

1 **Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District (SVRTSD)**
2 **Education and Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes: Monday, September 16, 2013, 5 PM**
3 Conference Room, Career Development Center

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5 RGB members present: Jim Boutin, Jessica Gulley-Ward, Ed Letourneau and Heidi Pickering;
6 CDC-Supt. James Culkeen, Asst. Dir. Mike Lawler; Banner reporter

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8 Recorder: Sandra Redding
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10 Jim Boutin began the meeting with a review of the 21st Century Grant, its use in the school
11 system already and the history of the MAUMS Mosaic Program run by Bob Marine. He sees our
12 possible use as after school and summer programs. We would be adding an academic
13 component to the technical programs already in place. There is a need for improvement in math,
14 science and English according to NECAP scores. An element of fun should be added to attract
15 students. Bob Marine sees no problem in our involvement in this area as he works mostly with
16 middle and elementary schools. There is a workshop concerning the grant in October, so we
17 should send someone to check it out. Need to know how much is available, how the funds can
18 be used, curriculum development piece, equipment and supplies. Right now, we use the Perkins
19 Grant which is tied to testing. Gender equality needs to be considered. Random thoughts:

- 20 • Hire teachers at \$25 per hour in the summer
- 21 • Need counseling assistance for students
- 22 • Run a "theme type camp"
- 23 • Work with MAUMS
- 24 • Hit specific populations
- 25 • Curriculum would be tied to what?
- 26 • Need someone to act as leader
- 27 • Bring Marie-Pierre Huguet on board
- 28 • Program would include breakfast, lunch; 8AM-1 PM
- 29 • How does program align with at-risk, free and reduced lunch and any other sub groups?
- 30 • Committee would not be writing grant
- 31 • Committee members willing to get more information on this grant

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33 The Farm Grant was then discussed. Is this a recurring grant or more like an Innovation Grant?
34 There is a web-in-air soon on this grant. This might help us get started. What is the plan for the
35 program and the hiring of a program instructor? Discussion ensued as to past practices in
36 advertising and hiring. Do we need to change the focus of the search? What is the board looking
37 for in such a program? This is not well defined. Perhaps, a discussion with MAUMS would be
38 helpful as they are involved in a sustainable program at this time. We could contact the VT. Dept.
39 of Agriculture and VT. Tech colleges for possible applicants. Is there articulation with Hudson
40 Valley in this area? Who gets the job could possibly define what the program is going to be.
41 What students are interested in and what careers are relevant at this time also need to be
42 considered. Questions were raised about the FFA program at the CDC. We do not have an
43 active group at this time. What would be some innovative plans to kick start a program?
44 Perhaps, a consultant farmer or agriculture person would be useful in designing a start-up
45 introductory course. Shelly Stiles and Marie-Pierre Huguet should be consulted in this area. We
46 could open the door to this area with a summer program.

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48 Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.
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