

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                                   **December 21, 2020**

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6 **Board members in attendance in person or through Google Meet:** Dave Blodgett, Toni  
7 Eubanks, Michael Sanville, Jennifer Edlund, Gerry Cahill, Jason Racine, Michael Connor, and  
8 Tammy Wiggett

9 **Administrators/Faculty in attendance in person or through Google Meet:** Andre Messier-  
10 Principal, Bev Davis- Superintendent

11 **Lake Region Students in attendance on Google Meet:** Marina Rockwell, Samuel Willis, Ryan  
12 Roessler, Ila Camara, Thomas Hinton, and Peter Gyurkovics

13 **Call to Order:** David Blodgett, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:18.

14 **Additions/ Deletions:** None

15 **Privilege of the floor:** None

16 **Approval of Consent Agenda Items:** Jason Racine moved to approve the following items: the  
17 minutes of the December 7, 2020 board meeting, written reports, updated FY '21 financial  
18 reports, and payment of the bills. The motion was seconded by Michael Sanville and approved  
19 by unanimous vote.

20 **Administrative Reports Part 1: Student Panel Regarding School Culture**

21 Mr. Messier introduced the students who had agreed to be part of a panel to discuss school  
22 culture. Students made comments and answered questions regarding their experiences at Lake  
23 Region. Comments included:

- 24       • Teachers create a positive and accepting environment for ‘pushing yourself’, regardless  
25       of background.
- 26       • The culture around athletics is that sportsmanship is more important than winning.
- 27       • Teachers create environments that are conducive for holding difficult conversations  
28       around gender identity, mental illness, disability, race, etc. without fear.
- 29       • Bullying and harassment around gender and sexuality does happen, especially online, but  
30       is dealt with appropriately when brought to the attention of an adult.
- 31       • It can sometimes feel uncomfortable or unsafe to share political views in class that are  
32       different than some teachers’ perceived views.

33 **Old Business**

34 **Annual Meeting Format:** Jason Racine moved to hold the Lake Region Union High School  
35 Annual Meeting in February in person in the gym, with appropriate masking and distancing  
36 measures. It was seconded by Michael Sanville and approved unanimously.

37 **Parking Lot Paving Project Discussion:** Michael Sanville suggested getting new bids in the  
38 spring so that the board could make a decision regarding whether or not to move forward with  
39 the paving project over the summer. Mr. Messier agreed to ask BJ Judd to reach out to the  
40 vendors regarding the project.

41 **Superintendent Search Update:** Bev Davis mentioned that the search committee was still in the  
42 process of being formed. The committee should meet soon to create a job posting. The  
43 committee would work with a consultant from the VSBA to move the process forward.

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45 **New Business**

46 **2021-2022 Tuition Rate:** Jason Racine moved to set the 2021-2022 tuition rate at \$16,000 per  
47 the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Manager. It was seconded by  
48 Michael Sanville and approved unanimously.

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50 **Gymnastics Coach:** Jason Racine moved to approve Laura Nally as Gymnastics coach at a rate  
51 of \$525. It was seconded by Michael Sanville and approved unanimously.

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53 **Administrative Requests/ Reports Part 2**

54 **Winter Activity Outlook:** Mr. Messier reported that schools were waiting for updated guidance  
55 from the state regarding winter sports. At the time of the meeting, winter sports were on hold.

56 Mr. Messier reported that the National Honor Society held a virtual Induction Ceremony, which  
57 could be viewed on the Lake Region website.

58 Mr. Messier reported that the laser cutter had been delivered and Mr. Byrne was working to get it  
59 set up and ready for use.

60 **Executive Session**

61 None

62 **Business of the Board**

63 **Career Center RAB Report:** Michael Sanville reported that the Career Center Regional  
64 Advisory Board would be forming a search committee for a new Director. He mentioned that he  
65 would not be able to serve on that committee. Bev Davis agreed to reach out to see if it would be  
66 possible to have an alternate serve on the committee.

67 **OCSU Board:** Dave Blodgett reported that the OCSU Board had not met.

68 **Future Agenda Items**

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- 70 • Music Department Presentation
  - 71 • Student Panel Follow-up
  - 72 • Administrative Salaries
  - 73 • Parking Lot Project
  - 74 • Annual Meeting Planning

74 **Upcoming Meetings**

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- 76 • Full Board: Monday, January 4, 2021 at 6:15 PM
  - 77 • Full Board: Monday, January 18, 2021 at 6:15 PM
  - 78 • Budget Informational Meeting: Monday, February 1, 2021 at 5:00 PM
  - 79 • Full Board: Monday, February 1, 2021 at 6:15 PM

79 **Adjournment:** David Blodgett adjourned the meeting at 8:08.

80 Respectfully submitted,

81 Tammy Wiggett