

1 **Lake Region Union High School Board Meeting**
2 **Lake Region Union High School - Orleans, Vermont**
3 **January 20, 2020**
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5 **Board Members Present:** Tammy Wiggett, Toni Eubanks, Jason Racine, Michael Sanville,
6 Linda Michniewicz, Gerry Cahill, Pat Davis, and Jennifer Edlund

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

8 **Community Members Present:** Ed Barber- *Newport Daily Express*, Leanne Harple- *The*
9 *Chronicle*

10 **Call to Order:** Board Vice-chair, Pat Davis, called the meeting to order at 6:12.

11 **Additions/ Deletions:** None

12 **Privilege of the floor:** None

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

16 **Old Business**

17 **Discussion on Lake Region Board Member Election Process:** Bev Davis explained that, after
18 contacting Will Senning from the VT Secretary of State's office and attorney Bill Davies, it
19 became clear that it would be impossible to change election procedures for this year. Those
20 present expressed interest in approaching the merged elementary/ middle school board to
21 continue the discussion about changing election procedures for future years.

22 **New Business**

23 **Annual Meeting Presentation Planning:** Michael Sanville agreed to create a Powerpoint
24 presentation and to present proposed expenditures at the Lake Region UHS Annual Meeting on
25 February 19, 2020. Jennifer Edlund agreed to present proposed board salaries and proposed
26 additions to the Capital Reserve fund. It was decided to ask Dave Blodgett to present anticipated
27 revenue.

28 **Juul Litigation Proposal:** Michael Sanville moved to join class-action litigation against Juul, as
29 explained in an email from attorney Pietro Lynn. It was seconded by Jason Racine and approved.

30 **Resignation of Food Service Director:** Jason Racine moved to accept the resignation of Nicole
31 Libby, Food Service Director, pending finding a suitable replacement. It was seconded by
32 Jennifer Edlund and approved.

33 **Administrative Requests/ Reports**

34 Mr. Messier gave an update regarding water quality at Lake Region. Seven testing spots were
35 found to have an unacceptable level of lead. These were shut off immediately, and BJ Judd has
36 been working with the state to correct the problem. Some fixtures have already been replaced
37 and will be retested.

38 Mr. Messier reported that Lake Region would participate in an Integrated Field Review on
39 February 4, 2020. People from the state and from other schools would tour the school, observe

40 classrooms, interview stakeholders, and offer feedback. He invited board members to be part of
41 the interview process.

42 Mr. Messier gave an update regarding the creation of a solar learning lab and a maker space. He
43 reminded the board that Lake Region would receive Titles funds that must be spent on STEM
44 initiatives. He was in the process of getting quotes for the solar learning lab and mentioned that
45 funds not needed for the solar learning lab would be used for the maker space.

46 Mr. Messier mentioned that the second semester was to begin on January 21, 2020. He reported
47 that the previous Friday had been a LR Folio task recovery day. Students who were behind in
48 Folio tasks attended and got support in completing tasks.

49 **Executive Session**

50 Jason Racine moved to enter Executive Session at 7:15 to discuss negotiations. It was seconded
51 by Michael Sanville and approved.

52 The board exited Executive Session at 7:30, with no action taken.

53 **Business of the Board**

54 **Career Center RAB Report:** Michael Sanville reported that the Career Center Regional
55 Advisory Board would undergo strategic planning, which would begin on January 23, 2020 at
56 5:00.

57 **OCSU Board:** Pat Davis reported that the OCSU Board would meet at the conclusion of the
58 Lake Region board meeting.

59 **Future Agenda Items**

- 60 • Board Retreat Planning

61 **Upcoming Meeting**

- 62 • Full Board- Monday, February 3, 2020 at 6:15 PM
- 63 • Full Board- Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 6:15 PM
- 64 • Annual Meeting- Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 7:30 PM

65 **Adjournment:** Pat Davis adjourned the meeting at 7:32.

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67 Respectfully submitted,

68 Tammy Wiggett