

1 **Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District (SVRTSD)**
2 **Regional Governing Board Meeting Minutes: Monday, May 13, 2024, in-person and online**
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4 **RGB members present:** M. Cutler, A. Edelson, F. Kinney, J. Orzechowski, G. Sauer, K. Swierad, D.
5 Whitman and TJ Williams
6 Online-L. Johnson, C. Putney and T. Kane
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8 **SWT represented** by: Supt./Dir. Michael Lawler, M. Honsinger, Asst. Dir. and R. Tattersall,
9 Business Manager
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11 Audience: CAT-TV
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13 **Recorder:** Sandra Redding, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
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15 Meeting was opened at 10:02AM by Chair Swierad. With no public comments or concerns
16 noted, the consent agenda was introduced:

- 17 • April Full Board minutes were unanimously approved with motions from Edelson and
18 Orzechowski.
- 19 • Payroll warrants were unanimously approved with motions from Kinney and Edelson
- 20 • Vendor warrants were unanimously approved with motions from Kinney and Edelson

21 Business office documents were noted as present with no questions or concerns.
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23 At 4:07PM, the board went into executive session by unanimous vote.

24 At 4:15PM, the board returned from executive session and unanimously agreed to continue
25 open session.
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27 Action item:

28 Motions were made by Cutler and Edelson to approval the contract for superintendent/director
29 and to offer the position to Meg Honsinger, now the Assistant Director at SW Tech. Vote was
30 unanimous. Honsinger accepted.
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32 There were no committee reports.
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34 Supt. Lawler requested Honsinger share the CLNA Perkins Grant data with the board and
35 public. She went through a Power Point presentation explaining what was learned with this data.
36 (Power Point attached.) It was noted that the data presented today will be update and
37 presented in full when complete. The board expressed their thanks for the information and look
38 forward to receiving the completed report.
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40 Edelson again explained his reasoning for requesting a re-vote on the time for RGB full board
41 meetings.

- 42 • Edelson feels board meetings need to be totally and fully accessible to all people,
43 citizens, teachers, staff, students and community members as this is his primary reason
44 for being part of this board. He is all about accessibility. He feels working people do not
45 have the opportunity to attend, bring input, and offer their support for the workings of the
46 school. Zoom is helpful but still is lacking. He would like to see students encouraged to
47 be involved more as civics is very important to our society. Even with this modified
48 schedule of AM and PM, he feels it is complicated and not truly fair for the everyday
49 person. He is strongly advocating for the 4PM meeting time for all full board meetings.
50 Edelson would like to see the board meeting information on other public forums,
51 Facebook, Front Porch, etc..

- 1 • Cutler stated that in one way or another, he has been involved with the board since
- 2 2009. He noted that there are very few in attendance at any meeting.
- 3 • Kinney mentioned that when a vote is taken by the board, that is usually the end of it till
- 4 the next year.
- 5 • Whitman noted the legislature does not repeat the same questions month to month
- 6 • Honsinger felt that morning meetings were very advantageous for board members to see
- 7 the students and programs in action and also, that the students could meet our board
- 8 members.

9 Motion was made to set all RGB full board meetings at 4PM. With one abstention, two in
10 favor, the motion did not pass.

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12 Supt. Lawler announced that the SW Tech Awards event is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4,
13 2024. More details to come soon. Also, there are several national field trips for our CTSOs in
14 June. We always have very strong representation at the national meets. HOSA Nationals
15 will be held in Houston and FBLA will be in Orlando. We wish all our students the best of
16 luck.

17 Also, a reminder, our June RGB full board will meet Monday, June 3, 10AM.

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19 Motions from Cutler and Edelson to adjourn came at 5:25PM with unanimous support from
20 the board. The education/facilities committee meeting will be postponed until next Monday,
21 May 20, 2024, 3PM. We will also try to schedule a policy committee meeting as soon as
22 possible.

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