



**March 5, 2025, 4:30 pm
HDEC Conference Room and Via Zoom Meeting**

Board Minutes - Unapproved

Board Members:

Voting:

Jessica Burlaw – Present
Bob Flint – Present
Lyza Gardner – Absent
Desiree Giroux - Present
Chris Hodsdon – Absent
Andrew Pennell – Present
Lois Perlah – Present
Kelly Tarbell – Present
Sarah Vogel – Absent

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, Christine Balch

Program Presentation: Health Science, Lara Peck

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

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. We currently have 230 applications for FY26.

Financial Report – Scott Farr shared we are currently projecting a \$883 surplus for the current year.

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

Agenda Item IV. Old Business

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

- VTVLC Financial Report – current potential surplus including a new custom project.
- Interim Director’s Report – reviewed report included in the Board packet. Melissa Sargent-Minor, Director of Special Ed. For VTVLC reviewed the DLAC conference she attended with Sonia Comstock, Instructional Assistant, in February.

- Mid-Year Report – This report includes VTVLC data for the last six months (included in the Board packet).
- Online and Beyond Learning Conference – April 10-11, 2025, being held at Stoweflake Mountain Resort.
- Letter of Agreement – FY26 – Reviewed the edits and rate increase on the draft included in the Board packet.
- VTVLC K-12 Restructuring – included in RIF(s) and creation of new VTVLC teaching positions under New Business.
- Current Enrollment – shared some highlights in the report included in the Board packet.

MOTION: (Jessica/Kelly) to approve the Letter of Agreement for VTVLC adjunct teachers for FY26 with changes as presented including an increase of the rate of compensation from \$175 to \$180 per enrollment for FY26. Motion voted and passed unanimously.

Statewide CTE Update – Scott Farr provided a quick overview of the following:

- S Farr Testimony - [SFarr Testimony Senate Education 2192025.pdf](#)
- Reframed Asks VACTED - [Reframed VACTED CTE Asks Ltr February 17 2025.docx.pdf](#)
- APA Report - [APA CTE Report 2.14.25 Final.pdf](#)
- Governors CTE Policy Brief - [CTE Policy Brief.pdf](#)
- Sprint Team Notes - [CTE Policy Sprint Team Notes](#)
- Finding Commission on Future of Public Ed - [Commission on VT Public Education](#)
- Notes from Saturday 22 - [Legislative Updates February 23.pdf](#)

Any questions, feel free to contact Scott Farr.

Per Bob, a 177-page bill was dropped into legislature last Tuesday and a decision must be made by sometime next week.

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 to see if we need to access reserve funds to offset revenues lost with three Fall Mountain students leaving mid-year.

Teachers' Union Negotiations – There was a negotiations meeting last week. Discussed in Executive Session.

VTVLC Director Search Update – Discussed in Executive Session.

MOTION: (Jessica/Kelly) to offer the position of VTVLC Director/Principal to Ashley Newton and authorize the Superintendent, in consultation with the Board Chair, to negotiate a contract for the position. Motion voted and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item V. New Business

Town Meeting Results – Scott Farr reported RVTC’s FY26 budget passed at a little over 70%. The budget count tally was shared with the Board of Directors this afternoon.

RIF Notification(s) VTVLC – Discussed in Executive Session.

MOTION: (Jessica/Lois) to RIF (reduction in force) (7) VTVLC Elementary and Middle School teachers (6.0 FTE) effective 6/30/2025. Motion voted and passed unanimously.

VTVLC Teaching Positions – Discussed in Executive Session

MOTION: (Jessica/Lois) to approve the creation and posting of two anticipated full-time grade 7-12 VTVLC (OTS endorsed preferred) teachers; one Science/Math and one Social Studies/English. Motion voted and passed unanimously.

Superintendent’s Report – Scott Farr reviewed his Superintendent's report.

Other – none

Agenda Item VI. Next Meeting

Next regular Board meeting – April 2, 2025
We will have a second meeting in April if needed.

Agenda Item VII. Executive Session

MOTION: (Kelly/Andrew) pursuant to Title 1 VSA, Section 313, the Board enters Executive Session to discuss the teachers’ agreement negotiations, RIF notifications and other personnel items because premature general public knowledge would clearly place a person(s) at a substantial disadvantage, inviting Scott, Derek, Ashley and Tina.

MOTION: (Jessica/Andrew) to exit Executive Session at 6:00 pm. Motion voted and passed unanimously.

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Bixby, Recording Secretary