

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                                   **July 20, 2020**  
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6   **Board members in attendance in person:** Gerry Cahill, Dave Blodgett, Jennifer Edlund,  
7   Tammy Wiggett, Toni Eubanks, Jennifer McKenzie, and Jason Racine   **On Google Meet:** Pat  
8   Davis

9   **Administrators in attendance:** Andre Messier- Principal

10   **Community members in attendance on Google Meet:** Ed Barber- *Newport Daily Express*

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

12   **Additions/ Deletions:** Addition under Administrative Reports- an update regarding the Solar  
13   Learning Lab

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 June 15, 2020 board meeting, written reports, updated FY '20 financial reports,  
17   and payment of the bills. The motion was seconded by Pat Davis and approved by unanimous  
18   vote.

19   **Old Business**

20   **Discussion of COVID-19 School Closure:** Mr. Messier reported that the Guidance Department  
21   was almost finished revamping the master schedule in order to change from the traditional eight-  
22   period day to a 4-period day (plus time for lunch and advisory), with classes changing after the  
23   first semester. Students would be able to take up to four classes each semester. Individual student  
24   schedules would be built once the master schedule was complete.

25   He reported that, in order to keep classes to a size that would allow for appropriate physical  
26   distancing, students would be in the building for instruction 2 days per week and would  
27   participate remotely 3 days per week.

28   He explained that the gymnasium could not be used for P.E. classes, and that the cafeteria could  
29   not be used to serve meals. He was working with the kitchen staff to create an alternate plan for  
30   meal distribution, with students eating in classrooms, and he was planning to rent a large tent so  
31   that P.E. and other classes could be held outside with some protection from the weather.

32   Students would still be able to participate in Career Center programs. Also, students who  
33   participate in soccer and cross country running would be allowed to begin practices once school  
34   is open. No games or meets between schools would be allowed until the state moves from Stage  
35   II to Stage III in their reopening plan.

36   Daily health screenings and temperature checks were to be required when students and staff enter  
37   the building each day. Students and staff will be required to wear masks and to maintain physical  
38   distance to the extent possible. There would be increased attention to handwashing and  
39   sanitation.

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41 **New Business**

42 **Co-athletic Director Contract:** Jason Racine moved to approve issuing a Co-Athletic Director  
43 contract to James Ingalls for the 2020-2021 school year in the amount of \$11,200. It was  
44 seconded by Pat Davis and approved unanimously.

45 **Co-athletic Director Contract:** Jason Racine moved to approve issuing a Co-Athletic Director  
46 contract to Chris Wentworth for the 2020-2021 school year in the amount of \$11,200. It was  
47 seconded by Jennifer Edlund and approved unanimously.

48 **Hiring of a P.E. Teacher:** Jason Racine moved to approve hiring Travis Terrell as a 1.0  
49 Physical Education teacher for the 2020-2021 school year with salary placement commensurate  
50 to the negotiated Master Agreement. It was seconded by Toni Eubanks and approved with  
51 Jennifer Edlund, Tammy Wiggett, Toni Eubanks, Jennifer McKenzie, and Jason Racine voting  
52 'yes' and Geri Cahill voting 'no'. Ms. Cahill expressed her disappointment in the hiring process.

53 **Hiring of a Custodian:** Jason Racine moved to approve Isaiah Palmer as a 1.0 custodian,  
54 beginning as soon as possible, with salary placement commensurate to the negotiated Master  
55 Agreement. It was seconded by Pat Davis and approved unanimously.

56 **Hiring of a Cook:** Jason Racine moved to approve Kylie Conley as a 1.0 cook for the 2020-  
57 2021 school year with salary placement commensurate to the negotiated Master Agreement. It  
58 was seconded by Pat Davis and approved unanimously.

59 **Ventilation System Upgrades:** Mr. Messier reported that the ventilation system was in need of  
60 upgrades in order to assure there would be adequate fresh air exchange in learning spaces. BJ  
61 Judd would be able to do the necessary work. Mr. Messier suggested that the board could  
62 approve the use of Capital Reserve Funds to buy materials for the upgrades. BJ Judd estimated  
63 the cost to be approximately \$25,000 to upgrade 20 to 22 air exchange systems.

64 Jason Racine moved to approve using Capital Reserve funds to make the necessary upgrades to  
65 the ventilation system. It was seconded by Jennifer Edlund and approved unanimously.

66 **First Reading of Policy D15:** The board read through Policy D15: Electronic Communications  
67 between Employees and Students. It was to be read again at the following board meeting.

68 **Administrative Requests/ Reports**

69 Mr. Messier reported that there was an unexpected delay in completing the Solar Learning Lab.  
70 Some additional money, beyond the grant money that had been received, would be needed for  
71 materials that were not included in the original estimate. He planned to have the project  
72 completed when grant money for the following year becomes available and can be used to  
73 provide the needed materials.

74 **Executive Session**

75 None

76 **Business of the Board**

77 **Career Center RAB Report:** None

78 **OCSU Board:** None

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80 **Future Agenda Items**

- 81       • Second Reading of Policy D15: Electronic Communications Between Employees and  
82       Students  
83       • Update on planning for school opening in the fall

84 **Upcoming Meeting**

- 85       • Regular Board Meeting- Monday, August 17, 2020 at 6:15 PM  
86       • Regular Board Meeting- Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 6:15 PM

87 **Adjournment:** David Blodgett adjourned the meeting at 7:30.

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89 Respectfully submitted,

90 Tammy Wiggett