

1 programs including hiring an instructor, new curriculum and the greenhouse. They are
2 waiting for the Ag Advisory to get back in touch (delayed by Tropical Storm Irene).

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4 Boutin requested that newly hired Superintendent Culkeen be filled in on what is going on.
5 Lamb inquired about the time frame of hiring a new instructor for the AG program, is it still
6 for January 2012? Goodhue responded yes; a program/ curriculum update will be
7 presented to the board prior to the January meeting.

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9 ▪ Facilities

10 Harrington reported they plan to meet with the Education committee to deal with the
11 greenhouse; Harrington requested direction. Lamb suggested Culkeen take the lead.
12 Culkeen took note.

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14 ▪ Strategic Planning

15 Alexander referenced the Advisory Committee Report that was passed out this evening, in
16 particular Section D Composition of the Advisory Committees and the need for
17 representatives from the Northshire.

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19 ▪ Marketing

20 There was no report.

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22 **Policies for Adoption**

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24 ▪ #3106C Tuition for Non-Resident Student Admission

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26 **Pembroke moved and Corcoran seconded a motion to Adopt policy 3106C. All in**
27 **attendance voted in favor. The motion carried.** There was no discussion.

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29 ▪ #4327C Family and Medical Leave

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31 **Harrington moved and Kinney seconded a motion to Adopt Policy #4327C. All in**
32 **attendance were in favor. The motion carried.** There was no discussion.

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35 **Consent Agenda**

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37 **Peaslee moved and Harrington seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.**

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39 - Minutes of the August 16, 2011 Regional Governing Board Meeting
40 - Minutes of the August 23, 2011 Regional Governing Board Special Meeting
41 - Minutes of the September 8, 2011 Regional Governing Board Special Meeting
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43 - SWVRTSD Payroll Warrant # 4 8/29/2011 in the amount of \$ 2,784.88
44 - SWVRTSD Payroll Warrant # 1006 8/29/2011 in the amount of \$ 20,698.26
45 - SWVRTSD Payroll Warrant # 5 9/19/2011 in the amount of \$ 7,201.29
46 - SWVRTSD Payroll Warrant # 1007 9/19/2011 in the amount of \$ 56,672.36
47 - SWVRTSD Payroll Warrant # 6 9/19/2011 in the amount of \$ 6,843.22
48 - SWVRTSD Payroll Warrant # 1009 9/19/2011 in the amount of \$ 54,767.11
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- 1 - SWVRTSD Vendor Warrant # 1008 8/29/2011 in the amount of \$ 33,084.43
 2 - SWVRTSD Vendor Warrant # 1010 9/19/2011 in the amount of \$ 64,292.14

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 4 Pembroke requested a correction to the August 16, 2011 minutes to reflect his abstention on
 5 the Warrants (*page 5, line 23*).

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 7 **All present were voted in favor excepting Pembroke, who abstained.** There was no
 8 discussion.

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 10 **Governance Audit Update**

11 Boutin gave a brief update:

- 12 • MGT has been in contact with Boutin as to when they can start. They requested
 13 State Auditor Salmon's office send a boiler plate contract. Boutin requested MGT
 14 delay until Culkeen can get on board and be involved.
 15 • Contract will be filled out late October and then work will commence; Culkeen will
 16 lead the charge.

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 18 **CDC Goals Discussion**

19 Boutin asked for discussion as priorities as to where the CDC should be going. He noted
 20 Alexander's group, Strategic Planning, has been working on this for some time and that she
 21 has been in contact with him.

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 23 Alexander expanded on the five goals on her handout (Five Year Strategic Plan)

- 24 1. Community Education
 25 2. Greater Student Involvement
 26 3. Employability skills for every CDC completer
 27 4. Focus on Curriculum
 28 5. Reviewing and Monitoring Overall Program & School Evaluation

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 30 She noted all are welcomed at their meetings, which are held on the second Thursday of the
 31 month at 2:15.

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 33 Corcoran thanked Alexander and commented that it might be prudent to keep some of the
 34 goals separate as to student versus center wide goals.

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 36 Harrington commented on the great job. As to Goal 3, Harrington hopes that life skills are
 37 included; politeness, communication, basic math, etc. Alexander will add these to the goals.

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 39 Boutin commented on Goal 2 and added he would also like to see increased student
 40 enrollment particularly in distance learning and the new AG program. Alexander will add
 41 these.

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 43 Lamb also commented on Goal 3, noting that portfolios are an excellent evaluation tool as
 44 we work toward a diploma for the District. There was brief discussion about diplomas with
 45 Lamb noting the state is finally talking about a diploma and Peaslee noting that without the
 46 diploma, it is logistically not possible to have distance kids come to here. Moving toward a
 47 diploma will be included in the goal.

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 49 Kinney commented about Goals 4 & 5 and noted that in the past there has not been follow-

1 up on projects. He would like program projects monitored and reported on. Boutin reported
2 that monthly faculty reports will be reinstated.

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4 Alexander thanked the board for their comments and suggestions. Boutin thanked
5 Alexander

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7 **Chairman's Report**

8 Boutin noted he gave a Governance Audit update and had the Goals discussion. He had no
9 additional items.

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11 **Superintendent/ Director Report:**

12 Culkeen reported:

- 13 ▪ He has been working on the Governance Audit and anticipates a draft contract next
14 week and someone on site by early November.
- 15 ▪ The opening of school went very well considering the delay caused by the Hurricane
16 Irene and it being his first day.
- 17 ▪ He has been roaming the building and would like to commend the responsible party
18 for the condition of the school facility – he has found it in an excellent state.
- 19 ▪ With the help of Sandy Redding, he has begun meeting with staff members
20 individually and having 'get to know' conversations, which last 45 minutes to an hour,
21 with them. This is giving him an enhanced, quicker insight as to who the staff is
22 here.
- 23 ▪ He offered his thanks for being brought 'on board' and noted he would be an 'official'
24 resident of Bennington by week's end.

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26 **Other** There was none.

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28 **Executive Session**

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30 **At 6:37, Corcoran moved and Kinney seconded a motion to enter Executive Session**
31 **for personnel.**

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33 Larry Johnson and Pembroke asked if contract would also be discussed, Boutin replied no.

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35 **Vote was taken with all in attendance voting in favor.**

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37 **At 7:13, Lamb moved and Peaslee seconded a motion to return to Open Session. All**
38 **were in favor.**

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40 No action was taken.

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42 **Adjournment**

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44 **At 7:14, Corcoran moved and Lamb seconded a motion to adjourn. All were in favor.**

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46 Respectively submitted,

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48 Barb Schlesinger
49 September 25, 2011

1 **Attachments:**

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- 5 - SWVRTSD Payroll Warrants # 4 & 1006
- 6 - SWVRTSD Payroll Warrants # 5 & 1007
- 7 - SWVRTSD Payroll Warrants # 6 & 1009
- 8 - SWVRTSD Vendor Warrant # 1008
- 9 - SWVRTSD Vendor Warrant # 1010
- 10 - Statement of Cash Flow/ Revenue/ Expenses
- 11 - Polices for Adoption
 - 12 o 3106C
 - 13 o 4327C

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15 Meeting Additions/ Handouts

- 16 - Childcare lease
- 17 - Strategic Planning on Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes September 7, 2011
- 18 - Five –Year Strategic Plan outline