

1 **Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District (SWVRTSD)**
2 **Regional Governing Board Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, July 21, 2010**

3 Assembly Room, Career Development Center

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5 Members Present: Justin Corcoran; Claude DeLucia; Kevin Goodhue; Rickey Harrington;
6 Leon Johnson; Fran Kinney; Ed Letourneau; Jon Peaslee.

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8 Members Absent: Gloria Alexander; Larry Johnson; Frank Lamb.

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10 Staff and Others Present: Dr Barone, Superintendent/ Director; Greg Lewis, Business
11 Manager; Bob Montgomery, Assistant Director; Sandy Redding, Office Manager.

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13 Videotaping: None

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15 Recorder: Barb Schlesinger

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At 6:00pm, Vice Chairman Goodhue called the meeting to order.

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19 **Bus Purchase**

20 Dr Barone gave a brief background: At the March 2010 RGB meeting the Board voted to
21 have him solicit bids, the old bus has rust issues, and board member Kinney and instructor
22 Haskins were involved in the process. Barone recommended purchasing the 2010 GMC/
23 Chevy Micro Bird by Girardin bus from O'Conner Bus Sales, Augusta ME for the base
24 amount of \$48,529 with the addition of three-point restraints (\$2,750) and overhead storage
25 (\$993).

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27 Discussion included Cash for Clunkers, add-ons, cargo area, the closeness of the bids,
28 sale of the old bus and the net price of the new bus.

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30 **Peaslee moved and Letourneau seconded a motion to approve the purchase of the**
31 **2010 GMC/ Chevy Micro Bird by Girardin from O'Conner Bus Sales. All in attendance**
32 **voted in favor.**

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34 **Approval of 403(b) Amendment**

35 Lewis explained that in essence this is a 'wording' change and housekeeping from when
36 originally approved: Gatekeeper has been 'gobbled up' by CPI Qualified Plan Consultants
37 Inc and the contract has been updated to reflect reality. CPI is now the third party
38 administrator between the employee and the individual investment companies.

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40 Lewis explained there is also a change which allows employees/ participants to make
41 individual investment selections (other than annuities) rather than the prior three participant
42 option: this allows the employee/participant greater freedom.

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44 **Peaslee moved and Leon Johnson seconded a motion to approve the 403(b)**
45 **Amendment. All in attendance voted in favor.**

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47 **Field Trips - FYI**

48 Leon Johnson moved and Harrington seconded a motion to open discussion.

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50 Barone explained that he had gotten legal opinion regarding searching luggage on
51 overnight trips. It is his practice to do this search, NY law allows/ encourages the practice

1 and he wanted to check as to Vermont's laws. General Counsel for the State of Vermont
2 said it was within bounds as long as parents sign the consent forms authorizing searches
3 and the policy is clearly set forth in the Handbook. Barone has 1) put it this in the
4 Handbook and 2) requires the parents of students under 18 to grant permission.

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6 Leon Johnson noted the matter should be moved to the Policy Committee for review.

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8 No action was taken.

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10 **Black River Design Information - FYI**

11 Letourneau reported that Black River Design did a site visit, reviewed the space and
12 original construction documents etal and came up with three possible plans for completing
13 the second floor space. Now, the Education and Facilities committees should meet and
14 discuss this in more detail, followed by another consultation with Black River. Finally, Black
15 River would make a presentation to the Regional Governing Board.

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17 Discussion followed as to if CDC is getting bigger, is space a problem, current classroom/
18 lab space, community interest in additional trade classes/ programs (welding & plumbing),
19 CDC's ability to control its size, expansion limitations, costs, how this would be financed,
20 tuition surcharges, MAUHS's contribution if any, and bonds.

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22 Barone summarized by stating the three questions that Facilities and Education need to
23 look at are: Do we need it, do we want it and are we able to afford it? Then, we can take it
24 from there.

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26 **Executive Session for Personnel**

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28 **At 6:26pm Peaslee moved and Kinney seconded a motion to enter Executive Session**
29 **to discuss Personnel. All present were in favor.**

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31 **At 6:45pm Peaslee moved and Kinney seconded a motion to exit Executive Session.**
32 **All present were in favor.**

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34 **Peaslee moved and Corcoran seconded a motion to offer the Building Trades**
35 **Instructor position to Patrick J Ryan. All present were in favor.**

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37 **At 6:48pm Peaslee moved and Corcoran seconded a motion to adjourn. All in**
38 **attendance were in favor.**

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40 **Attachments:**

- 41 - Bus Purchase RFP and recommendation
42 - 403(b) Policy
43 - General Counsel, VT Dept of Education email re luggage search
44 - Black River Design's 'Options for Proposed Added Classrooms'