

1 **Lake Region Union High School Board Meeting**
2 **Lake Region Union High School - Orleans, Vermont**
3 **November 4, 2019**
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5 **Board Members Present:** David Blodgett, Tammy Wiggett, Toni Eubanks, Jennifer Edlund,
6 Jason Racine, Scott Lalime, and Jennifer McKenzie

7 **Administrators Present:** Andre Messier- Principal

8 **Community Members Present:** None

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

10 **Additions/ Deletions:** None

11 **Privilege of the floor:** None

12 **Approval of Consent Agenda Items:** Jason Racine moved to approve the following items: the
13 minutes of the October 21, 2019 Board meeting, written reports, updated FY '20 financial
14 reports, and payment of the bills. The motion was seconded by Jennifer McKenzie and approved.

15 **Old Business**

16 **None**

17 **New Business**

18 **Girls Hockey Member-to-Member Agreement:** Jason Racine moved to approve Addie Petit
19 playing girls hockey in the winter 2019-2020 season for NCUHS as part of the member-to-
20 member agreement. It was seconded by Jennifer Edlund and approved.

21 **Administrative Requests/ Reports**

22 **2019 Fall Season Student Participation:** Mr. Messier reported 159 students, out of a total
23 student body of 367, had participated in school-sponsored activities during the fall 2019 season.
24 This number included 73 males and 86 females. This was 43% of the student body, compared to
25 34% who participated in activities last fall.

26 **2019 Fall Musical Production:** Mr. Messier reported that the Lake Region fall musical
27 production of Peter Pan would be presented at the Orleans Memorial Building on November 7, 8,
28 and 9, 2019. Approximately 40 students were involved in the production.

29 **Executive Session**

30 Jason Racine moved to enter Executive Session at 6:39 to discuss a student disciplinary matter. It
31 was seconded by Jennifer Edlund and approved.

32 The board exited Executive Session at 7:03, with no action taken.

33 **Business of the Board**

34 **Career Center RAB Report:** None

35 **OCSU Board:** Dave Blodgett reported that the OCSU Board met on October 28, 2019. They
36 went over the proposed SU budget. The draft budget included a 9.3% increase in expenditures,
37 with the biggest cost drivers including health insurance increases, salary increases, and increases

38 in Special Education expenses. It was noted that the COFEC building would also need a new
39 roof.

40 **LR Finance Committee Report:** The LR Finance Committee met on October 28 to go over the
41 first draft of the budget, which included an increase in expenditures of \$338,000. It was noted
42 that the largest cost drivers included insurance increases, salary increases, shifts in tuition
43 expenses to the local budget, and increased special education expenses. Mr. Messier went
44 through the draft budget and looked for items to cut back in order to get the increase under 5%.
45 He noted that, even with the nearly 5% increase over previous year, the proposed operating
46 budget was essentially the same as it was in FY '17.

47 **Future Agenda Items**

- 48 • Board Retreat
- 49 • Solar Learning Lab

50 **Upcoming Meetings**

- 51 • Finance Committee- Monday, November 11, 2019 at 5:00 PM
- 52 • Finance Committee- Monday, November 18, 2019 at 5:00 PM
- 53 • Full Board- Monday, November 18, 2019 at 6:15 PM
- 54 • Full Board- Monday, December 2, 2019 at 6:15 PM

55 **Adjournment:** David Blodgett adjourned the meeting at 7:32.

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57 Respectfully submitted,

58 Tammy Wiggett