

ORLEANS CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION

**Lake Region Union Elementary-Middle School District
Board of School Directors Meeting**

Lake Region Union High School
Tuesday, March 10, 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.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Angelique Thomas; Josh Webber; Phil Roberts; Heather Wright, Business Manager; Megan Valley; Linda Michniewicz; Paull Simmons, IVS Principal; David Martinez; Amy Leroux; Matt Kittredge; David Doucet; Debbie Brunelle; Neil Urie; Dan Demaine; Theresa Daigle; Bev Davis, Superintendent

1. Call to Order 6:00 pm
2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda One addition to Business of the Board
3. Privilege of the Floor None
4. Consent Agenda (Action) Debbie moved. Phil 2nd. All in favor.
 - a. Approve Minutes from February 17, 2020
 - b. Approve Bills
 - c. Accept Financial Reports
5. Business of the Board (Discussion and Possible Action)
 - a. School Choice Guidelines and Parent Requests. Dave motions to allow superintendent to decide if students are allowed to change schools within the district during the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years. Dave 2nd. Bev will be following the school choice and class size policies that are already approved and keep the board informed. This does not apply to students attending schools outside the district. The administrators are still working on the guidelines. The board would like to see the guidelines when they are complete.
 - b. COVID-19. Bev sent out a letter to all families during vacation. The letter is on the OCSU website. The state is in constant contact and has set up a protocol for cancelling school and events. Several events and conferences are being cancelled. Bev feels the communication has been good and that she has been advised that the Vermont Department of Health is the source of information. Bev shared that there are discussions underway to determine how to continue school meals and if school is cancelled, how to make up/shorten school year.
 - c. Debbie moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to hire Kasey Potter as a 1.0FTE guidance counselor at Glover Community School with a temporary, non-renewable contract for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, salary per negotiated agreement. Phil 2nd. This is a standard agreement. Kasey has been a guidance counselor at several area schools. All in favor.
 - d. Debbie moves to approve the superintendent's recommendation to hire Frank Daigneault as a long-term sub at Irasburg with a rate of \$205.82/day effective the first day of the employee's leave. Dave 2nd. All in favor.

- e. Orleans Principal Position. A committee has been formed from board members, staff, parents and Angelique Brown. There are four applicants.
 - f. Principal Salary Schedule. Did not discuss. Will pick up at March 23 meeting.
6. Administrative Requests, Reports & Information (Discussion & Possible Action)
- a. Board meeting schedule. At the March 23rd meeting, this board will reorganize and Bev is looking for guidance on meeting schedules. Mondays are still good days and rotating between schools is important. Keeping meetings paired with OCSU board works well.
 - b. Pupil weighting. There have been studies on pupil weighting in relation to the special education funding changing. The concern is that some smaller districts have a higher percentage of special education students but could receive less money in a block grant. NEK superintendents are providing testimony this week at the statehouse.
7. Committee Reports Not given
- a. OCSU Board
 - b. Facilities
 - c. Negotiations
8. Executive Session (if needed, pursuant to 1 V.S.A. sec. 313)
- a. Post Executive Session Action (if needed)
9. Future Agenda Items

Adjournment 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Demaine