



**February 1, 2023, 4:30 pm  
HDEC Conference Room and Via Zoom Meeting**

Board Minutes - Unapproved

**Board Members:**

**Voting:**

David Clark –Present  
Bob Flint - Present  
Lyza Gardner - Present  
Patti Kemp – Present  
Paul Orzechowski - Present  
Andrew Pennell –Present  
Lois Perlah - Present  
James Rumrill – Present (arrived @ 5:20 pm)  
Sarah Vogel – Present

**Ex-Officio:**

Scott Farr – Present  
Jennifer Cummings - Absent  
Gabe Vastola – Absent  
Cynthia Mischel - Present  
Kristen Wilson – Absent  
Sherri Nichols - Absent  
Andrew Hass - Absent  
Brendan Minnihan – Absent  
Lauren Fierman – Absent  
Eric Rhomberg - Absent

Others: Derek Williams, Greg Runyan, Jennifer Fribush, Tina Bixby, Ashley Newton

**Program Presentation – Counseling/Special Populations – WorkKeys**

Bob Flint, Board Chair called meeting to order at 5:05 pm. and thanked Terri Herzog and Cynthia Mischel for their presentation.

**Agenda Item II. Agenda Changes or Additions**

None

**Agenda Item III. Public Comments**

None

**Agenda Item IV. Consent Agenda**

Enrollment Update – Scott Farr reported enrollment counts remain steady.

Financial Report – Scott Farr reported we continue to project a surplus of \$2,800 for FY23.

MOTION: (Lyza/Paul) to accept and approve the consent agenda items as presented. Motion voted and passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item V. Old Business**

VTVLC Update –

- VTVLC Budget Update – Greg Runyan reported there has not been many changes since last month.
- FY24 Collaborative Diploma Partnership Agreement Draft – Greg Runyan referred to the agreement in the Board packet. Other school districts have showed interest in this partnership agreement. If there are any questions after you have reviewed the agreement, please bring them to the next meeting.

- Full-Time Program Update –Ashley Newton
  - FT K-8 Update – Referred to the handout in the Board packet. Several virtual field trips. Student will be visiting VINS in person in April. Awarded a \$1,000 grant through the Berlin City Drive to purchase supplies for students. Students attending a few of the Vermont Holocaust Museum virtual seminars.
  - FT 9-12 Update – Referred to the newsletter in the Board packet. They just transitioned from semester one to two. They are gearing up for summer activities. Highlighting the Governor’s Institute and scholarships. Referred to a spotlight of a student.
- Current Enrollment Information – Ashley Newton
  - 191 Spring Traditional Enrollments
  - 59 FT K-8 Students
  - 71 FT 9-12 Enrollments
  - 545 On-Demand Enrollments
  - 939 To Go Enrollments
  - 62 Course Lease Enrollments
  - 138 Custom Enrollments

Working on a driver’s ed program.

Statewide CTE Updates – Scott Farr reported on the following:

- Scott sent a letter to multiple stakeholders including Board members, sending school Administrators, Workforce Investment Board Members, RTVC-teachers to forward to Program Advisory members. The email included a cover letter from Scott and a template letter to send to legislators, and a list of legislators in the Southeast. We have already seen responses from legislators.
- CTE leadership met with the Vermont Chamber of Commerce to gain support for our legislative agenda. They agreed to support it. They will be meeting with the Regional Development Leadership on Friday.
- It would appear as if there were some momentums around make changes sooner than later. Secretary French, in testimony, mentioned that a funding solution could happen this session by “taking it off the top of the ed fund.” Senate Education has asked Superintendent/Directors of CTE for “five or six things we could do now to help.” Scott attended a meeting with CTE leadership, here are the suggestions.
  1. The ACT 127 White Paper from VACTED,
  2. Funding,
  3. Statewide CTE teachers’ contract,
  4. Review and update rules related to CTE,
  5. Baseline for CTE calendar,
  6. State regulations that do not allow 18 year old students to job shadow; edit the regulations to eliminate this barrier for students,
  7. Fully fund the Technical Education Director,
  8. More help at AOE to ensure compliance with what is on the books.
- Scott will be testifying with Jody Emerson, the Superintendent/Director at Central Vermont Career Center, tomorrow to the House Education on funding and governance.
- RVTC will host a legislative breakfast on March 13<sup>th</sup> at 8 am. The breakfast has been traditionally hosted by the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, Springfield Regional Development and Mount Ascutney Regional Commission.
- APA Listening Tour – This tour occurred at six sites around the state for them to hear the challenges of CTE.

FY24 Carpentry House Update – Scott Farr informed the Board handicap accessible house plans are currently being evaluated by the Springfield Housing Authority Board of Directors. We hope to have a proposal for you to approve in March.

Union Support Staff Negotiations Update – Scott Farr reported we had to reschedule negotiations due to various illnesses. We have rescheduled to February 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Policies Reading/Third Reading & Adoption – Derek Williams reported no changes since the last meeting on these policies:

- C27 – Student Self-Expression and Student Distribution of Literature
- C70 – Use of Restraint and Seclusion

MOTION: (Patti/Andrew) to approve the third reading and adoption of policies:

- C27 – Student Self-Expression and Student Distribution of Literature
- C70 – Use of Restraint and Seclusion

Motion voted and passed unanimously.

Policies Reading/Second Reading & Warn Third Reading/Adoption – Derek Williams reported there were no changes since the last meeting to the following policies:

- C28 – Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students
- C29 – District Equity Policy
- D3 – Responsible Computer, Network & AMP; Internet Use
- D5 – Animal Dissection

MOTION: (Lois/Jim) to approve the second reading and warn the third reading and adoption of policies:

- C28 – Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students
- C29 – District Equity Policy
- D3 – Responsible Computer, Network & AMP; Internet Use
- D5 – Animal Dissection

Motion voted and passed unanimously.

## **Agenda Item VI. New Business**

Annual Meeting Prep – Scott Farr reminded everyone of the annual meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm in the RVTC Café followed by the informational meeting focusing on the FY24 budget.

Bob Flint reported our Annual Report is complete and available on our website, and hard copies are available at town offices, libraries and sending schools.

Policies Reading/First Reading – Derek Williams presented the following polices for adoption by RVTC:

- B22 – Public Complaints About Personnel
- B8 – Electronic Communications Between Employees and Students

MOTION: (Lyza/Paul) to approve the first reading and warn the second reading of policies

- B22 – Public Complaints About Personnel
- B8 – Electronic Communications Between Employees and Students

Motion voted and passed unanimously.

Superintendent's Report – Scott Farr reviewed the Superintendent's report. The Robotics and Arial Drone Club continues to meet, and they are attending two competitions in the next couple of weeks. We are looking to host an arial drone competition at RVTC in the spring.

Bob Flint urged everyone to follow RVTC on social media; like and share the posts.

Other – None

**Agenda Item VII. Next Meeting**

Annual Meeting – Thursday, March 2, 2023, at 7:00 pm

Town Meeting Day – Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Next Regular Meeting – Wednesday March 8, 2023, at 4:30 pm

**Agenda Item VIII. Executive Session**

None

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Bixby, Recording Secretary