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1 2 3	Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District (SWVRTSD) Regional Governing Board Meeting Minutes: September 21, 2009 Dorset Elementary School, 130 School Dr, Dorset VT.
4 5 6	Members Present: Justin Corcoran; Claude DeLucia; Rickey Harrington; Larry Johnson; Leon Johnson (arrived @ 6:40); Fran Kinney; Frank Lamb; Ed Letourneau; Jon Peaslee.
7 8	Members excused: Gloria Alexander; Kevin Goodhue.
9 10 11 12	Staff and Others Present: Dr Frank Barone, Director; Greg Lewis, Business Manager; Bob Montgomery, Assistant Director; Bruce Lee-Clark, Instructor; Sandy Redding, Office Manager.
13 14	Videotaping: Carol Sherwood (CDC Staff)
15 16 17	Audio Taping: Sandy Redding Minutes (from audio tape): Barb Schlesinger
19 20 21 22 23 24	At 6:32pm Lamb called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Lamb also thanked the Dorset school folks for hosting the meeting.  Public Comments  There were none.  Agenda
25 26 27 28	Peaslee moved and Corcoran seconded a motion to set the Agenda. Seven were in favor. Letourneau abstained (He had not received his packet in the mail).
29 30 31 32 33 34 35	<ul> <li>Consent Agenda</li> <li>Minutes of the August 18, 2009 RGB Meeting</li> <li>Minutes of the September 1, 2009 Outreach Committee Meeting</li> <li>Minutes of the September 2, 2009 Facilities Committee Meeting</li> <li>Minutes of the September 10, 2009 Strategic Planning Meeting</li> <li>SWVRTSD Payroll Warrant # 104 8/28/2009 in the amount of \$ 13,265.98</li> <li>SWVRTSD Payroll Warrant # 1007 8/28/2009 in the amount of \$ 60,336.24</li> </ul>
36 37	- SWVRTSD Payroll Warrant # 105 9/21/2009 in the amount of \$ 13.389.69 - SWVRTSD Payroll Warrant # 1009 9/21/2009 in the amount of \$ 59,814.45
38 39 40	<ul> <li>SWVRTSD Vendor Warrant # 1008 8/28/2009 in the amount of \$ 74,650.49</li> <li>SWVRTSD Vendor Warrant # 1010 9/21/2009 in the amount of \$100,683.40</li> </ul>
41 42 43	Peaslee moved and Corcoran seconded a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Seven were in favor. Letourneau abstained.
44 45 46 47	The following three items of the Consent Agenda were pulled for further discussion at Larry Johnson's request:  • SWVRTSD Vendor Warrant # 1008 8/28/2009 in the amount of \$ 74,650.49
48 )9 50 51	<ol> <li>Page 3 Businesscard Services – transportation supplies. Invoice # 12615026 Lewis explained this was for synthetic motor oil.</li> <li>Page 7 J &amp; J Auto – Polishing. Invoice # 082509</li> </ol>

There was no discussion. Leon noted there might be a possible typo/ grammatical error; he will review the Policy and correct if necessary.

♦ 5088C Hazing Policy

Corcoran moved and Peaslee seconded a motion to Warn Policy # 5088C. All were in favor.

There was no discussion.

♦ 6000C Curriculum

Corcoran moved and Kinney seconded a motion to Warn Policy # 6000C. All were in favor.

Leon Johnson noted that the policy now includes grammatically three strong statements as to what the Board stands for and the direction they want to go in.

#### Field Trip

Forestry/ Heavy Equipment Paul Smith's College Tues, 9/29/2009 → Wed, 9/30/2009

Peaslee moved and Corcoran seconded the motion to approve the Forestry field trip. All were in favor.

There was no discussion. However, Larry Johnson noted the Forestry Department will be working with the Town of Shaftsbury in the future.

#### Old Business

Culinary

Barone noted the Facilities Committee gave the go ahead to start formulating a program for the 2010-2011 school year. Montgomery and Barone will begin strategizing the process which will be similar to the one used for Cosmetology. The Horticulture class will be sharing space at the Mt Anthony greenhouse, thus freeing up the classroom space originally designed for/ used by the previous culinary program. Montgomery spoke of the possibility of kitchen equipment from the old middle school. There is also the possibility of acquiring equipment from the recently closed Conte Middle School in North Adams.

