

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 **October 19, 2020**
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6 **Board members in attendance in person:** Dave Blodgett, Toni Eubanks, Michael Sanville,
7 Jennifer Edlund, Tammy Wiggett, Gerry Cahill, and Jason Racine **Board members present**
8 **through Google Meet:** Jennifer McKenzie, Linda Michniewicz

9 **Administrators in attendance:** Andre Messier- Principal, Bev Davis- Superintendent

10 **Community members in attendance on Google Meet:** Rod Owens, Karen Ceraso, Ed Barber-
11 *Newport Daily Express*, Leanne Harple- *The Chronicle*

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

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 5, 2020 board meeting, written reports, updated FY '21 financial reports,
17 and payment of the bills. The motion was seconded by Michael Sanville and approved by
18 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 and Dave Blodgett met to work on the
24 agenda for the retreat. They asked for input from the board regarding what they would like to
25 hear students and teachers speak about. Linda Michniewicz also suggested preparing a student
26 survey to get input from a larger number of students regarding school culture and their
27 experiences at Lake Region.

28 **New Business**

29 None
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31 **Administrative Requests/ Reports**

32 **Science Leave Update:** Mr. Messier reported that the person who had been interested in
33 working as a long-term substitute while a science teacher would be on leave decided to back out.
34 Mr. Messier and the science department had made outreach to several places but so far had not
35 found a candidate to fill the long term substitute position.

36 **Girls Golf:** Mr. Messier reported that the Girls Golf team had been named Division II State
37 Champions. Tia Martinez had been named State Medalist.

38 **Co-curricular Participation:** Mr. Messier reported that about 33% of the student body
39 participated in a fall activity. Activities included fall sports, Theater, Newspaper, FBLA, Student
40 Leadership Council, and Cooking Club.

41 **Contraceptive Distribution:** Mr. Messier reported that the VT Legislature had passed a bill
42 requiring all schools to make condoms available to students in grades 7-12, and to do so without
43 parent notification. The law was to take effect as of July 1, 2021.

44 **Graduation Requirements:** Mr. Messier reported that he had met with the department chairs.
45 They came to an agreement that it would be more appropriate to require 12 Folio tasks for
46 graduation instead of 15, based on the limitations of the current learning structure. This will be a
47 future agenda item for board approval.

48 **Executive Session**

49 None

50 **Business of the Board**

51 **Career Center RAB Report:** None

52 **OCSU Board:** Dave Blodgett reported that the OCSU Board met on Wednesday, October 7,
53 2020. They discussed how to proceed with the Equity Coordinator position. They also discussed
54 the fact that Bev Davis will retire after this year and decided to contract with VSBA to
55 coordinate the search and hiring process for her replacement.

56 **Future Agenda Items**

- 57 • FY '22 Budget Building Process Reports
- 58 • Equity Report
- 59 • Hybrid Teaching and Learning
- 60 • Graduation Requirements

61 **Upcoming Meeting**

- 62 • Finance Committee- Monday, November 2, 2020 at 5:00 PM (FY'22 Budget Planning)
- 63 • Regular Board Meeting- Monday, November 2, 2020 at 6:15 PM
- 64 • Board Retreat- Tuesday, November 10, 2020 (5:00-8:00pm)
- 65 • Finance Committee- Monday, November 16, 2020 at 5:00 PM (FY'22 Budget Planning)
- 66 • Regular Board Meeting- Monday, November 16, 2020 at 6:15 PM

67 **Adjournment:** David Blodgett adjourned the meeting at 7:23.

68 Respectfully submitted,

69 Tammy Wiggett