

**ORLEANS CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION**  
**Lake Region Union Elementary-Middle School District**  
**Board of School Directors Meeting**

Irasburg School  
January 27, 2020 – 6:00pm

OCSU Vision: All of our students will have choices for success throughout their lives.

OCSU Mission: It is the mission of the Orleans Central Supervisory Union to provide an environment that celebrates diversity and creativity, promotes inclusion and integrity, and partners with parents and community members to give students access to a 21st century education.

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PRESENT: Bev Davis, Superintendent; Mike Moriarty, Curriculum Director; Amy Leroux; Megan Valley; Josh Webber; Phil Roberts; David Doucet; Angelique Thomas; Lind Michniewicz; Neil Urie; Matt Kittredge; Theresa Daigle; Dan Demaine; Ed Baber, Newport Daily Express; Meghan Wayland, The Chronicle

1. Call to Order 6:00 pm
2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda None
3. Privilege of the Floor Mary Lahair, an Irasburg parent, came to talk about instrument lessons. Lessons were moved to Fridays this year and because of professional development and ski days, lessons happen irregularly and students are getting discouraged.
4. Principal Updates. Larry came to the meeting. One of his teacher's suffered a bad injury and will be out the rest of the school year. So far a daily sub with help from others is holding down the fort. A candidate for the long term sub was identified but withdrew. Despite all the turnover, behavioral issues have not increased which is a real positive. Kim has a teacher going on pregnancy leave and a candidate for a long term sub is visiting this week. The community dinner was a great culmination of a process that began with a trip to a sustainability conference at Shelburne Farms. The entire process has involved a lot of learning and continues into the future with a few more dinners are planned. Becky Currier does lego robotics with 2nd-4th graders and has been invited to bring students to a conference.
5. Focus on Learning: Integrated Field Review – Mike Moriarty. As part of the Education Quality Standards, there are a few different reviews including the Annual Snapshot and the Integrated Field Review. There are five domains including academic proficiency, personalization, safe healthy schools, and high quality staffing and investment priorities. This happens every 3 years and teams from other schools and AOE staff come to visit our schools. They collect documents, observations, and interviews. The team will provide commendations and recommendations in a report. There are 8 teams and they will each visit two sites during their day here. The team is coming February 4th and the report is expected a few weeks later.
6. Consent Agenda (Action) Linda moved, Angelique 2nd. All in favor.
  - a. Approve Minutes
  - b. Approve Bills
  - c. Accept Financial Reports

7. Business of the Board (Discussion and Possible Action)
  - a. Middle school girls' softball team. Several middle school girls came to present the case for having middle school girls' softball. They did a survey and found there is interest in a middle school softball team. This would bridge the gap between the current under 12 and under 16 teams that are offered through Lake Region Youth Baseball. The budget to start a team with all costs is \$3320 with around \$2000 for items that will be able to be used in future years. Another option is to rely on high school and Lake Region Youth baseball equipment to get the team started and have the EMS board fund a coach's salary and umpire fees. Linda moves to move forward to form a Lake Region Youth Softball middle school girls' softball team with salary and umpires covered by the EMS board. Megan 2nd. Bev will advertise for the position and some of the organizing girls would like to participate in the hiring process. All in favor.
  - b. Election of high school board members. Some members of the Lake Region high school board came to discuss the election of high school board members. Because of the forced merger, high school board members are slated to be elected at the LRUEMS annual meeting. Members had been elected at the annual school meetings pre-merger. The lawyers Bev consulted say that in order to make a change, the LRUEMS board would need to have a special meeting and have the electorate make a change. There was some discussion about whether board members should be elected at town meeting or at the high school annual meeting. There will be some cost to involving lawyers in researching the issue. There was some discussion about whether voters at the LRUEMS will be prepared to vote for the high school board. Since it will be on the warning for the meeting, voters should be anticipating it. Also some discussion of general confusion about school governance among the voters. No matter what is found, high school board members will be elected at the EMS annual meeting this year because there is no time to change it. EMS board supports the high school board investigating other ways of electing their members.
  - c. Irasburg Doors. The facilities director Joe Huston provided a written report on his activities so far. Among the items in the report is that the Irasburg door project that was approved by the board has changed in scope. Fewer doors will need to be replaced and the work will start soon.
  - d. Brownington School 1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd Grade Covered in principals' report.
8. Administrative Requests, Reports & Information (Discussion & Possible Action) None
9. Committee Reports
  - a. OCSU Board None
  - b. Facilities None
  - c. Negotiations None
10. Executive Session (if needed, pursuant to 1 V.S.A. sec. 313)
  - a. Post Executive Session Action (if needed) None
11. Future Agenda Items & Next Meeting (Discussion)
  - a. EMS Board – February 10, 2020 – 6:00pm – Orleans School. Policy discussion will start again especially school choice.
12. Adjournment 7:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dan Demaine