There was discussion as to Committee approval rather than Board approval and Mount Anthony's agreement as to sharing their greenhouse.

Welding Kinney noted the need by local industry for welders. There was discussion as to the location of a welding lab, either on-campus or off. Off-campus works for adult students but on-campus, because of industry policies, is more appropriate for the high school students. Harrington spoke of the importance of, and many facets of, welding and the need for an on-campus lab. Town permitting and the universal use of this lab space were also discussed.

Leon Johnson noted more information needs to be gathered before the Board can make a decision on whether to pursue or not. Lamb noted the Facilities, Education and Finance committees will also need to be involved and make their

the possibility of solar for the center.

- Placement of adults in the daytime full program classes.
   This topic has been discussed earlier in the meeting.
- Legislative issue; FTE funding beyond 1.0 for reimbursement.
   CDC is serving more and more high school students and adults. Need to encourage legislation to work towards increasing the FTE payment to 1.25 or beyond. This request would be in the form of a letter.

Letourneau moved and Peaslee seconded a motion to have the Board request the local legislative body to work towards increasing the state aid beyond one FTE.

RGB members to visit school boards in our district.
 Lamb requested permission of the Board for administration and Board members to visit other school board meetings. This will allow others to put 'a face with the name'.

Corcoran moved and the motion was seconded to approve RGB Board members attending as guests other district school board meetings. All were in favor.

RFP for legal counsel for our district.
 Background for this topic was not included in the packet but was emailed by Barone.
 Several members did not receive the email. Barone explained there is an
 opportunity to put legal counsel out to bid because CDC recently ended its contract
 with SVSU. Barone feels that the most efficient way to advertise is to post the RFP
 on the Vermont Law Board's website. There was brief discussion as to including a
 hard copy of such items in the packet.

Peaslee moved and Harrington seconded a motion to approve the RFP. All were in favor.

Lamb proposed a five member committee to be in charge of the bid opening. The members would be: Barone, DeLucia, Lamb, Lewis and Montgomery.

Larry Johnson moved and Peaslee seconded the motion to form a five member committee to open the bids. All were in favor.

 Overcrowding Issues.
 Lamb would like to direct administration to come up with a plan to address overcrowding in several of the programs that are at capacity.

Peaslee moved and Harrington seconded a motion to ask Administration to work on a creative scheduling process to ease overcrowding while staying within the State of Vermont's stated school day.

VT Teacher of the Year
 Automotive instructor Tom Haskins has been selected as the Vermont Tech Teacher of the Year.

Peaslee moved and Harrington seconded a motion to send a letter thanking Tom for

1	his service. All were in favor.			
2 3 4 5 6	Other: There was brief discussion regarding the receipt of board packets by members, pick up versus being mailed and the cost of currier delivery. Barone will look into a more efficient less costly way that ensures board members receive their packets prior to meetings.			
7 8 9 10	Executive Session:  Lamb brought the board's attention to the reque of an instructor.	est from administration to change the contract		
11 12 13 14	At 7:50 Harrington moved and Peaslee seco Session to discuss personnel. All were in fa			
15 16 17	At 7:58 Harrington moved and Peaslee seco All were in favor.	nded a motion to exit Executive Session.		
18 19 20	Lamb moved and Corcoran seconded a moti faculty member to a .5 FTE position. All wer	on to bring the Bio/Ag/Plant and Science e in favor.		
21 22	Adjourn: At 8:00 motion was made and seconded to a	diourn All were in favor		
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25	Attachments:			
26 27 28	<ul><li>RGB Meeting Minutes</li><li>Outreach Committee Minutes</li><li>Facilities Committee Minutes</li></ul>	August 28, 2009 September 1, 2009 September 2, 2009		
29 30 31	<ul> <li>Strategic Planning Minutes</li> <li>Payroll Warrants # 104 &amp; # 1007</li> <li>Payroll Warrants # 105 &amp; # 1009</li> </ul>	September 10,2009 Dated August 28, 2009 Dated September 21, 2009		
32 33 34	<ul><li>Vendor Warrant # 1008</li><li>Vendor Warrant # 1010</li><li>Revenue &amp; Expenses</li></ul>	Dated August 28, 2009 Dated September 21, 2009		
35 36 37	<ul><li>Policies for Adoption</li><li>Policies for Warning</li><li>Field Trip Request</li></ul>	Numbers: 5002C; 5003C Numbers: 5084C; 5088C; 6000C Forestry		
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39	FYI Materials - Adult Education Action Information			
40 41	- Director's Report			
42	- Course capacities			
43	- Executive Session Materials			
44 45	<ul> <li>Larry Johnson's Letter with attachments</li> </ul>			

recommendations. A plan should be presented to the Board the beginning of next year. There will be no action at this time.

