

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 **Monday, February 1, 2021**
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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, Michael Conner, Jennifer McKenzie,
8 Linda Michniewicz, and Tammy Wiggett

9 **Administrators/Faculty in attendance in person or through Google Meet:** Bev Davis-
10 Superintendent, Michael Moriarty- OCSU Director of Instructional Services

11 **Community Members in attendance on Google Meet:** Leanne Harple- *The Chronicle*, Darlene
12 Young, and Randy Williams

13 **Call to Order:** David Blodgett, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:16.

14 **Additions/ Deletions:** None

15 **Privilege of the floor:** None

16 **Approval of Consent Agenda Items:** Michael Sanville moved to approve the following items:
17 the minutes of the January 18, 2021 board meeting, written reports, updated FY '21 financial
18 reports, and payment of the bills. The motion was seconded by Linda Michniewicz and approved
19 by unanimous vote.

20 **Old Business**

21 **Superintendent Search Update:** Dave Blodgett mentioned that the search committee had met
22 and had developed interview questions. There were currently seven applicants. He explained that
23 the committee would interview applicants and give its recommendations to the OCSU board,
24 which would be responsible for hiring. Bev Davis noted that a list of committee members, along
25 with agendas and meeting minutes would be available on the OCSU website.

26 **Annual Meeting Planning:** Plans had previously been made to hold the Lake Region UHS
27 Annual Meeting in-person in the school gymnasium on Wednesday, February 17, 2021. The
28 board made the following plans for presenting information at the Annual Meeting: Michael
29 Sanville agreed to present the anticipated expenses, David Blodgett agreed to present the
30 anticipated revenue, Jason Racine agreed to present the proposed salaries for school board
31 members, and Jennifer Edlund agreed to present the proposed addition to the Capital Reserve
32 Fund. Michael Sanville agreed to create a slide show.

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34 David Blodgett mentioned that a community member who attended the virtual informational
35 meeting held immediately before this board meeting expressed her disappointment that the
36 annual meeting would not be held virtually. Discussion ensued about the possibility of streaming
37 the meeting for those who did not feel able to attend an in-person meeting. Those not in physical
38 attendance would not be able to vote, but they could hear the presentation. It was agreed that this
39 should be explored and that the meeting should be streamed if possible.
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43 **New Business**

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46 **Administrative Requests/ Reports**

47 **Winter Activity Outlook:** Bev Davis reported that Vermont schools had been cleared to begin
48 limited-contact practice for indoor winter sports. In-house scrimmages could now be held, but
49 games between schools were still on hold. Plans were being made for games held in the future to
50 be streamed, with no fans in attendance. Outdoor activities, such as skiing and snowboarding,
51 could now hold competitions between schools. The VPA had extended the season into March
52 due to the late start.

53 **Recovery Plans:** Bev Davis explained that the state would require school districts to create
54 Recovery Plans, but so far information was not available regarding what would be required in
55 these plans. She expected that a template for creating the recovery plan would be provided by the
56 state later in February. She expected the domains of Academics, Social Emotional Learning, and
57 Engagement and Truancy to be included in the recovery plan.

58 **Executive Session**

59 None

60 **Business of the Board**

61 **Career Center RAB Report:** The Director Search Committee met, but Dave Blodgett was
62 unable to attend the meeting, due to commitments to the Superintendent Search Committee.

63 **OCSU Board:** Dave Blodgett reported that the OCSU Board would meet later in the week.

64 **Future Agenda Items**

- 65 • Parking Lot Paving Project
- 66 • Annual Meeting Debrief
- 67 • School Culture- Student Surveys
- 68 • Solar Lab Update
- 69 • Covid Recovery Plan Update

70 **Upcoming Meetings**

- 71 • Full Board: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 6:15 PM
- 72 • Lake Region UHS Annual Meeting: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 7:00 PM
- 73 • Full Board: Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 6:15 PM
- 74 • Full Board: Monday, March 22, 2021 at 6:15 PM

75 **Adjournment:** Before adjournment, there was a brief discussion regarding comments made by
76 board members, which were reported in the paper, related to school culture and racism. At the
77 conclusion of the discussion, David Blodgett adjourned the meeting at 7:12.

78 Respectfully submitted,

79 Tammy Wiggett