Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District (SVRTSD)
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes, Monday, November 19, 2012, 5 PM
RGB members present-Jim Boutin and Larry Johnson, Fran Kinney @ 6:10 PM; CDC represented by Supt./Dir. James Culkeen and Business Manager, Greg Lewis Recorder: Sandra Redding

Meeting began with a discussion of the request for salary increase for the treasurer, (doc. A). After consideration, the decision was made to recommend no additional financial increase this year for this position. The committee then discussed the compensation for RGB members. It was decided to recommend the amount of the present stipend stay the same at \$750. It was suggested that after three years of service, the IPad that the board member is using be given to said member.

A discussion ensued concerning the allocation agreement, (docs. B-F). Greg Lewis shared with those present the VT. DOE rules for shared costs and the CDC/Mau Allocation principles. This agreement has been in place for many years and may need some updating and re-thought. The committee would like to invite Jim Marsden to the next education/facilities committee meeting for discussion purposes on several issues. Supt. Culkeen will reach out to Mr. Marsden. Facilities has several topics for discussion including the allocation agreement, roof repairs, exact square footage among the topics. Education issues include the campus store/food service, new course/short block information, similar classes being offered in sending schools and distance learning. The education/facilities committee will next meet on Wednesday, November 28, 3 PM in the Conference Room.

Health insurance, (doc. G), was the next topic of discussion. Greg alerted the committee that there may be a significant increase this year. CDC will budget for higher percentage and hope for an actual lower cost. He mentioned that the ESP contract will be due for negotiation in 2013 as well with the teacher's contract coming up the following year, 2014.

Greg discussed the coming timelines, (docs. H & I) and deadlines for the budget process and thru the town meeting and voting. With proper planning, we may be able to complete the budget in time for the December board meeting. The finance committee will meet December 10<sup>th</sup>, 4PM in the Conference Room to work on budget issues.

The six semester rolling averages, (doc. J), were presented and it was noted that there is a slight decline in the average which matches the local trends.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.