

1 **Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District (SVRTSD)**
2 **Strategic Planning Committee Meeting, Tuesday, November 12, 2013, 3 PM**

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4 Attending: RGB members – Gloria Alexander, Jim Boutin, Leon Johnson and Jackie Kelly.
5 Others: Jim Culkeen, Superintendent/Director; Wendy Klein, Co-op Coordinator and Bill
6 Swisher, Guidance. Recorder: Sandra Redding, Office Manager

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8 Minutes from October meeting were approved.

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10 Jim Boutin provided an update on meetings with the Bennington Select Board. The
11 meetings are on-going attempts to inform all parties of budget process, upcoming large
12 scale projects and anticipated costs. They hope to build better communication between the
13 boards. It is not for control, just would be an assist in planning large scale projects such as
14 the DPW garage, a future Bennington project. It would be helpful to all boards to have an
15 idea of any anticipated large expenditures. The group is meeting Wednesday, November 13
16 at the Veterans Home.

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18 Discussion ensued as to what local area businesses need and expect from our students at
19 the CDC as they move into the workforce. It was suggested that we establish links in our
20 community to businesses and government so that we can be flexible to the needs of the
21 area. “Pathways to Learning” was discussed. A suggestion from Greg Van Houten, owner
22 of GVH Studio, a local business that works with our coop program, is that he would like to
23 see our students bring their grades transcript and attendance records to job interviews. Our
24 students need to know how important the soft skills and reliability factors are to the business
25 world. Students need to be able to take skills taught in CDC classes and rapidly adjust them
26 to suit the needs of an employer. We would like to see students monitor their own progress
27 and build their own personal learning plans to add to their portfolio.

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29 Committee worked on adjustments to philosophy and goals. See work sheet set #2.

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31 Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, 3 PM.

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33 Meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM.