

1 **Lake Region Union High School Board Meeting**
2 **Lake Region Union High School - Orleans, Vermont**
3 **Meeting Held on Google Meet and In Person**
4 **August 17, 2020**
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6 **Board members in attendance in person:** Michael Sanville, Dave Blodgett, Jennifer Edlund,
7 Toni Eubanks, and Jason Racine **Board members present through Google Meet:** Tammy
8 Wiggett, Jennifer McKenzie, and Gerry Cahill

9 **Administrators in attendance:** Andre Messier- Principal

10 **Community members in attendance on Google Meet:** Rod Owens

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

12 **Additions/ Deletions:** None

13 **Privilege of the floor:** None

14 **Approval of Consent Agenda Items:** Jason Racine moved to approve the following items: the
15 minutes of the July 20, 2020 board meeting, written reports, updated FY '21 financial reports,
16 and payment of the bills. The motion was seconded by Michael Sanville and approved by
17 unanimous vote.

18 **Old Business**

19 **Discussion of COVID-19 School Closure/ Fall Reopening:** Mr. Messier reported that
20 Governor Scott had changed the first student day to September 8, 2020. Mr. Messier had reached
21 out and received permission to hold a freshmen orientation day on September 3, 2020. There
22 would also be meetings for parents of freshmen held on the evening of September 3, 2020, which
23 parents could attend either remotely or in-person outside. During the first week of school,
24 beginning on September 8, one grade level was to attend each day in order to get procedures and
25 systems in place with a reduced student body present. Busses were to run with their normal
26 capacity with all people wearing masks and the windows open as much as possible.

27 With the first student day being backed up to September 8th, the school calendar had been
28 adjusted to add 5 student days to the end of the year, with the assumption that the legislature
29 would waive the other 5 student days when they return later in August.

30 It had been determined by the VPA that fall athletics would be allowed with conditions and
31 restrictions. Everyone present would be required to wear masks at all times. Crowds would be
32 limited to 150 people per game site. Students would be allowed to practice once school was in
33 session, however, games between schools would not be allowed until the state moved from Step
34 2 to Step 3 in its reopening plan. The VPA would allow parents to transport their own children to
35 games in order to decrease the number of students on the bus.

36 Mr. Messier reported that all staffing positions had been filled. However, he recently had been
37 made aware that some staff members were considering requesting leave in response to concern
38 related to their risk with COVID. Those staff members had been strongly encouraged to make
39 decisions quickly so that the school could respond to any staffing shortages. He also noted that
40 the kitchen staff would have added responsibilities and may need to be granted extra hours in
41 order to get the work done.

42 Mr. Messier noted that the school was keeping track of expenses that were related to COVID, as
43 there were federal funds available to help offset these expense. However, since it was unknown
44 if these funds would be given in replacement of state funds or in addition to state funds, the
45 implication of these expenses on the budget remained unknown.

46 Mr. Messier noted that Director of Guidance, Tim Chamberlin, was required to work through the
47 summer in order to build an alternate schedule in response to COVID. His contract is for the 187
48 teacher days plus an additional 23 days, which are usually used in late June and Late August. As
49 of August 17th, he had worked 26 days since July 1st. Mr. Messier mentioned that he would like
50 to include an agenda item at the next meeting with a motion to pay Tim Chamberlin for
51 additional days. He would research the cost and the number of days that would be appropriate.

52 **New Business**

53 **Hazing, Harassment, and Bullying Designees:** Jason Racine moved to appoint Andre Messier
54 and Sharon Gonyaw as the school's Hazing, Harassment, and Bullying designees for 2020-2021.
55 It was seconded by Jennifer Edlund and approved unanimously.

56 **Adoption of Policy D15:** Jason Racine moved to adopt Policy D15: Electronic Communications
57 between Employees and Students. It was seconded by Jennifer Edlund and approved
58 unanimously.

59 **Administrative Requests/ Reports**

60 Mr. Messier's report was provided during the Old Business section of the meeting.

61 **Executive Session**

62 The board entered Executive Session to discuss negotiations at 7:12 and exited Executive
63 Session at 7:25.

64 **Business of the Board**

65 **Career Center RAB Report:** None

66 **OCSU Board:** None

67 **Future Agenda Items**

- 68 • Additional Paid Days for Tim Chamberlin
- 69 • Solar Learning Lab Update

70 **Upcoming Meeting**

- 71 • Regular Board Meeting- Tuesday, September 9, 2020 at 6:15 PM (Changed from
72 September 3, 2020)
- 73 • Regular Board Meeting- Monday, September 21, 2020 at 6:15 PM

74 **Adjournment:** David Blodgett adjourned the meeting at 7:28.

75 Respectfully submitted,

76 Tammy Wiggett