

1 **Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District (SVRTSD)**

2 **RGB Education/Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes: Monday, September 13, 2021, Zoom Online**
3 **Meeting**

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5 **RGB members present:** A. Edelson; J. Kelly; L. Johnson and AJ Williams

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7 **CDC represented** by: Michael Lawler, Supt./Dir; Meg Honsinger, Assistant Director and Lisa Harrington
8 Redding, Guidance Coordinator

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

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12 Chair Jackie Kelly called meeting to order at 9AM. After welcoming all and calling for public comments,
13 there being none, she invited Lisa Harrington Redding to share information on the recruitment process,
14 course selection and tour schedule for SW Tech. At this time, we do not schedule a Parent Night Open
15 House for our sending schools, but it might be something to consider for the future. We invite all our
16 sending schools in for tours at the appropriate times to share with students as to what programs are
17 available to them at SW Tech. We usually participate in two open houses along with MAUHS during the
18 school year. Students take tours during the year with visits to every program and then, fill out an interest
19 survey for guidance counselors to use in scheduling students for the coming years. This is a very useful
20 and successful mechanism for highlighting the advantages of SW Tech courses available. She shared
21 that most of our introductory short block classes were full and approximately 50% go on to full programs.
22 Many of our first year programs are at full capacity and second year programs continue to hold interest for
23 students as well.

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25 **Comments/concerns from committee members:**

- 26 • Good to hear classes are filling up, but sad we have wait lists
- 27 • Are there other ways to accommodate additional students? Online?
- 28 • Could we reach out to other tech centers to collaborate on program sharing?
- 29 • Could area businesses be involved in creating space for classes?
- 30 • Need balance for all students; expose students to many segments as possible
- 31 • Continue to grow WBL and coop experiences; research summer opportunities
- 32 • Assist students with basic skills
- 33 • Very little interest in agriculture; tried many times; assisted MAUMS in setting up their program
- 34 • Some programs just don't fly; wrong time in school for ag development
- 35 • As we have no STEM program, no coding classes are running here
- 36 • Perhaps robotics could be included in CAD somehow; continue to research
- 37 • Big need in tourism/hospitality fields right now; employees needed in all aspects

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39 After good discussion, meeting adjourned at 9:50AM to prepare for full board meeting.

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