

1 **Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District (SVRTSD)**
2 **Regional Governing Board Meeting Minutes: Monday, December 14, 2020, Zoom Online Meeting**
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4 **RGB members present:** Art Haytko, Leon Johnson, Jackie Kelly, Francis Kinney, Edward Letourneau,
5 John MacDonald, Kenneth Sweirad and Dane Whitman
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7 **CDC represented** by: Meg Honsinger, Assistant Director; Rebecca Tattersall, Business Manager; Robbe
8 Bahny, Workforce and Education Training Coordinator
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10 Audience: CAT-TV; and a member of the general public.

- 11 • Asher Edelson
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13 **Recorder:** Sandra Redding, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
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15 Meeting was called to order by Chair John MacDonald at 10:04AM. He welcomed the public and asked
16 for comments. Asher Edelson asked the following:

- 17 • Interested in services and programs provided for anyone with disabilities and if any possible
18 expansion of these services
- 19 • Curious about the stipend a board member receives and how that is calculated

20 It was noted that questions made thru public comments could be answered at the chair's discretion later
21 in the meeting or simply accepted for research and responded to at the next meeting.
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23 Board members unanimously voted to go into executive session concerning a board member with
24 motions from K. Swierad and F. Kinney. Session began at 10:11AM with a return to public session at
25 10:40AM. Chair MacDonald announced that the present chair of the finance committee would be
26 changed and F. Kinney appointed to this position. Kinney then invited Rebecca Tattersall, Business
27 Manager, to present the proposed budget for year 2022.
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29 The Consent Agenda was put forward for vote. Minutes from full board meeting, Monday, November 2,
30 2020 were motioned by K. Swierad and F. Kinney. Unanimously accepted as presented.
31 Payroll warrants were motioned by K. Swierad and F. Kinney. Motion passed unanimously.
32 Vendor warrants were motioned by F. Kinney and L. Johnson. Motion passed unanimously. Tattersall
33 informed the board that an issue related to cameras/equipment for our video program has been resolved
34 and a credit will be forthcoming.
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36 There is no report from the Bylaw Review committee at this time, so we moved into the presentation of
37 the FY2022 Budget. Tattersall created a Power Point presentation for the board and public, (see
38 attached documents.) She explained our timeline for acceptance and legal warning. Explanations of SW
39 Tech's programs, anticipated expenses/revenue, FTE count and anticipated tuition were shared. After a
40 well-defined presentation, motions were made by F. Kinney and L. Johnson to accept and pass the
41 budget proposal FY2022 as discussed in this meeting, shown as Option #3, \$4,073,500 with a budget
42 increase of 2.78% FY2021 to FY2022. Motion passed unanimously.
43 Motions were made by F. Kinney and L. Johnson to accept the anticipated tuition increase of 2.97%
44 FT2022. This passed unanimously. It was noted that it was an amazing feat to keep the budget increase
45 to such a manageable amount when you consider that we are handling more students while providing
46 solid and well-needed technical education in these trying times and also providing almost door to door
47 transportation for our students.
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49 At this time, Chair MacDonald responded to the stipend question asked by Mr. Edelson. Elected board
50 members are provided with a yearly stipend of \$1000 which is voted on by the general public at the yearly
51 town meeting which will next be Monday, March 1, 2021. Also, Rob Bahny, Workforce and Education
52 Training Coordinator, shared information concerning how our programs might be adapted and accessible
53 for anyone with disabilities. Accommodations can be made to assist as needed and referrals are made to
54 Voc Rehab and Workforce Solutions on a per need basis. We are always working to expand our
55 programs.
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1 There was a brief discussion as to whether to change the RGB full board meeting date and/or time. After
2 a bit of back and forth, it was decided to leave the dates and times as listed and discuss this as usual at
3 the March 2021 Re-og meeting.
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5 Meg Honsinger, Assistant Director, gave a brief update on schedules, activities and Covid related topics.
6 Our school continues to operate both remotely and in-person. All faculty and staff assist in many ways to
7 promote the health and safety of our students and personnel. We have a well-oiled system in place for
8 daily routines and always keep up to date with state regulations.
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10 Tattersall gave an update on Supt. Lawler, noting he is home recovering and slowly starting to feel
11 better. We hope to see him back to school as the new year begins. He is aware of and participating in
12 discussions and situations as needed.
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14 Board members expressed their thanks to SW Tech personnel for all the hard work and effort being made
15 to keep everyone safe and insure our students are well cared for. Asher Edelson was thanked for his
16 patience and interest in our district as he has attended the last few meetings online.
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18 With no further business to come before the board, motions by F. Kinney and L. Johnson to adjourn at
19 11:22AM. Unanimous.
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