



**April 2, 2025, 4:30 pm
HDEC Conference Room and Via Zoom Meeting**

Board Minutes - Unapproved

Board Members:

Voting:

Jessica Burlew – Present
Bob Flint – Present
Lyza Gardner – Absent
Desiree Giroux - Present
Chris Hodsden – Present
Kate Lamphere – Present
Andrew Pennell – Absent
Kelly Tarbell – Present
Sarah Vogel – Present (arrived 5:23 pm)

Ex-Officio:

Scott Farr – Present
Layne Millington – Absent
Andrew Hass – Absent
Sherri Nichols – Absent
Kendra Rickerby – Absent
Deb Manseau – Absent
Jennifer Cummings – Absent
Kristen Wilson – Absent

Others: Tina Bixby, Derek Williams, Ashley Newton, Melissa Sargent-Minor

Program Presentation: Human Service, Courtney Lihatsch

Bob Flint, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm and thanked Courtney Lihatsch for her presentation.

Introduced and welcomed our new Board member, Kate Lamphere, from TRSU Board.

Agenda Item I. Agenda Changes or Additions

None

Agenda Item II. Public Comments

None

Agenda Item III. Consent Agenda

Enrollment Update – Scott Farr reported we are currently 16 students ahead of where we were last year. Additionally, we continue to trend in a positive direction as far as enrollments for FY26. We have 241 applications so far this year; last year at this time we had 217 applications.

Financial Report – Scott Farr shared we are currently projecting a \$911 surplus for the current year.

MOTION: (Jessica/Desiree) to accept and approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion voted and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item IV. Old Business

VTVLC Update – Ashley Newton, Interim VTVLC Director, presented on the following:

- VTVLC Financial Report – Their budget remains steady. There was a small adjustment in their anticipated deficit to \$325,493 as the result of more custom projects coming in. VTVLC hopes to have their FY26 budget to the Board in May or June.
- Interim Director's Report – Reviewed her Director's Report that was included in the Board packet.
- Current Enrollment – Referred to the report included in the Board packet.
- Will provide an update on partnerships next month.

Statewide CTE Update – Scott Farr provided a quick overview of the bigger picture of the future for the education system.

Scott Farr testified last week with other CTE superintendents to Senate Education. Proposal related to distribution of education funding.. The senate proposal version has 20 school districts; the Governor's proposal has only 5 school districts with a separate proposal for CTE which would be one district as a whole for CTE. It has been recommended they obtain more information before moving forward.

Technology/Equipment/Building Reserve Spenddown Update – Scott Farr reported there are no changes in the status of our Technology, Equipment, and Building reserves since last month.

We are waiting until May (when we will have a much clearer picture) to see if we need to access reserve funds to offset revenues lost with three Fall Mountain students leaving mid-year.

Teachers' Union Negotiations – Discussed in Executive Session.

Agenda Item V. New Business

Letters of Intent RVTC – FY26 – Scott Farr asked the Board for a motion to approve the issuance of teachers' contracts for 2025-26 at the current rates of pay until such time as an agreement is ratified pursuant to Article XXIV of Agreement between RVTCS Board of Directors and Springfield Teachers Association Vermont-NEA/NEA; except for our .8 Outreach Coordinator and our .5 FTE AVP Instructor as those positions are grant funded and we have to wait for the grant approvals. The other exception would be for our Information Technology Instructor due to current low enrollment numbers in that program.

MOTION: (Jessica/Chris) to approve the issuance of teachers' contracts for 2025-26 as presented at the current rates of pay, until such time as an agreement is ratified pursuant to Article XXIV of Agreement between RVTCS Board of Directors and Springfield Teachers Association Vermont-NEA/NEA. Motion voted and passed with one Board member abstaining due to late arrive.

Superintendent's Report – Scott Farr reviewed his Superintendent's report. Derek Williams provided an overview of the RAD competitions.

Monday, 12-1:30 pm RVTC will host Capital for a Day focusing on Health Services and Advanced Manufacturing and the needs of employers.

Other – none

Agenda Item VI. Next Meeting

Special Board Meeting – April 14, 2025 @ 5 pm
Next regular Board meeting – May 7, 2025 @ 4:30 pm
NTHS Induction/Awards Night – May 27, 2025

Agenda Item VII. Executive Session

MOTION: (Jessica/Kelly) pursuant to Title 1 VSA, Section 313, the Board enters Executive Session to discuss the teachers' agreement negotiations, because premature general public knowledge would clearly place a person(s) at a substantial disadvantage, inviting Scott and Derek. Motion voted and passed unanimously.

MOTION: (Kelly/Kate) to exit Executive Session at 5:59 pm. Motion voted and passed unanimously.

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Bixby, Recording Secretary