



**January 14, 2026, 5:00 pm  
HDEC Conference Room and Via Zoom Meeting**

**Unapproved Board Minutes**

**Board Members:**

**Voting:**

Jessica Burlew – Present  
Bob Flint – Present  
Lyza Gardner – Absent  
Desiree Giroux - Present  
Chris Hodsdon – Present  
Kate Lamphere – Present  
Andrew Pennell – Present  
Kelly Tarbell – Absent  
Sarah Vogel – Absent

**Ex-Officio:**

Derek Williams – Present  
Layne Millington – Absent  
Andrew Hass – Absent  
Peter Burrows – Absent  
Kendra Rickerby – Absent  
Deb Manseau – Absent  
Jennifer Cummings – Absent  
Kristen Wilson – Absent

Others: Christine Balch, Tina Bixby, Nate Bisson, Scott Farr

Bob Flint, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm.

**Agenda Item I. Agenda Changes or Additions**

None

**Agenda Item II. Public Comments**

None

**Agenda Item III. Old Business**

*FY27 Budget Committee Update* – Derek Williams presented his Google Slides and the handouts that were provided to the Board earlier this week providing the additional changes to the proposed budget for FY27 after learning about the high probability of Fall Mountain students not being able to attend RVTC next year. This includes a proposed 3% increase to the assessment to sending schools.

The Budget Committee looked at the pros and cons of cutting programs and decided that was not in the best interest of the students at this time. We are hoping the Fall Mountain situation is only a “blip” and students will again be able to attend RTC. The proposed items to be cut were to have the least impact to students.

MOTION: (Chris/Jessica) to adopt for consideration a FY27 local budget of three million, three hundred thousand, seven hundred thirty-six dollars (\$3,300,736) and an overall FY 27 budget of three million, five hundred thirty-seven thousand, two hundred thirty-eight dollars (\$3,537,238) to be presented to the voters in the member districts. Motion voted and passed unanimously.

*Announced Tuition FY27* – Derek Williams explained Announced Tuition is 87% of the state's base rate plus the sending school assessment with a little additional in case the

legislature votes to increase the base rate while in session. Announced Tuition is the maximum amount we are able to charge; there is the potential of it being a lower amount, but it can be affected by what the State decides for the Base Rate and unfortunately the Base Rate is not determined until June.

MOTION: (Andrew/Jessica) to approve RVTC to announce the tuition rate for FY27 as \$21,298 per full time equivalent student. Motion voted and passed unanimously.

Article 1 for Australian Ballot –

MOTION: (Andrew/Desiree) to approve Article I as follows:

**ARTICLE 1**

Shall the voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District approve the sum of three million, five hundred thirty-seven thousand, two hundred thirty-eight dollars (\$3,537,238) to defray current expenses for the ensuing fiscal year and to pay outstanding orders and obligations.

Motion voted and passed unanimously.

Annual Meeting Agenda/Warning Approval and Signatures –

MOTION: (Jessica/Chris) to approve the Warning and Agenda for the Annual Meeting for signature and posting. Motion voted and passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item IV. New Business**

Other – None

**Agenda Item V. Next Meeting**

Next Regular Board Meeting – February 4, 2026

RVTC Annual Meeting – February 26, 2026

Town Meeting Day – March 3, 2026

**Agenda Item VI. Proposed Executive Session**

None

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 5:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Bixby, Recording Secretary