

**NEK Consortium Region Career and Technical Education  
Regional Advisory Board Meeting**

Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm– 4:30pm

Hilltopper Restaurant

1216 Main St.

St. Johnsbury, VT 05819

**Attendees In Person:**

- Caleb Burrington (LI Trustee| Voting Member)
- Tim Clouatre (SJA Trustee| Voting Member)
- Pat Guckin (SJA CTE Director| Non-Voting Member)
- Sharon Howell (SJA Headmaster| Voting Member)
- Ryan O'Mally (Guest)
- Jen Palmieri (Chair)

**Attendees via Zoom:**

- Brian Bloomfield (LI Head of School| Voting Member)
- Amanda Bugbee (Guest)
- Travis Bugbee (Guest)
- Abigail Campbell (St. Johnsbury School District| Elected Member| Voting Member)
- Natalie Conway (Danville High School Principal| Non-Voting Member)
- Matt Foster (CCSU Superintendent| Voting Member)
- Cybil Hantman (Guest)
- David Schilling (LI CTE Director| Non-Voting Member)
- Christine Owens (?Guest?)

**Minutes –**

**3:30** Call the meeting to order

**3:40** Introductions

**3:50** Review and approve December minutes:

- Motion to approve by Abigail Campbell| Seconded by Tim Clouatre

**3:55** Overview| Update of State Approved Programs:

- SJA –

- Electrical – wait listed
- Auto – solid enrollments
- Plumbing – doubling enrollment (28 signed up for next year)
- Human Services – same next year as this year
- LI –
  - Piloting a mini “Open House” to allow for current students to shadow a CTE student
  - Early Childhood students attended “Career Ed Rising”
  - Auto students are working on assembling the electric car kit

#### **4:10 Legislative Update:**

- State is considering a comprehensive state model
- Not a lot of agreement at this time
- CTE students “weight” funding model is being proposed
- Vote to happen week of 3/31/2025
- Cross over to Senate on April 4<sup>th</sup>
- One proposal is to have CTE be its own district. Another is to eliminate “non-operating” districts

#### **4:15 Program Changes for Next Year:**

- SJA suspending construction program. At this time, this is just for one year. This was a tough decision for SJA and due to financial constraints.
- SJA will still offer “Intro to Construction Trades” as a pre0foundational class
- This will impact 4 juniors (one of the four students has enrolled in Electrical and another one has enrolled in Plumbing for 2025/ 2026 school year).

#### **4:30 Adjourned:**

- Motion made by Caleb Burrington| Seconded by Sharon Howell