

1 **Lake Region Union High School Board Meeting**
2 **Lake Region Union High School - Orleans, Vermont**
3 **February 3, 2020**
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5 **Board Members Present:** David Blodgett, Tammy Wiggett, Toni Eubanks, Michael Sanville,
6 Linda Michniewicz, Gerry Cahill, Pat Davis, Jennifer McKenzie, and Jennifer Edlund

7 **Administrators Present:** Andre Messier- Principal, Bev Davis- Superintendent

8 **Community Members Present:** None

9 **Call to Order:** Board chair, David Blodgett, called the meeting to order at 6:15.

10 **Additions/ Deletions:** None

11 **Privilege of the floor:** None

12 **Approval of Consent Agenda Items:** Pat Davis moved to approve the following items: the
13 minutes of the January 20, 2020 board meeting, written reports, updated FY '20 financial reports,
14 and payment of the bills. The motion was seconded by Linda Michniewicz and approved.

15 **Old Business**

16 **Discussion on Lake Region Board Member Election Process:** Michael Sanville and Jennifer
17 Edlund reported that they had attended a meeting of the Elementary Middle School Board and
18 shared concerns over the process for electing Lake Region board members. They suggested that
19 the EMS board look into changing the voting procedure so members to the Lake Region board
20 could be elected at town meetings by members of individual towns rather than being elected at
21 large at the EMS annual meeting. The EMS board supported the idea of changing the voting
22 procedure and decided to look into holding a special vote on Election Day in November
23 regarding changing the voting procedures. Bev Davis was charged with moving this forward and
24 with working with an attorney to determine voting procedures for Barton and Orleans, where
25 there were formally two separate school districts within the town of Barton.

26 **Annual Meeting Presentation Planning:** The board reviewed plans for the LRUHS Annual
27 Meeting, which was to be held on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 in the Lake Region
28 Multipurpose room. Michael Sanville was to create a Powerpoint presentation and to present
29 proposed expenditures. Jennifer Edlund was to present proposed board salaries and proposed
30 additions to the Capital Reserve fund. Dave Blodgett was to present anticipated revenue. The
31 board would hold a regular meeting before the annual meeting to review information and finalize
32 plans.

33 **New Business**

34 **Hiring of Head Cook:** Pat Davis moved to approve hiring Donna Brown-Perry as Head Cook,
35 beginning February 3, 2020. It was seconded by Linda Michniewicz and approved.

36 **Administrative Requests/ Reports**

37 Mr. Messier gave an update regarding water quality at Lake Region. Seven testing spots were
38 found to have an unacceptable level of lead. These were shut off immediately, and BJ Judd has
39 been working with the state to correct the problem. Fixtures have been shut off, replaced as
40 appropriate, and retested.

41 Mr. Messier reported that Lake Region would participate in an Integrated Field Review on
42 February 4, 2020. People from the state and from other schools would tour the school, observe
43 classrooms, interview stakeholders, and offer feedback at the SU level in different categories. He
44 invited board members to be part of the interview process.

45 Mr. Messier mentioned that the second semester began on January 21, 2020. He mentioned the
46 struggle to support seniors who were at risk of not graduating and other students who were in
47 crisis. He mentioned the struggle to find outside resources for students who needed support
48 beyond what the school was able to provide.

49 **Executive Session**

50 None

51 **Business of the Board**

52 **Career Center RAB Report:** Michael Sanville reported that the Career Center Regional
53 Advisory Board had begun the process of strategic planning with the support of an outside
54 facilitator.

55 **OCSU Board:** No Report

56 **Colton Fund:** David Blodgett provided an overview of the Colton Scholarship fund, which the
57 Lake Region Board oversees. The fund is currently being managed by Bill Davies. The fund had
58 a sizable growth over the past year.

59 **Future Agenda Items**

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 - Board Retreat Planning

61 **Upcoming Meeting**

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 - Full Board- Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 6:15 PM
 - Annual Meeting- Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 7:30 PM

64 **Adjournment:** David Blodgett adjourned the meeting at 7:33.

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66 Respectfully submitted,

67 Tammy Wiggett