

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                                   **November 2, 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, Jennifer McKenzie,  
8   Linda Michniewicz, and Tammy Wiggett

9   **Administrators/Faculty in attendance:** Andre Messier- Principal, Bev Davis- Superintendent,  
10 **through Google Meet:** Christina Suarez- Social Studies Department Chair

11 **Community members in attendance on Google Meet:** Karen Ceraso

12 **Call to Order:** David Blodgett, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:20.

13 **Additions/ Deletions:** None

14 **Privilege of the floor:** None

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

19 **Old Business**

20 **Board Retreat Planning:** Dave Blodgett reminded the board that the Board Retreat had been  
21 scheduled for November 10, 2020 and would be held at Lake Region UHS from 5:00 to 8:00.  
22 The focus for the retreat would be a discussion of the strategic plan goal involving school climate  
23 through the lens of equity and social justice. Mr. Messier presented a draft agenda for the retreat,  
24 which included a presentation by Rod Owens, a presentation by Amy Kelly, a student panel, a  
25 faculty panel, and a discussion of next steps.

26 **Hiring a Long-term Substitute:** Jason Racine moved to approve hiring Ben Luce as a long-  
27 term certified substitute at a per diem rate of \$205.82 per approved work day, beginning October  
28 19, 2020. It was seconded by Michael Sanville and approved by unanimous vote.

29 **Modification of Graduation Requirements:** Jason Racine moved to approve the following  
30 modifications to the LR graduation requirements for the Class of 2021: 1) Reduce the number of  
31 Folio Tasks required in each Learning Expectation from fifteen to twelve, and 2) No Senior  
32 Exhibition of Learning as the second part of the Tech Apps requirement. It was seconded by  
33 Michael Sanville and approved unanimously.

34 **New Business**

35 **Social Studies Presentation:** Social Studies Department Chair, Christina Suarez, provided a  
36 presentation regarding the Social Studies curriculum, with a focus on the work done by the  
37 department over the past few years to embed inquiry-based social studies standards and the  
38 Global Citizenship standards, which were mandated through the VT Education Quality  
39 Standards. Resources for their work on the curriculum included the C3 Framework for College,  
40 Career, and Civic Life, and the Teaching Tolerance Anti-bias Framework, which focuses on  
41 Identity, Diversity, and Justice. She mentioned that the state also created the VT Equity Working

42 Group, and it was expected that they would make recommendations in the near future that would  
43 lead to further revisions to the curriculum.

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45 **Discussion of OCSU Equity Coordinator Position:** Dave Blodgett gave a brief report  
46 regarding the Equity Coordinator Position that is being considered at the OCSU level. A few  
47 board members discussed their concerns regarding the cost of adding this position in light of the  
48 current economic challenges schools are facing.

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#### 50 **Administrative Requests/ Reports**

51 **Fall Activity Wrap-up:** Mr. Messier reported that the girls' soccer team won their first playoff  
52 game but lost in the quarterfinals. The boys' team won their first two playoff games and would  
53 be in the semifinals. The cross country team recently participated in the state meet and had done  
54 well, with several students having personal bests. The theater program put on a successful event  
55 at Halloween time.

56 **Winter Activity Outlook:** Mr. Messier reported that schools were waiting for updated guidance  
57 from the state regarding winter activities. It was already known that there would be no wrestling  
58 or indoor track.

#### 59 **Executive Session**

60 None

#### 61 **Business of the Board**

62 **Career Center RAB Report:** Michael Sanville reported that the Career Center Regional  
63 Advisory Board met. Students are attending the Career Center Four Days per week. Faculty  
64 members are finding it difficult to keep the students physically distanced. Lake Region student  
65 enrollment at the Career Center is similar to last year's enrollment. The board is beginning to  
66 work on the budgeting process.

67 **OCSU Board:** Dave Blodgett reported that the OCSU Board had not met since his last report.

68 **Finance Committee:** Michael Sanville reported that the Finance Committee met and reviewed a  
69 draft of the proposed budget. It includes a 2.3% increase before an addition to the Capital  
70 Reserve fund, and a 3.26% increase including an addition to the Capital Reserve fund. Two of  
71 the largest cost drivers include a 9.6% increase in health insurance costs and a 22% increase in  
72 Special Education expenses. The committee was to meet again on Monday, November 16, 2020.

#### 73 **Future Agenda Items**

- 74 • FY '22 Budget Building Process Reports
- 75 • Hybrid Teaching and Learning
- 76 • FBLA Presentation

#### 77 **Upcoming Meetings**

- 78 • Board Retreat- Tuesday, November 10, 2020 (5:00-8:00pm)
- 79 • Finance Committee- Monday, November 16, 2020 at 5:00 PM (FY'22 Budget Planning)
- 80 • Regular Board Meeting- Monday, November 16, 2020 at 6:15 PM
- 81 • Regular Board Meeting- Monday, December 7, 2020 at 6:15 PM

82 **Adjournment:** David Blodgett adjourned the meeting at 7:58.

83 Respectfully submitted,

84 Tammy Wiggett