts		<u>\$1,021,248.93</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS			<u>\$3,000,269.90</u>
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS			<u>\$3,631,775.92</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
SVSU Assessments		\$80,078.00	
Payroll		\$1,700,682.75	
Vendor payments		<u>\$1,218,844.28</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			<u>\$2,999,605.03</u>
CASH BALANCE - Chittenden Bank JUNE 30,2006			\$632,170.89

Respectfully submitted,

William E. Burfeind
Treasurer, SVRTSD

Cindy L. Palmer
Assistant Treasurer

JAMES QUINN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP CD	\$3,035.66
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1/8/2007



Independent Auditors' Report

The Board of School Directors
Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District as of June 30, 2006, and the respective changes in financial position thereof, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 6, 2006 on our consideration of Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis on pages 2 through 11 and the budgetary comparison information on pages 26 through 28 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

October 6, 2006

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1 **Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District No V009 (SWVRTSD) Annual School**
2 **District Floor Meeting Minutes: March 6, 2006**

3 Assembly Room, Career Development Center
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5 Regional Governing Board Members Present: Mary Ann Carlson; Claude Delucia; Kevin Goodhue;
6 Leon Johnson; Frank Lamb, Vice Chair; lance Matteson, Chair; Jon Peaslee.
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8 Staff and Others Present: Gordon Black, Moderator; Bill Burfeind, Treasurer; Nancy Cefalo,
9 Resident; Nicky Forest, CDC Teacher; Jim Goodine, Resident; Wendy Klein, CDC Teacher; Greg
10 lewis, Business Manager; Mike Merritt, Sandgate Resident; Donna Oyama, Director; Anne Mook,
11 State Representative; Chris Parker, Bennington Banner
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13 Recorder: Richard Bump.
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17 Black called the meeting to order at 5:00pm, and then read aloud and in its entirety the Warning of
18 the Annual Meeting, March 6 and March 7, 2006.
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20 **Article 1:** Burfeind moved and Johnson seconded a motion to establish the annual salaries of the
21 District directors at \$650 each. The motion passed unanimously and without discussion.
22

23 **Article 2:** Johnson moved and Matteson seconded a motion to authorize the School District Board
24 to borrow money in anticipation of revenues to meet current operating expenses of the district. After
25 Black mentioned that the district has not as yet ever needed to borrow money in anticipation of
26 revenues, the motion passed unanimously.
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28 **Article 3:** Black called for discussion but heard none on Article A and Article B to be voted on by
29 Australian ballot March 7, 2006
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31 **Article 4:** After Black called for other business from the floor, Burfeind expressed appreciation for
32 the time, interest and energy expended by out-going board members Carlson, Matteson and Jean
33 Bacon.
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35 At 5:07pm and hearing no other business, Peaslee moved and Lamb seconded a motion to
36 adjourn, and the motion passed unanimously.

Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District
Annual Report - FY 2006

SVRTSD Tally Sheet March 7, 2006 ALL TOWNS

	Arlington	Bennington	Dorset	Manchester	N. Benn	Pownal	Readsboro	Sandgate	Searsburg	Shaftsbury	Stamford	Sunderland	Woodford	Total
Article A														
SVRTSD Board														
Brian Doxsee	210	1027	128	278	85	238	91	47	18	357	34	147	64	2724
Kevin J. Goodhue	257	1033	142	324	93	292	88	51	21	359	33	167	69	2929
Robert L. Kobelia	184	917	120	251	65	272	80	41	17	298	34	135	70	2484
Robert Sperber	184	933	117	250	109	242	75	43	16	314	32	123	54	2492
David A. Thomas	239	732	136	290	70	264	84	43	13	270	36	144	48	2369
Write-ins														
SVRTSD Board (1 year unexpired)														
Francis Kinney	157	963	89	196	75	261	79	19	21	308	21	100	69	2358
Mike Merritt	166	516	123	214	75	153	45	52	6	230	21	144	23	1768
Write-ins														
Article B: Budget														
Yes	287	1102	233	398	126	342	133	61	18	390	53	228	75	3446
No	100	607	73	163	35	176	51	20	13	170	17	80	29	1534

**SOUTHWEST VERMONT REGIONAL TECHNICAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS**

Moderator

Gordon P. Black

Term expires 3/07

Clerk

Timothy R. Corcoran

Term expires 3/07

Treasurer

William E. Burfeind

Term expires 3/07

Board Members

Nancy Cefalo *	expires 3/07
Claude DeLucia	Term expires 3/08
Brian Doxsee	Resigned 1/9/07
Kevin J. Goodhue	Term expires 3/09
Leon Johnson	Term expires 3/07
Francis Kinney	Term expires 3/07
Robert L. Kobelia	expires 3/09
Frank Lamb	Term expires 3/07
Edward Letourneau Jr	Term expires 3/08
Jon Peaslee	Term expires 3/08
Robert Sperber	expires 3/09

*** Appointed to replace Robert C. Burgess**

**SOUTHWEST VERMONT REGIONAL
TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO V009
WARNING OF ANNUAL MEETING
March 5 AND MARCH 6, 2007**

The legal voters of the Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District Service Region (consisting of Arlington, Bennington, Dorset, Manchester, North Bennington, Pownal, Readsboro, Sandgate, Searsburg, Shaftsbury, Stamford, Sunderland, and Woodford) are hereby warned to meet at the Bennington Fire House, River Street, Bennington, Vermont, at 5:00 o'clock in the evening, on Monday, March 5, 2007 to transact the following business from the floor.