#### **Action Items**

♦ Adult Education Information Request
Barone noted that he met with Bob Mazur re the written request for information from
Larry Johnson. Barone proposes an Annual Report be given at the September RGB
meeting. Due to scheduling, Barone proposed that the 'first' Annual Report
presentation be given at the November RGB meeting. The report will include
enrollment, financials, et al.

Discussion followed as to the separation of this report from the CDC annual report, the time-span of the Adult Ed report and when the report would best be presented.

Letourneau moved and Corcoran seconded a motion that the Board ask Dr Barone to have a presentation made by the Adult Ed Coordinator at the November RGB meeting. All were in favor excepting Peaslee who voted Nay.

There was further discussion regarding the audit and its scope. Barone recommended that DeLucia and he invite the auditors to a Finance Committee meeting.

Windmill Report Barone reported that Addie Vandeurzen, the instructor responsible for the windmill, will give a PowerPoint presentation at the October meeting. There was discussion regarding the operation of the windmill and if it was operational at present time.

### Committee Reports:

→ Outreach

Corcoran reported that we have a new contract with Comcast and the Facebook page is up and running. Outreach is as at a crossroads as to what type of media will be used in the future.

The question of who has the authority to sign 'contracts' prior to board approval was discussed. Administration will look into this:

# Director/ Superintendent's Report:

Barone touched on the following items in his report:

- 1. Hand sanitizers in public areas besides classrooms. There was brief discussion as to alcohol based sanitizer & the effectiveness of it.
- 2. Clarity of the capacity of each program (enrollment capped by law).
- 3. Opening enrollment has increased 17% from last year.
- 4/5. Human Services and Building Trades activities.
- 12. Update on Wind Generation Project. Barone reported on the 'who, what, wheres' of the project.

# Chairman's Report:

Green Technology at CDC.
 "Green technology' is the current buzzword around and Lamb hopes the
administration would report periodically through the year as to training taking place in
various programs leading to possible 'green certificates". Lamb also inquired as to

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- Lewis explained this was for polishing the CDC busses.
- 3. Page 15 Traffic Supply Company. Invoices # 2707244715/ #744554/ #746925 Larry Johnson wanted to know why there was no itemization of what was purchased. There was brief discussion with it being noted there was a breakdown of the budgeted items purchased on the purchase order.
- SWVRTSD Vendor Warrant # 1010 9/21/2009 in the amount of \$100,683.40
  - Page 11 Mt Anthony UHS District # 14. Invoices1081309A, B, C, D/ 120063009/ 2081309/ 3081309
     Lewis explained that the bulk of this was the annual maintenance fees and were actually accruals for last year. Allocation for supplies is done once a year and includes items like light bulbs, toilet paper, etc.
- Minutes of the August 18, 2009 RGB Meeting
  - 1. Page 2, Line 39 Time of Strategic Planning meeting DeLucia expressed confusion about the time of the meeting. The email he received from Barone was referring to the Policy meeting. Future Strategic Planning meetings will be held at 2:15pm. The minutes stand.

Peaslee moved and Harrington seconded a motion to accept the above three Consent Agenda Items. All were in favor excepting Letourneau and Leon Johnson (who did not get packet).

# Policies to be Adopted

Leon Johnson presented the following two policies for Adoption:

♦ 5002C Policy Against Student Harassment

Larry Johnson moved and Kinney seconded a motion to Adopt Policy # 5002C. All were in favor.

There was no discussion.

♦ 5003C Bullying Prevention

Kinney moved and Peaslee seconded a motion to Adopt Policy # 5003C. All were in favor.

There was no discussion.

### Policies to be Warned

Leon Johnson presented the following three policies for Warning:

♦ 5084C Personal Use of Wireless Communication

Corcoran moved and Peaslee seconded a motion to Warn Policy # 5084C. All were in favor.