- **Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District (SWVRTSD)**
- 2 Regional Governing Board Meeting Minutes: Monday February 21, 2011
  - Assembly Room, Career Development Center

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5 Members Present: Gloria Alexander; Justin Corcoran; Claude DeLucia; Kevin Goodhue;

Rickey Harrington; Larry Johnson; Leon Johnson; Fran Kinney; Frank Lamb; Ed

Letourneau; Jon Peaslee.

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Staff and Others Present: Greg Lewis; Bob Montgomery; Dawson Raspuzzi (Banner reporter); Sandy Redding.

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Recorder: Barb Schlesinger

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At 6:02pm Chairman Lamb called the meeting to order, welcomed all and wished all who are running for board seats good luck in the upcoming election. Lamb also extended condolences on behalf of the board to Larry Johnson and his wife Gail on the passing of Larry's father-in-law. Tonight's meeting was called early due to Mount Anthony's request for the meeting room space at 7:30pm.

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## **Public Comments**

Board member Fran Kinney would like to go on record with the following comments and questions regarding the discussion concerning the 'campaign' during the board's last executive session:

- It was illegal and inappropriate for the board and interim director to discuss an individual's political campaign during the last executive session.
- How many staff hours were spent trying to manipulate campaigns and the makeup of the board?
- Has the board's attorney spent any time researching these political campaigns?

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Kinney noted that he brought up the topic at the last Policy meeting because he has seen an increase in this kind of behavior and would like to change the way we do things.

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Montgomery has no comments.

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## Lamb commented that:

- No money has been spent on anything and he has tried to do what as right.
- Pembroke indicated in the Banner interview that there would be no conflict of interest with him running for the post.
- Lewis had an issue because of the articulation agreement with Mount Anthony.
- Lewis, Montgomery and Lamb discussed the issue on the Monday following Pembroke's Banner article and Lamb was asked to investigate if there was an issue. He was given material requested over the weekend.
- Lamb went to our attorney who referred him to the Department of Education. He also spoke with the School Board Association (SBA). Representative Ann Mook was in touch with Ottinger, who emailed his opinion.
- Lamb sent Ottinger's email to Pembroke. How this got to the Banner, Lamb does not know. He did not pass it along to the press. He asked a question and got an answer.

followe	ussion regarding a person's right to run, censuring candidates and board actions yed. Lamb expressed that nothing was being hidden and apologized for any					
misun	derstanding. Corcoran expressed that he hoped we have learned from this.					
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•	Resignation					
-	Building Trades instructor Patrick Ryan has submitted his resignation, with his las					
	day being March 11, 2011 (30 days notice given).					
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	Briefly discuss	ed were if an exit	intervi	ew would be	conducted, repl	acement
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1 2		just being hired. Leon Johnson noted that contracts are for one year, and designed to protect both the instructor and the school; it is not appropriate to leave in the
3 4 5		middle of the school year. However, since the instructor is leaving Vermont, there is no recourse.
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9 10 11 12 13	•	Superintendent Search Lamb reported the board has not yet received a response to the February 16 letter to the Education Commissioner requesting permission to begin a search for a new Superintendent/ Director. Montgomery provided the board with the appropriate statutes concerning Superintendent vacancies and procedures therein.
14 15 16 17 18 19		Brief discussion regarding the position and why another search was necessary followed. Harrington commented that every time we search we find the 'perfect' person, only to discover that isn't so. We should just hire Montgomery because we know about him and his history.
20 21 22	•	2011 Legislation Chair Lamb will address in his Chairman's Report later this evening.
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27	•	Policy
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36	•	Facilities
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42 43		will be for language discussion and the contract should be made public sometime at the end of April/ beginning of May. Montgomery asked if the board wished him to
44 45		assume the former Director's position at negotiations (spectator); he was granted permission to do so.
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## Superintendent/ Director's Report

Montgomery reported:

- 1. Instructors
  - Addie Van Deurzen's pre-engineering students recently spent a day at General Dynamics (Pittsfield MA) shadowing engineers. Clearance was a process because Addie's husband is an engineer there.
  - Kelly McElheny is attending MAU Ag Committee meetings as an interested party.

2. Distance Learning

 The program is ready to go. There has been a stumbling block with starting midyear; it does not articulate well with other high school schedules. Both Superintendent Gallagher and Principal Csizmesia are interested. Homeschoolers would be the best students to begin with now.

Discussed were logistics, the software involved, student costs, and having a demo

at a board meeting.

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3. Dual Enrollment

- Thirty four students in eight programs are participating at CCV
- Forestry has an articulation agreement with Paul Smith College
- Pre-Engineering has articulation agreements with RIT and other PLTW colleges

Montgomery gave a brief description of how articulation agreements work and noted the goal is to have dual enrollment credits in all programs.

4. Legislation

Montgomery gave addresses for the House site and Senate site as resources for current information regarding legislative bills

5. Adult Education

Montgomery read a congratulatory letter from the State of Vermont, Department of Labor to Bob Mazur re the award of a \$25,000 grant for the purchase of equipment for composites training.

**Chairman's Report** 

Legislation

Lamb reported that the four bills we have been working on are still there (H.169 numbers 2-5), including a tech diploma. H.170 is of interest also, it deals with the public funding of independent schools.

Floor Meetings

A Fact Sheet for Budget is available for anyone attending Floor Meetings. Also, for those attending floor meetings in towns other than their own, let Sandy know and she will let those school boards know you will be there.

**Executive Session** 

At 6:50pm Letourneau moved and Peaslee seconded a motion to enter Executive Session for personnel. All voted in favor.

At 7:02pm the Board exited Executive Session.

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4	At 7:0	3 pm Letourneau moved and Alex	kander seconded a motion to adjourn. All in			
5	attend	lance were in favor.	•			
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7	Attach	nments:				
8	-	Minutes of the January 18, 2011 Regional Governing Board Meeting				
9	-	Minutes of the January 31, 2011 C	Outreach Committee Meeting			
10	-	Payroll Warrants #16 & #1028	Dated January 28, 2011			
11	-	Payroll Warrants #17 & #1030	Dated February 21, 2011			
12	-	Vendor Warrant #1029	Dated January 28, 2011			
13	-	Vendor Warrant #1031	Dated February 21, 2011			
14	-	Revenue & Expenses				
15	-	Treasurer's Report				
16	-	Field Trips (3x)				
17	-	Instructor resignation				
18	-	Legislative Bills (new)				
19	-	Budget Synopsis 2011-2012				
20	-	Superintendent Search letter dated	d February 16, 2011			