

1 **Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District (SVRTSD)**
2 **Regional Governing Board Special Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, June 29, 2021, Zoom Online**
3 **Meeting**

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5 **RGB members present:** Michael Cutler, Asher Edelson, Art Haytko, Leon Johnson, Jackie
6 Kelly, Francis Kinney, John MacDonald, Kenneth Sweirad, Dane Whitman and Anthony (TJ)
7 Williams

8 **CDC represented by:** Michael Lawler, Superintendent/Director; Rebecca Tattersall, Business
9 Manager

10 Audience: CAT-TV

11 **Recorder:** Sandra Redding, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

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13 Meeting was called to order by Chair John MacDonald at 9:05AM. There were no public
14 comments or questions. He invited Business Manager, Rebecca Tattersall to share the bullet
15 points from the NEA and ESP contract negotiations. Documents were provided to board
16 members to consider for approval. (see attached documents) Tattersall explained the contracts
17 had been approved by the SVSU boards this past week and previously shared and approved by
18 the appropriate union memberships.

19 With motions from K. Swierad and F. Kinney, the Teachers Contract was put up for approval.
20 Motion carried unanimously. With motions from J. Kelly and M. Cutler, the ESP Contract was
21 put up for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

- 22 • **Teacher Collective Bargaining Agreement Tentative Settlement, 2021-2024**
- 23 • **ESP Collective Bargaining Agreement Tentative Settlement, 2021-2023**

24 Thanks to all who participated in the process of negotiations.

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26 Discussion ensued concerning the CTE Recovery Plan. Supt. Lawler went through the prepared
27 document, explaining the process and conclusions stated within. He mentioned that we had a short “turn
28 around” time to pull this information together which is a bit more complicated for us as we represent a
29 district of several schools, each needing a separate evaluation piece. Board members expressed
30 comments concerning special education needs and possible additional hires, funding and timing of
31 implementation of the plan. Lawler assured the board that we have sufficient staff to begin the Recovery
32 process as specified in the document attached. He did note that there will probably be revisions needed as
33 the process is ongoing. He expects that we will reach out for professional services for any additional
34 training/updates needed by staff.

35 Kelly noted that the plan looked really great, but stressed the possible need for additional
36 special education additional hires. Also, she wondered about proper/additional compensation for
37 the support team if over contract time would be required in implementing any of the Recovery
38 findings. The superintendent assured her that item would certainly be properly handled. Kelly
39 also volunteered to assist in any assessment work should that be needed.

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41 With motions from J. Kelly and L. Johnson, the board unanimously approved and accepted the
42 CTE Recovery Plan as presented today.

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44 Supt. Lawler mentioned that second interviews for the Manufacturing position were scheduled
45 today. Also, the search is active and ongoing for a Culinary Instructor. We have several
46 candidates who will be in for interviews in the near future.

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48 With no further business, motions by J. Kelly and M. Cutler to adjourn were unanimously
49 approved at 9:56AM.