

1 **Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District (SVRTSD)**

2 **Education/Facilities and Finance Joint Committee Meeting Minutes: Monday, June 10, 2019 5:15 PM**

3 Assembly Room, Career Development Center

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5 RGB members present: Rickey Harrington, Chair, Leon Johnson, Jacke Kelly, Fran Kinney, John
6 MacDonald, Michael Munson and Ken Swierad; CDC represented by Michael Lawler,
7 Superintendent and Rob Bahny, Workforce and Education Training Coordinator

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9 Recorder: Sandra Redding, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

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11 Meeting was opened at 5:22PM by Jackie Kelly, Education/Facilities Committee Chair. Supt.
12 Lawler requested a slight change in the order so that Rob Bahny could present his information
13 concerning the CDL simulator grant in a timely manner. Bahny informed the committee that the
14 CDC is almost assured a VT. DoL grant to purchase a CDL simulator. This piece of equipment
15 would allow us to offer more CDL courses and assist students in a better, safer and faster
16 learning experience. Students are allowed between 10 and 20 hours of training on the simulator.
17 Key points:

- 18 • CDC would purchase and own this piece of equipment; 2 year warranty
- 19 • Simulator would be shared with other tech centers on an as needed and scheduled basis
- 20 • Other users would cover costs of transporting, insurance and any other associated costs
- 21 • This is a one-time only opportunity
- 22 • CDC pays initial cost with reimbursement from the grant
- 23 • Awaiting final approval from VT. DoL
- 24 • Purchase price includes in-house training
- 25 • Can be used by students in 9-12th grades as well as adults

26 Committee members agreed this would be a solid move forward for the CDL program. They will
27 recommend purchase to the full board with the stipulation that the CDC is awarded the DoL grant.

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29 Supt. Lawler mentioned the newly acquired tractor trailer is on CDC property and has been given
30 a clean bill of health.

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32 Discussion moved on to the development of the returning Graphic Arts Program from MAU to the
33 CDC in 2019/2020. C229 will be the location for this program. There will be some specific room
34 preparations needed to update this area for this program. Supt. Lawler shared that the classes for
35 the coming year are full. After inspection of the present equipment for this program, much is
36 outdated and in dis-repair. So that our students will have a positive and updated learning
37 experience, he suggests the following:

- 38 • Hire well qualified Graphic Arts Instructor as requested in board packet
- 39 • Purchase 10 Mac Computers, 1 Smartboard, 1 Instructor's Station and 1 wide format
40 printer; cost estimate is \$35,000-40,000. to setup appropriate lab
- 41 • FYI-we own the necessary software at this time
- 42 • Prepare/retro-fit and renovate C229 thru the summer for program

43 The committee, after some discussion, decided to recommend to the full board the expenditure,
44 (\$35,000-40,000) as requested to get the Graphic Arts program up and running.

45 Discussion ensued as to how some programs/classes ended up at MAU and how we are
46 progressing in the return of those tech classes to the CDC. Supt. Lawler has been in
47 conversations with the MAU Principal Nixon and SVSU Superintendent Culkeen as to our
48 expectations. There is some disappointment that more classes did not return to the CDC this
49 year, but efforts are ongoing. Lawler noted that for a tech center to offer any new programs,
50 there are many challenges for successful completion. It is much easier for a standard high school
51 to offer new classes in Vermont. The state regulations are not seen as equitable.

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53 Meeting adjourned at 5:50PM.