

1 **Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District (SVRTSD)**
2 **Regional Governing Board Meeting Minutes: Monday, May 9, 2022, at SW Tech**
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4 **RGB members present:** Mike Cutler, Asher Edelson, Leon Johnson, Jackie Kelly, (online), Fran Kinney,
5 John MacDonald, Charles Putney, Ken Swierad, Anthony (TJ) Williams
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7 **CDC represented** by: Michael Lawler, Superintendent/Director; Meg Honsinger, Assistant Director and
8 Rebecca Tattersall, Business Manager
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10 Audience: CAT-TV
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12 **Recorder:** Sandra Redding, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
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14 Chair Ken Swierad called the meeting to order at 10:08AM in the Culinary café at SW Tech. There was a
15 request to amend the agenda by adding a field trip request. This was acceptable to all. The board then
16 exited the room to visit the Graphic Arts program where instructor Betsy Kane and students were pleased
17 to share program experiences with them. Upon the board's return at 10:28AM, the chair asked for any
18 public comments. Hearing none, the consent agenda was presented:

- 19 • Monday, April 11, 2022 full board minutes: with motions from F. Kinney and M. Cutler, the April
20 minutes were unanimously approved
- 21 • Payroll warrants were unanimously approved with motions from F. Kinney and M. Cutler
- 22 • Vendor warrants were unanimously approved with motions from M. Cutler and F. Kinney
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24 Mike Cutler noted that the advertisement for SW Tech that is showing at the local movie theater was
25 nicely done and worth the money for the exposure.
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27 Committee information:

- 28 • Joint Education/Facilities and Finance committees met before the full board and TJ Williams was
29 elected chair of the Education/Facilities committee. There will be information from that meeting
30 forthcoming.
- 31 • Policy committee will meet after the full board today
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33 Supt. Lawler shared information concerning the Growing Upright Daycare lease as it is due for renewal.
34 The group asked for further considerations and a re-discussion for presentation at the June board
35 meeting.
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37 After some discussion, it was decided to move the date of the June meeting to Monday, June 6, 2022,
38 10AM at SW Tech and online. All were in favor.
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40 Supt. Lawler explained the Game of Logging field trip that our forestry students and instructors are
41 preparing for. This is a very intense competition in the logging community for students to showcase skills
42 and earn certifications that we have participated in for several years. This year's competition will take
43 place in Hardwick, Vermont. Our students have been training and preparing very diligently for this and all
44 look forward to a great experience. With motions from F. Kinney and TJ Williams, unanimous approval
45 was forthcoming for this overnight trip.
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47 Lawler informed the board that our awards night will be Thursday, June 2, 2022, 6PM at the Park
48 McCullough House. The year is winding down quickly with much to be completed. We look forward to
49 sharing our student's accomplishments with the board and the entire community.
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51 As required by the state, the Work Keys testing is about complete. With solid assistance from several
52 dedicated individuals, we have successfully attained a high number of completions in this testing. This
53 took a lot of planning and perseverance to complete. Many thanks to all involved!
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55 We will be planning an Advisory Committee Meeting day event to be held here at SW Tech in the future.
56 We are mandated by the state to develop, inform and utilize advisory committees for our programs.

1 Supt. Lawler shared that a great deal of work is being done on SW Tech grounds by our program
2 students. Areas located on the north and west sides of the building have been cleared, sodded and will
3 continue to be upgraded. The area has been named Founder's Park and will be enjoyed by students and
4 employees.

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6 It was noted that SW Tech is included in the grounds/facility evaluation being done by the SU on the
7 MAUHS campus. Much more to come on that in the near future.

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9 Motions from Cutler and Williams with unanimous approval gave assent to the Perkins Grant submission
10 as requested by Supt. Lawler.

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12 More than likely, there will not be a July meeting.

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14 With no further business, meeting adjourned at 10:29AM. Policy committee will meet at 10:45AM in Supt.
15 Lawler's office.

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