

1 **Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District (SVRTSD)**
2 **Regional Governing Board Special Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, August 24, 2021, Zoom Online and**
3 **in-person Meeting**

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

8 **CDC represented** by: Michael Lawler, Superintendent/Director; Meg Honsinger, Asst. Director;
9 Rebecca Tattersall, Business Manager and Rob Bahny, Workforce and Education Training
10 Coordinator

11 Audience: CAT-TV

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

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14 Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair, L. Johnson as Chair J. MacDonald was in-process of
15 connecting. As there were no public comments, Johnson requested that Supt. Lawler share the
16 information from the Vermont Agency of Education concerning the memorandum referring to
17 general authority and duty of school boards pertaining to the wearing of or refusal to wear
18 masks while in school. Lawler reminded the board that the state emergency Covid orders are
19 no longer in effect, so he is requesting that the board give him authority to make decisions
20 regarding issues that may occur due to the wearing of masks in school. As it would take several
21 months to create a specific policy for this circumstance, Lawler feels having the board's support
22 and backing to make the best decisions for the district's students would be vital. After some
23 discussion, noting that because Lawler is directly involved daily with all things educational for
24 our district, it would be acceptable to give him the necessary authority to make decisions
25 concerning the wearing of masks by students. Motion by J. Kelly and F. Kinney to delegate
26 authority to Supt. Lawler to make decisions regarding the wearing of masks by students in the
27 school setting because of the continuing Covid situation was unanimously approved with the
28 stipulation that the situation be re-visited after the first semester of school or if the situation
29 changes. Vote was unanimous. Some discussion concerning other necessary measures for the
30 safety of students ensued. Because there are multiple and readily available testing and
31 vaccines available, it is up to parents to initiate any necessary directions to their students.
32 Supt. Lawler is approved by this board to delegate and implement any Covid emergency
33 measures thru the first quarter of the 2021/2022 school year.

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35 The board next considered the FY 22 VACTED Consortium Agreement as presented by
36 Business Manager, Rebecca Tattersall. This is an annual usual agreement supported by
37 Perkins Grant funds which goes toward the professional training of new teachers. No monies
38 come out of local budgets. M. Cutler noted a date discrepancy in the state's document which
39 was explained. With motions from J. Kelly and M. Cutler, the FY 22 agreement was accepted
40 as presented. Unanimous vote of the board to support.

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42 With no further business, the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:30AM.