

1 **Lake Region Union High School Board Meeting**
2 **Lake Region Union High School - Orleans, Vermont**
3 **December 4, 2017**

4 **Board Members Present:** David Blodgett, Tammy Wiggett, Toni Eubanks, Jennifer Edlund,
5 Jennifer McKenzie, Pat Davis, Jason Racine, and Linda Michniewicz

6 **Administrators Present:** Andre Messier- Principal, Bev Davis- Superintendent

7 **Community Members Present:** Bill Davis

8 **Call to Order:** David Blodgett, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:17.

9 **Additions/ Deletions:** None

10 **Privilege of the floor:** None

11 **Approval of Consent Agenda Items:** Jason Racine moved to approve the following items: the
12 minutes of the November 16, 2017 board meeting, written reports, updated FY '18 financial
13 reports, and payment of the bills. The motion was seconded by Pat Davis and approved.

14 **Old Business**

15 **Board Retreat Planning:** Mr. Messier reported that he had spoken to John Castle, and John is
16 willing to lead a discussion at the retreat about the board's role in creating equity for students.
17 Based on John's availability, the board decided that the retreat would be held on January 29,
18 2018 from 5:00 to 8:30, with dinner provided to participants. Mr. Messier agreed to check with
19 the Cooking Club to see if they would be able to provide the meal. If the Cooking Club is not
20 available, he planned to check with the Carriage House in Orleans. The board planned to fine-
21 tune the agenda at a future meeting.

22 **Global Citizenship Requirement:** Jason Racine moved to approve the addition of Global
23 Citizenship as part of the Social Studies graduation requirement. It was seconded by Pat Davis
24 and approved.

25 **New Business**

26 **Proposed FY '19 Operating Budget Approval:** Jason Racine moved to approve the
27 Finance/Operations Committee's proposed FY '19 operating budget figure of \$6,646,978. It was
28 seconded by Pat Davis and approved.

29 **Annual Meeting Warning Notice:** The board reviewed and signed the warning notice for the
30 Annual Meeting.

31 **Administrative Requests and Reports**

32 **Cafeteria Tables:** Mr. Messier reported that new round tables had arrived for the cafeteria, and
33 that ten old tables needed to be discarded. He asked what the board would like done with them.
34 Jason Racine moved to approve discarding the old cafeteria tables by offering them to schools
35 within the supervisory union and then to local non-profit organizations if they were not wanted
36 by the local schools. It was seconded by Jennifer Edlund and approved.

37 **State Budget Shortfalls:** Mr. Messier reported that communication from the state has indicated
38 that there is a shortfall in the state education fund. Therefore, the state is encouraging schools to

39 take steps to increase student to staff ratios. The board discussed the importance of holding a
40 legislative forum earlier in the legislative cycle.

41 **Executive Session: none**

42 **Business of the Board**

43 **Career Center RAB Report:** Dave Blodgett reported that he attended a Career Center Regional
44 Advisory Board meeting, which included a tour of the career center. He mentioned that he was
45 very impressed with the building and with the programs that are offered there. Currently, the
46 Career Center serves approximately 244 students, 42 of which are Lake Region students.

47 **Executive Committee Report:** None

48 **Act 46 Committee Report:** Bev Davis reported that the Act 46 Committee would meet the
49 following night, December 5, at 6:00. Nicole Mace of the Vermont School Boards Association
50 would be present to answer questions, as the committee continues its work to create a merger
51 proposal that will meet the approval of both the State Board of Education and voters.

52 **Future Agenda Items:**

- 53 • Continue planning for the board retreat
54 • Science course credit change
55 • Legislative Forum planning
56 • Update on student portfolios, PLPs
57 • Presentation on the Community Service experience

58 **Upcoming Meetings**

- 59 • Full Board- Monday, December 18, 2017 at 6:15 PM
60 • Full Board- Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 6:15 PM

61 **Adjournment:** Dave Blodgett adjourned the meeting at 7:13.

62 Respectfully submitted,
63 Tammy Wiggett