ARTICLE 1: To establish the annual salaries of the District Directors at \$700 each.

ARTICLE 2: To authorize the School District Board to borrow money in anticipation of revenues to meet current operating expenses of the District.

ARTICLE 3: To hold a public informational hearing on articles to be voted upon by Australian Ballot on March 6, 2007.

ARTICLE 4: To transact any other business found proper when met.

The legal voters of Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District #V009 are hereby WARNED FURTHER to meet on Tuesday March 6, 2007, when the polls will be open to transact business by Australian Ballot as follows:

ARTICLE A: To elect 4 (four) School Directors, who are legal residents of the Service Region as listed above in accordance with the bylaws of the Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District for 3 (three) year terms; and 1 (one) Director for a 2 (two) year unexpired term beginning March 8, 2007.

ARTICLE B: To elect a Moderator for a term of three (3) years beginning April 1, 2007.

ARTICLE C: To elect a Clerk for a term of three (3) years beginning April 1, 2007.

ARTICLE D: To elect a Treasurer for term of three (3) years beginning April 1, 2007.

ARTICLE E: Shall the voters of the Service Region of Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District appropriate \$3,145,142 as necessary for the support of its school for the year beginning July 1, 2007?

Voting at the meeting on Tuesday, March 6, 2007 shall be at large by Australian ballot. The polls will be open as indicated below for each respective town, as follows:

Residents of Arlington vote at the Arlington High School Gym, 529 East Arlington Road, Arlington, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Residents of Bennington vote at the Bennington Fire House, River Street, Bennington, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Residents of Dorset vote at The Dorset School, Morse Hill Road, Dorset, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Residents of Manchester vote at the Manchester Town Hall, Manchester Center, Vermont. Polls will be open from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Residents of North Bennington vote at the McCullough Firehouse, North Bennington, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Residents of Pownal vote at the Pownal Center Fire House, Route 7, Pownal Center, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Residents of Readsboro vote at the Readsboro Central School Gym, Readsboro, Vermont
Polls will be open from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Residents of Sandgate vote at the Sandgate Town Hall, Sandgate Road, Sandgate, Vermont. Polls will
be open from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Residents of Searsburg vote at the Searsburg Town Offices, Searsburg, Vermont
Polls will be open from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Residents of Shaftsbury vote at the Shaftsbury Fire House, Buck Hill Road, Shaftsbury, Vermont. Polls
will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Residents of Stamford vote at the Stamford Elementary School, 986 Main Road, Stamford, Vermont.
Polls will be open from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Residents of Sunderland vote at the Sunderland Elementary School, 98 Bear Ridge Road, Sunderland,
Vermont. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Woodford vote at the Woodford Town Office Building, Route 9, Woodford, Vermont. Polls
will be open from 9 AM to 7 PM.

**Register to Vote! Applications for addition to voter checklist must be received by the Town Clerk's
Office of said District by Monday, February 26, 2007 at 12:00 Noon for approval by your Town
Clerk.**

Interpreting services for this meeting will be provided upon request. If this service is required, please
notify SVRTSD at 447-0220, at least three (3) days before the meeting.

Signatures

Frank Lamb, Chair _____ Signature on File _____

Claude M. DeLucia, Vice Chair _____ Signature on File _____

Nancy Cefalo _____ Signature on File _____

Leon Johnson _____ Signature on File _____

Jon D. Peaslee _____ Signature on File _____

Edward Letourneau, Jr. _____ Signature on File _____

Robert Sperber _____ Signature on File _____

Kevin Goodhue _____ Signature on File _____

Robert L. Kobelia _____ Signature on File _____

Francis Kinney _____ Signature on File _____

Received for recording this 31st day of January 2007

Signature on File

Timothy Corcoran, Clerk SVRTSD

**NOTICE TO VOTERS WITH RESPECT TO CHECKLIST
AND ABSENTEE VOTING FOR ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 5 AND MARCH 6, 2007**

The voter checklist for the March 5 and March 6, 2007 Annual Meeting of the Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District is the most recently prepared, posted and revised in accordance with Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

The voter checklist for the March 5 and March 6, 2007 Annual Meeting has been posted at Town Clerk's Offices throughout the Southwest Region.

Absentee Ballots will be available at Town Clerk's offices throughout the region. A voter who expects to be an early or absentee voter or an authorized person on behalf of such voter may apply for an early ballot until 5:00 P.M. or the closing time at the voter's Town Clerk's office on the day preceding the election.

ABSENTEE VOTING: Voting by absentee ballot is permitted with respect to the Annual Meeting of the Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District, to be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2007.

Absentee voting shall be in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 51, Title 17, Section 2531 of Vermont Statutes Annotated, entitled "Application for Absentee Voter ballot."

In compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Southwest Vermont Career Development Center is an equal opportunity educational institution and offers all persons the benefits of participating in each of its programs and in competing in all areas of employment regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, gender, age, handicapping conditions, disability, or sexual orientation.

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