

1 Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District (SVRTSD)
2 Education/Strategic Planning Committee
3 Monday, September 19, 2016, 6 PM
4 RGB members attending: Jim Boutin, Ed Letourneau, John MacDonald, and Ken Swierad
5 at 6:45 PM
6 CDC attendees: Michael Lawler, Meg Honsinger and Stephanie Mulligan
7 Recorder: Sandra Redding
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9 Ed Letourneau called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM. Initial discussion concerned CCV
10 and CPT training and how do we become a part of this. It may be possible for us to host
11 the hands-on training piece for those not placed yet. This training is open to seniors 18
12 years and older and is free for participants.
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14 Supt. Lawler and Meg Honsinger met with Warren Coolidge to discuss our participation
15 with the adult education CPT program. We may be able to partner with CCV in the late
16 spring next year. Mike shared that we were led to believe that we missed the deadline in
17 being involved and was shocked to see the article in the Banner concerning the program
18 running with CCV and others. Meg reached out to see how we could be included. It
19 seems the state is directing a good deal of money towards state colleges to set up specific
20 programs.
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22 A discussion ensued as to exactly what our area businesses are in need of for job training
23 to fill open positions. Welding, CDL training, diesel repair and mechanics, small engine
24 repair and HVAC courses are in high demand right now and have been for a while. In
25 speaking with Trevor Mance and an associate from Dailey's, we learn there are jobs
26 available and not enough trained personnel in the area to fill these jobs. Mance also
27 reminded us that these service jobs are not going away, they are always needed. He has
28 been reaching out to Hoosick Falls to find potential employees. Supt. Lawler noted to the
29 committee that firefighting training is also a needed in our area. The CDC had such a
30 course at one time, but interest seemed to wane. This training is rather involved, very
31 academic as well as hands on, costly and finding a certified teacher can be a problem.
32 The committee wondered if the state would have some funding in this category. Also, the
33 committee wondered why we are not offering these types of classes and how we should
34 go about getting them established. We do have sufficient space in our building and can
35 also, go offsite to other businesses if need be.
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37 The Adult Education situation was discussed at this time. Meg Honsinger, with assistance
38 from other staff, has taken on many of the responsibilities of this department since the
39 departure of the former assistant director of adult ed. Honsinger was not required to be
40 on site for most of the summer per her contract, so she has worked rather vigorously to
41 establish an understanding of the needs and procedures of this CDC area. Honsinger has
42 agreed to accept these additional responsibilities for the remainder of this school year as
43 the situation is assessed. Motion was made and seconded to request that the full board
44 provide a \$10,000. stipend to Honsinger for the additional work and time involved.
45 Decision was unanimous to present this to the full board.
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47 Supt. Lawler shared that CDC faculty will be involved with MAU faculty in developing the
48 Personal Learning Plans, (PLP), for all students. Faculty is looking forward to being
49 involved in this process as there will be very good training for all and this will truly assist
50 students in their academic goals.
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52 Meeting adjourned at 6:45PM.