

1 **Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District (SVRTSD)**
2 **RGB Policy Committee Meeting Minutes: Monday, September 20, 2021, Zoom Online Meeting**

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4 **RGB members present:** A. Edelson; A. Haytko; L. Johnson and J. Kelly

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6 **CDC represented** by: Michael Lawler, Supt/Dir; Meg Honsinger, Assistant Director; J. Lamson, Pre-Law
7 Instructor

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9 **Recorder:** Sandra Redding, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

10 Meeting was called to order by Chair L. Johnson at 10:40AM. As there were no comments/concerns from
11 the public, he began by reading the agenda and asking for any changes or additions. Hearing none, he
12 proceeded to accept motions for approval of the June 7th, 2021 Policy Committee minutes. Motions by A.
13 Edelson and A. Haytko led to unanimous approval of minutes as presented.

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15 By-Law discussion ensued:

- 16 • Edelson had two areas of discussion for the committee-Article 6, Section 1-Regular Meetings
17 and board member attendance at meeting. He notes that perhaps the wording should reflect that
18 the board may not meet every month. Discussion included:
 - 19 ○ Board usually does not meet in July and possibly February
 - 20 ○ Change language to reflect board not need to meet unless there is board business
 - 21 ○ Basically information is for the public, not board
 - 22 ○ Board will meet anytime for issues concerning the public as they are always available
 - 23 ○ Board sets meeting dates at re-organization in March each year with additions/changes
24 made as needed thru the year
 - 25 ○ Keep first line of Art. 6, sect. 1 and add wording reflecting, “unless board votes to not have
26 a meeting”
- 27 • Edelson is concerned about board members who miss excessive/consecutive board meetings
28 and should there be consequences for that. Discussion included:
 - 29 ○ Decrease stipend if 3 or more consecutive meetings missed a year
 - 30 ○ Ask for explanation for missing meeting
 - 31 ○ Must be aware of privacy rights
 - 32 ○ Realize there is no recall of a board member per state regs
 - 33 ○ Board members are elected by community, so certain process must be followed
 - 34 ○ Chair can request switch of meeting dates if date becomes a problem
 - 35 ○ Board members are asked of their availability for each meeting for quorum
 - 36 ○ Availability of Zoom meetings helpful
 - 37 ○ May need attorney’s advise

38 It was noted that the whole By-Laws document should be updated to include the present name of our
39 school and to make the document consistent throughout. Should decide on what the full name looks like
40 and any abbreviations should be consistent. John Lamson indicated he will re-draft and cleanup this
41 document as necessary.

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43 Discussion concerning who can call a meeting of the board. Chair noted that the line of succession is
44 clear in the by-law document for the board officers to follow if chair is not available.

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46 Policy status:

- 47 ○ **1000C Policy on Policies** no changes or further discussion
- 48 ○ **2200C Anti-discrimination** no changes or further discussion
- 49 ○ **4035C Conflict of Interest in Hiring** no changes or further discussion
- 50 ○ **5050C Discipline of Students, Suspension and Expulsion of Students** no changes or further discussion
- 51 ○ **5065C Verbal/Physical Assault of an Employee** no changes or further discussion

52 These policies are ready to be brought to the full board for discussion before warning, then on to adoption
53 under a new date. Board members will have the opportunity to suggest any changes at a future board
54 meeting as the general public will be aware of the actions being considered.

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56 Meeting adjourned at 11:35AM with motions by J. Kelly and A. Edelson. Unanimous vote.