

1 **Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District (SVRTSD)**
2 **Regional Governing Board Meeting Minutes: Monday, September 9, 2024, in-person and online**
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4 **RGB members present:** M. Cutler, A. Edelson, L. Johnson, F. Kinney, J. Orzechowski, K. Swierad and C.
5 Putney-(online)
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7 **SWT represented** by: Supt./Dir. Meg Honsinger, John Lamson, Asst. Dir. and R. Tattersall,
8 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 Meeting was opened at 10:14AM by Chair Swierad. He welcomed the general public and asked
15 for comments and/or concerns. He apologized for the late start due to technical difficulties. F.
16 Kinney mentioned that the vote for the Spinelli Field upgrades would be happening soon and
17 stated his reasons for not supporting this endeavor. Chair Swierad reminded board members
18 that they should not be discussing other community projects in an open board meeting and
19 should instead stick to topics that only concern this school district and school.
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21 Vote was taken to enter executive session at 10:20AM. Motions by Kinney and Edelson were
22 unanimously supported. Board members returned to public session at 10:30AM with no actions
23 taken.
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25 Consent agenda:

- 26 • Full board minutes from the August 19th meeting were unanimously approved with
27 motions from Kinney and Orzechowski.
- 28 • Payroll warrants were unanimously approved with motions from Kinney and Johnson.
- 29 • Vendor warrants were unanimously approved with motions from Kinney and Cutler.

30 Business office documents were presented with no comments or concerns.
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32 Committee reports:

- 33 • Policy Committee-A. Edelson reported that after technical difficulty, the meeting had
34 good discussions on two policies, C5084 Wireless Communication in School and 5140,
35 SVSU concussion policy which we need to add to our policies.
 - 36 ○ C5084-lots of discussion; would like more input before completing update;
37 continue at next meeting and encourage all to provide input
 - 38 ○ 5140-committee would like to move this policy to full board for warning next
39 meeting; use the SVSU model to formulate SW Tech policy, have this policy
40 ready to present to full board in October for warning.
- 41 • Education/Facilities Committee-J. Orzechowski and M. Cutler ran meeting with Supt.
42 Honsinger giving SW Tech updates and presenting a PowerPoint, (included) for clarity.
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44 Supt. Honsinger began her report by announcing we have a replacement for the open Work
45 Based Learning Program Coordinator, Ali Elwell Zaiac. She supported the interview committee's
46 recommendation to hire Ms. Elwell-Zaiac. Background checks are in progress and have come
47 back cleared. With motions from Kinney and Cutler and unanimous approval, Ms. Ali Elwell-
48 Zaiac was hired.
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50 CTSO nominations were presented for approval:

- 51 • FBLA-Kristen Barrett

- 1 • HOSA-Kathy Slade
- 2 • Prostart-N. DeLauri

3 As all nominated are already SW Tech employees, VCIC checks are complete. With motions
4 from Johnson and Kinney and a unanimous vote, all were approved for the 2024/2025 school
5 year.

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7 Honsinger continued by sharing the SW Tech Program Quality Measures for 2024/2025. She
8 provided a hard copy for board members as she discussed the information in a PowerPoint
9 presentation. This report is a time consuming and labor intensive piece of work with
10 contributions from teachers and administration. This all must be incorporated into each program
11 to meet state regulations.

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13 L. Johnson mentioned that VSBA met last week and he was the only representative there for
14 our board. He noted that the revenue flow for tech education gets hurt due to state revenue loss
15 and the way our tech centers are financially supported is not as strong as it could be.

16 J. Orzechowski thanked Johnson for attending and shared that he has now joined VSBA. He also
17 hopes to see more tours of SW Tech programs when we have morning meetings. Johnson will
18 attend the October VSBA meeting in October, so our business office should watch for the
19 invoice from VSBA.

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21 It was noted that the next full board meeting will be Monday, October 21, 2024, 4PM due to the
22 holiday on the 14th.

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24 With no other business at this time and motions from Kinney and Cutler, the board adjourned at
25 10:55AM.

- 26 • Edelson mentioned that he would like to schedule policy committee before the next full
27 board meeting. Agenda will include preparing warning for C5084
 - 28 • And J. Lamson preparing a concussion draft for the committee to look at. Lamson will do
29 edits for a December release.
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