

1 **Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District (SVRTSD)**  
2 **Regional Governing Board Meeting Minutes: Monday, January 9, 2023, in-person and online**  
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4 **RGB members present:** Mike Cutler, Asher Edelson, Leon Johnson, Fran Kinney, John MacDonald,  
5 Charles Putney, Ken Swierad; online-Dane Whitman, Jackie. Kelly  
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7 **CDC represented** by: Michael Lawler, Superintendent/Director, online; In-person: Meg Honsinger,  
8 Assistant Director and Rebecca Tattersall, Business Manager  
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10 Audience: CAT-TV; no public attendees  
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12 **Recorder:** Sandra Redding, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent  
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14 Chair Ken Swierad called the meeting to order at 10:05AM noting no public present or online for  
15 comments. The board went immediately to the Consent Agenda:

- 16 • December Full board minutes were unanimously approved with motions from F. Kinney and J.  
17 MacDonald
- 18 • Finance Committee minutes unanimously approved with motions from F. Kinney and A. Edelson
- 19 • Payroll warrants were unanimously approved after motions from F. Kinney and M. Cutler
- 20 • Vendor warrants were unanimously approved after motions from F. Kinney and M. Cutler
- 21 • Business documents were noted as present in Drop box and there were no questions, comments  
22 or concerns.

23 F. Kinney reported that Finance Committee had met and appropriate vote taken previously.  
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25 R. Tattersall shared the process for preparing the warning for the district annual meetings. She asked for  
26 two approvals:

- 27 • Approve Warning as presented this day with the plan for an in-person Town meeting
- 28 • Give approval for Tattersall to make a change on document to a Zoom meeting if the town  
29 declares this is necessary

30 After some discussion, motion from M. Cutler and K. Swierad giving Tattersall the approval to release the  
31 present document as written and also, permission to Tattersall to edit the document should the need arise  
32 was unanimously approved by this board.  
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34 Supt. Lawler began his report by announcing the resignation of James Gulley, Law Enforcement  
35 Instructor who has recently been elected Sheriff in our community. His letter was read and the board  
36 accepted his resignation by motions by M. Cutler and F. Kinney with unanimous vote. The board  
37 accepted with regrets and wished him well in his new position. Edelson extended his thanks to Gulley  
38 and also wished him well in his new position as sheriff. The Law Enforcement position has been  
39 advertised and we continue to receive applications.  
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41 Supt. Lawler continued his report with the retirement of Robbe Marra, Special Education Coordinator. He  
42 thanked her for her service to our students and community. Motions to accept with regrets by M. Cutler  
43 and K. Swierad were unanimously approved. Edelson added his thanks for the assistance and  
44 considerations she has shown to him and students. This position will be advertised in the near future.  
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46 Lawler next introduced the nomination of Paul Redding for the newly approved Student Resource and  
47 Campus Safety Liaison. Redding is presently a Para in our building. On January 6, 2023, he resigned  
48 his Para position effective January 18, 2023 and will begin his new duties January 19<sup>th</sup> with the board's  
49 approval. There were four applicants interviewed by Lawler, Honsinger, Tattersall and N. Sauer. Redding  
50 was the selected candidate. He will work 5 hours a day for a total of 25 hours per week with the  
51 understanding times may be flexible. All record checks are complete so he is prepared to begin  
52 immediately. Motions by L. Johnson and J. Kelly were unanimously approved.  
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1 Lawler shared with the board an event happening this week, the first "Sophomore Exploration Day."  
2 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will visit the Tech Center Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon for tours and  
3 presentations by our program instructors. Over 450 invitations were sent out to the district's 10<sup>th</sup> graders.  
4 As we have a half day, this gives students and parents a longer, more involved look into our programs.  
5 Teachers have worked very hard prepping for this event under the leadership of Lisa Harrington,  
6 Guidance Coordinator, Meg Honsinger, A.D. and Nicole Sauer, Outreach Coordinator. We expect to see  
7 great dividends from all the efforts by our personnel. Lawler expressed his appreciation to all participants  
8 for this first time event.

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10 Lawler and administration have been working with MAU as the daily schedule is expected to change next  
11 year. We must align with state guidelines as well as work with our sending schools to provide a workable  
12 schedule for all. This should be beneficial to all as we endeavor to best serve our students. Also, the  
13 Agency of Education has completed a study on Career and Technical Education and some changes are  
14 expected. Governing is not the real issue, funding is an area that needs real adjustment. There are  
15 several verbal listening sessions scheduled to share this information and we should have someone attend  
16 from our school. D. Whitman mentioned this subject is on everyone's mind and we need to have a good  
17 look at it, establish some focus groups and provide effective feedback. Again, noted, this is a funding  
18 issue, not a governess one.

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20 Last but not least, Lawler announced our Perkins Grant was finally fully accepted after many rewrites. M.  
21 Honsinger spent many, many hours on this project and we are all delighted to see the successful  
22 completion. Many thanks to Honsinger. Perkins is now good for two years, so we have a bit of a break  
23 before the struggle begins again.

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25 L. Johnson asked if we should make sure someone does represent our board/district for the special CTE  
26 listening sessions. Lawler assured someone will do that.

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28 As there being no other business at this time, with motions from Swierad and Kinney, the board  
29 unanimously agreed to adjourn at 10:44AM.

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31 Policy Committee will meet in Lawler's office at this time.