

1 **Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District (SVRTSD)**
2 **RGB Education/Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes: Thursday, September 5, 2024**

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4 **RGB members present: Education/Facilities Committee:** J. Orzechowski and M. Cutler
5 SW Tech represented by Supt./ Dir. M. Honsinger

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7 Recorder: Sandra Redding, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

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9 Meeting was opened by M. Cutler at 4:15PM. He welcomed all and with no comments or concerns noted,
10 invited Supt. Honsinger to present.

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12 Honsinger shared as the first full week of school has been completed, our enrollment is at 228 total
13 enrollment for programs. Last year at this time, it was 212. Our Pre-Tech classes are at 110 students and
14 as we know, this number will fluctuate during the semester and especially for the second semester. Our
15 pre-tech classes are introductions to career paths and some students may want to change direction. We
16 expect these numbers to be lower this year as MAU has changed schedule times which affects our
17 schedule. We have no choice but to have all our pre-tech classes run in the third block time period due to
18 this change by them, so it is very limiting for us. JO asked if there is any opportunity to work with MAU
19 offering input to work with them for new ideas on how to make all this work for all students. We need to
20 focus on new ways for recruitment to fill all our seats at SWTech. Honsinger shared that the faculty would
21 be having more professional development training in January which will focus on recruiting students and
22 give teachers new strategies to assist is program development. These are good numbers, but we can do
23 better to fill seats and expand programs.

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25 Program Updates:

- 26 • Supt. Honsinger passed out a very comprehensive and detailed sheet concerning program IRCs
27 and plans. Columns indicated where teachers are now and what the new expectations are. All
28 programs meet measures expected at this time. Honsinger shared that many of our programs
29 offer more certifications and only a few are in need of upgrades. Our students are able to
30 graduate with up to 12 college credits if they apply themselves. We also offer career readiness
31 certificates. Our teachers attend 2 TEC specialized meetings each year to hear and learn the
32 latest in helping students gain college level credits in our programs. Honsinger would like to
33 present to the full board this important information. Honsinger and Guidance Counselor, Lisa
34 Harrington have been working very hard and we are proud to state that 72% of our students
35 graduate with embedded credits. We offer many college courses for our students to include in
36 their tech programs
- 37 • It was noted that the adult education massage therapy class has started. There are 4 adult
38 students and the class is going well.
- 39 • Cutler shared that the Sharkey Company is building airplanes from kits and wondered if we might
40 be interested in taking part in such a program. Could be part of 21st Century grants.
41 It would certainly cover STEM guidelines. Sounds like it might be something for guidance to look
42 into for our school.

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44 With no other business at this time, the committee adjourned with motions from Cutler and Orzechowski at
45 4:35PM