

1 **Lake Region Union High School Board Meeting**
2 **Lake Region Union High School - Orleans, Vermont**
3 **Meeting Held on Google Meet**
4 **May 4, 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, Linda Michniewicz, Pat
8 Davis, and Jason Racine

9 **Administrators Present on Google Meet:** Andre Messier- Principal, Heather Wright- Business
10 Manager

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

12 **Call to Order:** David Blodgett, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:21.

13 **Additions/ Deletions:** None

14 **Privilege of the floor:** None

15 **Approval of Consent Agenda Items:** Jason Racine moved to approve the following items: the
16 minutes of the April 27, 2020 regular board meeting as edited, the minutes of the April 20, 2020
17 special board meeting, written reports, updated FY '20 financial reports, and payment of the
18 bills. The motion was seconded by Pat Davis and approved by unanimous vote.

19 **Old Business**

20 **Discussion of COVID-19 School Closure:** Mr. Messier reported that the VPA had cancelled the
21 spring sports season. Education Secretary, Dan French, was expected to provide guidance on
22 May 8, 2020 regarding end-of-year celebrations and graduations, etc. The financial picture for
23 the coming year looked bleak, and it was yet unknown what federal funds might be available to
24 help deal with the expected shortfall.

25 It was expected that school would not be back to 'normal' in the fall and that it would be
26 necessary to prepare for changes in the way school and instruction would happen, yet it was too
27 early to know what those changes might be.

28 **Discussion of Spring Sport Season and Coaches' Responsibilities:** Mr. Messier explained
29 that, even though the spring sports season had been cancelled, the 6 spring coaches had already
30 spent time preparing for the season and had provided virtual coaching and connection to their
31 student athletes. Pat Davis moved to pay the spring coaches half of their salary amount, which
32 would be a total of \$6606 for all six coaches. It was seconded by Michael Sanville and approved
33 through a roll call vote. The following board members voted to approve the motion: Linda
34 Michniewicz, Toni Eubanks, Tammy Wiggett, Pat Davis, Michael Sanville, Jennifer McKenzie,
35 and Jason Racine. Gerry Cahill and Jennifer Edlund voted against the motion.

36 **New Business**

37 **Summer Paving Project:** After a brief discussion about the projected financial picture in the
38 coming year, Michael Sanville moved to not move forward with the paving project, as put out to
39 bid, at this time. The motion to not move forward with the project was seconded by Jennifer
40 Edlund and approved unanimously. Mr. Messier would ask BJ Judd to look into the cost of

41 making repairs in order to prevent water from running into the building until the paving project
42 could be completed.

43 **Administrative Requests/ Reports**

44 **Solar Learning Lab:** Mr. Messier reported that the Solar Learning Lab project would move
45 forward. The materials for the project would be purchased from Green Mountain Solar using
46 Titles funds. The project would include solar panels, which would be mounted on the garage roof
47 and used to power the hydroponics system.

48 **Executive Session**

49 None

50 **Business of the Board**

51 **Career Center RAB Report:** None

52 **OCSU Board:** Dave Blodgett reported that the OCSU board had met and discussed the financial
53 picture. They voted to move forward with the roofing project that had been planned and
54 approved for the COFEC building.

55 **Future Agenda Items**

- 56 • Pay for seasonal and part-time employees, and pay for summer school instructors
57 • Update on remote learning
58 • Discussion/ action regarding Administration contracts for the coming year
59 • Discussion about graduation plans

60 **Upcoming Meeting**

- 61 • Regular Board Meeting- Monday, May 18, 2020 at 6:15 PM
62 • Regular Board Meeting- Monday, June 1, 2020 at 6:15 PM
63 • Regular Board Meeting- Monday, June 15, 2020 at 6:15 PM

64 **Adjournment:** David Blodgett adjourned the meeting at 7:29.

65 Respectfully submitted,

66 Tammy Wiggett