

1 **Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District V0009**
2 **Minutes of the 2024 Annual District Floor Meeting: Monday, March 4, 2024**
3 **Online and in-person at Southwest Tech, 321 Park Street, Bennington VT 05201**
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5 **Board Members Present:** M. Cutler, A. Edelson, L. Johnson, C. Putney, G. Sauer, K. Swierad, D.
6 Whitman and TJ Williams; J. Kelly-Online
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8 **SW Tech** represented by: Michael Lawler, Superintendent/Director, (online); Rebecca Tattersall,
9 Business Manager, (in-person)
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11 Also present: Jason Morrissey, Moderator and approx. 5 members of the public
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13 Online: CAT-TV
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15 Recorder: Sandra Redding, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
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18 Morrissey called the meeting to order at 5:30PM and welcomed everyone including District Rep. Mary
19 Morrissey. He asked for public comments. Hearing none, he requested Regional Board members present
20 introduce themselves and share the community they represent. The **Warning** for the meeting was then
21 read aloud by Moderator Morrissey:
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23 *The legal voters of the Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District Service Region*
24 *(consisting of Arlington, Bennington, Dorset, Glastenbury, Manchester, North Bennington, Pownal,*
25 *Readsboro, Sandgate, Searsburg, Shaftsbury, Stamford, Sunderland and Woodford) are hereby*
26 *warned to meet at Southwest Tech, 321 Park Street in Bennington Vermont on Monday March 4,*
27 *2024 to transact the following business from the floor:*
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29 **ARTICLE 1:** To establish the annual salaries of the District Directors at \$1,500 each: **A motion was**
30 **made, (M. Morrissey) and seconded, (L. Johnson) to establish the District Directors' salaries as**
31 **presented, and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote with no one opposed or abstaining.**
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33 **ARTICLE 2:** To establish the annual salary of the District Treasurer at \$14,200 each: **A motion was**
34 **made, (M. Morrissey) and seconded, (L. Johnson) to establish the salary of the District Treasurer**
35 **as presented, and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote with no one opposed or**
36 **abstaining.**
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38 **ARTICLE 3:** To establish the annual salary of the District Clerk at \$1,200: **A motion was made, (A.**
39 **Edelson) and seconded, (K. Swierad) to establish the salary of the District Clerk as presented, and**
40 **the motion carried unanimously by voice vote with no one opposed or abstaining.**
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42 **ARTICLE 4:** To establish the annual salary of the Assistant District Clerk at \$600: **A motion was made,**
43 **(M. Cutler) and seconded, (L. Johnson) to establish the salary of the Assistant District Clerk as**
44 **presented, and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote with no one opposed or abstaining.**
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46 **ARTICLE 5:** To establish the annual salary of the District Moderator at \$100.00: **A motion was made,**
47 **(C. Putney) and seconded, (M. Cutler) to establish the salary of the District Moderator as**
48 **presented, and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote with no one opposed or abstaining.**
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50 **ARTICLE 6:** To authorize the School District Board to borrow money in anticipation of tax revenues to
51 meet current operating expenses of the District. **A motion was made, (L. Johnson) and seconded, (K.**
52 **Swierad) to authorize the School District Board to borrow money for the purpose presented, and**
53 **the motion carried unanimously by voice vote with no one opposed or abstaining.**
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55 **ARTICLE 7:** To hold a public informational hearing on articles to be voted upon by Australian ballot on
56 March 5, 2024. **A motion was made, (A. Edelson) and seconded, (C. Putney) to hold a public**

1 hearing for the purpose presented and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote with no one
2 opposed or abstaining.
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4 **ARTICLE 8:** To transact any other business found proper when met. A motion was made, (M. Cutler)
5 and seconded, (K. Swierad) to hold a public hearing for the purpose presented and the motion
6 carried unanimously by voice vote with no one opposed or abstaining.
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8 **Morrissey then read Articles A, B and C to be voted on by legal voters of the Southwest Vermont**
9 **Regional Technical School District #V009, Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at each respective town:**
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- 11 • **Article A: To elect four (4) School Directors, who are legal residents of the Service Region**
12 **as listed above in accordance with the bylaws of the Southwest Vermont Regional**
13 **Technical School District for three (3) year terms**
- 14 • **Article B: Shall the voters of the Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District**
15 **approve the school board to expend \$4,817,556 which is the amount the school board has**
16 **determined to be necessary for the ensuing school year?**
- 17 • **Article C: Shall the voters of the Service Region of the Southwest Vermont Regional**
18 **Technical School District increase the existing Reserve Fund for Capital improvements**
19 **and existing Reserve Fund for Equipment by the sums of \$60,000 and \$20,000**
20 **respectively?**
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22 **With no other business to come before the board at this time, at 5:43PM, a motion was made, (M.**
23 **Cutler) and seconded, (A. Edelson) to adjourn. The motion carried by voice vote with no one**
24 **opposed or abstaining.**
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26 **FYI-Supt. Lawler served notice that the SW Tech Regional Governing Board will meet Monday,**
27 **March 18, 2024, 10:30AM at 321 Park Street, Bennington. More details will be forthcoming soon.**