

1 Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District (SVRTSD)

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3 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes, Monday January 31, 2022

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5 Meeting was held virtually via Zoom platform.

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7 RGB members present Leon Johnson, Chair; Art Haytko and Asher Edelson. Southwest Tech
8 represented by Mike Lawler, Superintendent Director, Meg Honsinger, Assistant Director, John
9 Lamson, Staff

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11 Recorder: John Lamson

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13 Chairman Johnson opened the meeting at 10:35 by expressing condolences to Sandy Redding
14 on the passing of her husband. Chairman Johnson read the agenda.

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16 Mr. Lamson began review of marked up By-Laws.

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18 Chairman Johnson asked Mr. Lamson to set aside his review for a couple of minutes while two
19 items of business were disposed of.

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21 Chairman Johnson asked if there was any public comment. There was none. No members of the
22 public attended the meeting.

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24 Chairman Johnson entertained a Motion to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2021
25 committee meeting. Motion to approve minutes was made by Asher Edelson; seconded by Art
26 Hyatko; approved by unanimous consent.

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28 The Chair asked Mr. Lamson to continue with the review of the By-Laws. Discussion ensued
29 concerning the following provisions:

- 30 • Article III Section 2a was moved to Section 9 to reflect that nomination for a Board
31 position only occurs when the Board must appoint a Director to a vacant position. Under
32 normal circumstances no appointment is necessary as any district voter may run for the
33 position.
- 34 • Article VI Section 1 was modified to reflect that the Board has the authority to determine
35 that a meeting is unnecessary in a month (most typically July) and that a Board meeting
36 does not need to be held.

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38 Discussion ensued regarding the remaining policies on the agenda:

- 39 - 2200C - Discrimination
- 40 - 4035C – Conflict of Interest in Hiring
- 41 - 4400C – Safety and Security of Employees
- 42 - 5050C – Discipline of Pupils, Suspension and Expulsion
- 43 - 6000C – Curriculum
- 44 - 7195C – Execution of Policy Administrative Regulations
- 45 - 5090C – Interrogation or Search by Law Enforcement
- 46 - 5085C – Search and Seizure
- 47 - Special Education Policy

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49 Chairman Johnson indicated that there was not time to review these policies and they should be
50 set again for the next meeting. He also indicated that the policy review procedure is formal and
51 must be adhered to. Policies should be reviewed periodically by the committee and that review
52 date should be reflected in the lower table section of the document. Once the committee is
53 satisfied with the review the policy is recommended to the Board for approval.

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55 Mr. Lamson reviewed briefly a prepared version of proposed policy 6010C – Special Education
56 that is drafted from the recommendations of the Vermont School Board Association. The Chair

1 asked that this version be included at the next meeting as status: ready for recommendation to
2 the Board.

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4 Mr. Edelson requested that further review of 2200C – Discrimination be had before it was
5 recommended to the Board for approval.

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7 Meeting adjourned at 11:46AM (Edelson/Haytko) and by unanimous consent.

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