

Lake Region Union High School Board Meeting
Lake Region Union High School – Orleans, Vermont
Meeting Held on Google Meet
June 15th, 2020

Board Members Present at Lake Region Union High School: Dave Blodgett, Gerry Cahill, Jennifer Edlund, Toni Eubanks, Jason Racine.

Board Members Present Via Google Meet or Phone: Michael Sanville, Jennifer McKenzie, Pat Davis, Linda Michniewicz

Administrators Present: Andre Messier – Principal, Bev Davis – Superintendent

Community Members Present via Google Meet or Phone: Ed Barber – Newport Daily Express

Call to Order: Dave Blodgett, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:22 PM

Additions/Deletions: None

Privilege of the floor: None

Approval of Consent Agenda Items: Jason Racine moved to approve the following items: the minutes of 6/1/2020 board meeting, written reports, updated FY '20 financial reports, and payment of the bills. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Edlund and approved by unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Discussion of COVID school closure and possible action: Principal Messier gave an update on the survey that went out to OCSU families and LR staff. He is still going through the responses and using the information from the survey to help guide the opening in the fall. We could expect this week more guidance from the state on structure and health and safety for schools. He has been communicating with families that we do not have a set schedule planned yet but it is working on two plans – the regular 8 class per day schedule and the 4 x 4 structure schedule. Logistics will be challenging.

New Business:

- a) Jason Racine made the motion to approve Betsy Calhoun be paid to prepare and teach Summer Tech Apps during the summer of 2020 at an hourly rate as calculated by dividing her daily per diem rate by 8 hours. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Edlund and approved by unanimous vote after a short discussion.
- b) Jason Racine made the motion to approve the release of Vince Buttice from his 20-21 teaching contract and approve his retirement effective June 30, 2020. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Edlund. The board members thanked him for his 41 years of service in which 23 years were at Lake Region Union High School. It was approved unanimous with regret.

- c) Principal Messier updated the board that we still have a kitchen staff vacancy and now also have a custodial staff vacancy. The board expressed that it is important to be fully staffed and functioning in those positions and asked Principal Messier to advertise and post the openings.
- d) Principal Messier updated that we should prepare for athletics in the coming year and need to give contracts to the athletic directors. After the update and discussion it will now be a future agenda item.

Administrative Requests and Reports:

- a) **Graduation Update:** Principal Messier and the board all expressed that the feedback has been very positive. Some of the comments have been that was festive, and the community members felt proud of the students. Principal Messier's graduation address along with the parade received many compliments. It was noted also that it was nice that each student being individually acknowledged and focused on during the graduation. The parade allowed for the whole community to support and cheer on each student.
- b) **Fall Planning:** Already discussed earlier
- c) **Driver Education:** Working on the logistics and moving forward.

Executive Session:

- a) **Negotiations Update:** Have not yet met.

Business of the Board:

- a) **Career Center RAB report:** Have not met
- b) **OCSU Board Report:** Will meet on Monday, June 22nd.
- c) **Future Agenda Items:**
 - a) Set seasonal employee and part-time employee pay rates for FY21
 - b) Fall Schooling
 - c) Approve 2021 Athletic Directors Contracts

Upcoming Meeting

- Regular Full Board : Monday, July 20th, 2020 at 6:15 PM
- Regular Full Board : Monday, August 17th, 2020 6:15 PM

Adjournment: Dave Blodgett adjourned the meeting at 7:24 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Eubanks