

1                                   **Lake Region Union High School Board Meeting**  
2                                   **Lake Region Union High School - Orleans, Vermont**  
3                                   **Meeting Held on Google Meet**  
4                                   **April 27, 2020**  
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6 **Board Members Present on Google Meet:** Gerry Cahill, Dave Blodgett, Jennifer Edlund,  
7 Tammy Wiggett, Michael Sanville, Toni Eubanks, Jennifer McKenzie, Scott Lalime, Pat Davis,  
8 and Jason Racine

9 **Administrators Present on Google Meet:** Andre Messier- Principal

10 **Community Members Present on Google Meet:** None

11 **Call to Order:** David Blodgett, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:16.

12 **Additions/ Deletions:** None

13 **Privilege of the floor:** None

14 **Approval of Consent Agenda Items:** Jason Racine moved to approve the following items: the  
15 minutes of the April 6, 2020 regular board meeting, the minutes of the April 13, 2020 special  
16 board meeting, written reports, updated FY '20 financial reports, and payment of the bills. The  
17 motion was seconded by Toni Eubanks and approved by unanimous vote.

18 **Old Business**

19 **Discussion of COVID-19 School Closure:** Mr. Messier said there wasn't much new to report.  
20 There had been no new guidance since the special meeting held on April 13, 2020. The VPA was  
21 expected to make a decision regarding the spring sports season by May 1, 2020. Education  
22 Secretary, Dan French, was expected to provide guidance on May 8, 2020 regarding end-of-year  
23 celebrations and graduations, etc. More information regarding the financial picture for the  
24 coming year was also expected.

25 **New Business**

26 **Summer Driver Education:** Jason Racine moved to approve that Chris Wentworth be paid to  
27 prepare and teach Summer Driver Education during the summer of 2020 at an hourly rate as  
28 calculated by dividing his daily per diem rate by 8 hours. It was seconded by Scott Lalime and  
29 approved by unanimous vote.

30 **Discussion of Spring Sport Season and Coaches' Responsibilities:** Mr. Messier explained  
31 that the VPA would make a decision about the spring sports season by May 1, 2020. However,  
32 even if the season is called off, most of the 6 spring coaches have already provided virtual  
33 coaching and connection to their student athletes. This raised the question of compensation. The  
34 board suggested that Mr. Messier find out more details about how much time the coaches have  
35 spent working with students so that the question of compensation could be discussed more fully  
36 at the following board meeting.

37 **Social Emotional Learning Specialist- Support Staff Memorandum of Understanding**  
38 **(MOU):** Jennifer McKenzie moved to approve, as presented, the Memorandum of  
39 Understanding between the Orleans Central Supervisory Union and the Orleans Central  
40 Education Association, which creates a column in the support staff salary schedule for the role of

41 Social Emotional Learning Specialist. It was seconded by Scott Lalime and approved  
42 unanimously.

### 43 **Administrative Requests/ Reports**

44 **COVID- 19 Update:** Mr. Messier noted that the biggest question on everyone’s mind was what  
45 would happen with graduation. He expected to receive information about this on May 8, 2020.

46 **US News and World Report:** Lake Region was recognized again as a top school, for the eighth  
47 time in the past nine years. Lake Region was ranked the 9<sup>th</sup> best high school in the state in the  
48 most recent rankings.

49 **Paving Project:** Mr. Messier noted that the posting for bids for the planned paving project had  
50 gone out, but that the board was not obligated to move forward and could decide whether or not  
51 the timing was right to complete the project, given the unexpected financial strain caused by  
52 COVID-19. He suggested the board could look at the financials in mid-May before opening the  
53 bids and decide then whether or not this was a good time to move forward with the paving  
54 project.

55 **Solar Learning Lab:** Mr. Messier reported that he was still waiting for bids on the Solar  
56 Learning Lab project. Unfortunately, the Titles funds that make this project possible must be  
57 spent prior to June 30, 2020. Otherwise, they will be lost. Mr. Messier noted that it may be  
58 difficult to get the project completed under this timeframe, given the current challenges. He was  
59 working with two companies to finalize their bids and to ascertain whether or not they could  
60 complete the project by June 30.

### 61 **Executive Session**

62 None

### 63 **Business of the Board**

64 **Career Center RAB Report:** None

65 **OCSU Board:** None

66 **Negotiations:** Dave Blodgett reported that the negotiations committee had not yet met with the  
67 association to begin negotiations. However, they had met as a committee to discuss the current  
68 financial situation and to make plans for moving forward.

### 69 **Future Agenda Items**

- 70 • Pay for seasonal and part-time employees, and pay for summer school instructors
- 71 • Update on remote learning
- 72 • Discussion/ possible action- compensation for spring sports coaches
- 73 • Paving project
- 74 • Update on solar learning lab project

### 75 **Upcoming Meeting**

- 76 • Regular Board Meeting- Monday, May 4, 2020 at 6:15 PM
- 77 • Regular Board Meeting- Monday, May 18, 2020 at 6:15 PM

78 **Adjournment:** David Blodgett adjourned the meeting at 7:21.

79 Respectfully submitted,

