

1 **Lake Region Union High School Board Meeting**
2 **Lake Region Union High School - Orleans, Vermont**
3 **October 7, 2019**
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5 **Board Members Present:** David Blodgett, Michael Sanville, Tammy Wiggett, Toni Eubanks,
6 Jennifer Edlund, Jennifer McKenzie, and Gerry Cahill

7 **Administrators Present:** Andre Messier- Principal

8 **Community Members Present:** None

9 **Call to Order:** Board Chair, Dave Blodgett, called the meeting to order at 6:20.

10 **Additions/ Deletions:** None

11 **Privilege of the floor:** None

12 **Approval of Consent Agenda Items:** Jennifer Edlund moved to approve the following items:
13 the minutes of the September 23, 2019 Board meeting, written reports, updated FY '20 financial
14 reports, and payment of the bills. The motion was seconded by Toni Eubanks and approved.

15 **Old Business**

16 **Solar Learning Lab:** Mr. Messier shared an initial estimate from Corey Marquis for creating a
17 solar learning lab. The amount of \$21,500 included fourteen 315-watt solar panels, solar inverter,
18 batteries, battery monitor, grid tie-in equipment, solar panel racking system, safety switches, a
19 Magweb communication unit, and miscellaneous items. The intent would be to use the energy
20 from the project to power the welding equipment.

21 If the board wished to move forward, the project would have to go out to bid, and Mr. Messier
22 would check with Heather Wright to see if funds from the Capital Reserve fund could be used.
23 Board members had several questions related to the cost, scale, and location of the potential
24 project. Mr. Messier agreed to invite Vocational Agriculture teacher, Tim Byrne, and possibly
25 Corey Marquis to a future meeting to address some of the questions and concerns.

26 **OCSU Food Service Charging Procedure:** Those present continued to discuss the OCSU Food
27 Service Charging Procedure and the fact that the current practice at Lake Region, allowing
28 students to charge more than \$50, does not align with the procedure. Board members were
29 concerned that Lake Region currently does not follow the procedure, and several were also
30 concerned that following the procedure would result in turning students away from the lunch
31 line.

32 Many on the board expressed interest in creating a procedure that matches current practice. The
33 board asked Mr. Messier to consult with Bev Davis regarding the procedure and who has
34 authority to change it. The board planned to discuss the situation further at the next board
35 meeting.

36 **New Business**

37 **Board Retreat Planning:** The board agreed that the board retreat should be held in late January
38 or early February. Possible topics could be the effects of vaping or Act 173 (Special Education
39 funding). The board will continue to discuss and plan the retreat at future meetings.

40 **Increasing English Teacher Position:** Toni Eubanks moved to approve increasing English
41 teacher, Tyler Perry, to .67 FTE for the duration of the 2019-2020 school year, effective October
42 7, 2019. It was seconded by Jennifer Edlund and approved.

43 **Hiring of Assistant Food Service worker:** Toni Eubanks moved to approve hiring Carolyn
44 Sykes as an Assistant Food Service worker beginning October 15, 2019. It was seconded by
45 Jennifer McKenzie and approved.

46 **Executive Session**- None

47 **Administrative Requests/ Reports**

48 **Upcoming Speakers:** Mr. Messier shared information about two speakers who had been invited
49 to present to students in the upcoming weeks. First, national speaker, Ed Gerety, would come on
50 Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 9:40 to speak about important life skills, including respect,
51 character, gratitude, leadership, attitude, and making a difference.

52 Second, John T. Broderick, Jr., Dartmouth- Hitchcock Senior Director of External Affairs, would
53 come on Thursday, November 14, 2019 to speak to the students about Dartmouth-Hitchcock's
54 R.E.A.C.T. Mental Health Awareness Campaign. His focus would be around how to recognize
55 and respond to the signs of emotional distress.

56 **Senior Exhibitions of Learning:** Mr. Messier reported that the first round of Senior Exhibitions
57 of Learning would be held on Thursday, October 10, 2019. Forty seniors were to give 15-minute
58 presentations related to the learning and growth documented in their LRFolio. These
59 presentations would be facilitated by Lake Region faculty and attended by family and friends.

60 **Business of the Board**

61 **Career Center RAB Report:** None

62 **OCSU Board:** Dave Blodgett reported that the OCSU Board met. They discussed the budget
63 and the implications of Act 173 (new Special Education Funding Law). Also, they agreed to
64 invite the teachers' association to negotiate a long-term contract.

65 **Future Agenda Items**

- 66 • Food Service Charging Procedure
- 67 • Board Retreat
- 68 • Solar Learning Lab

69 **Upcoming Meetings**

- 70 • Full Board- Monday, October 21, 2019 at 6:15 PM
- 71 • Finance Committee- Monday, October 28, 2019 at 5:00 PM
- 72 • Full Board- Monday, November 4, 2019 at 6:15 PM
- 73 • Finance Committee- Monday, November 11, 2019 at 5:00 PM
- 74 • Finance Committee- Monday, November 18, 2019 at 5:00 PM
- 75 • Full Board- Monday, November 18, 2019 at 6:15 PM

76 **Adjournment:** David Blodgett adjourned the meeting at 8:01.

77 Respectfully submitted,

78 Tammy Wiggett