

1 **Lake Region Union High School Board Meeting**
2 **Lake Region Union High School - Orleans, Vermont**
3 **May 7, 2018**

4 **Board Members Present:** David Blodgett, Tammy Wiggett, Jennifer McKenzie, Scott Lalime,
5 Toni Eubanks, Jennifer Edlund, Pat Davis, Linda Michnewicz, Jason Racine, and Gerry Cahill

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

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

8 **Additions/ Deletions:** None

9 **Privilege of the floor:** None

10 **Approval of Consent Agenda Items:** Jason Racine moved to approve the following items: the
11 minutes of the April 2, 2018 board meeting, written reports, updated FY '18 financial reports,
12 payment of the April 28, 2018 bills, and payment of the current bills. The motion was seconded
13 by Pat Davis and approved.

14 **Old Business**

15 **None**

16 **New Business**

17 **Elimination of Paraprofessional Position:** Linda Michnewicz moved to eliminate the
18 paraprofessional position in the Academic Achievement Center. It was seconded by Jennifer
19 McKenzie and approved.

20 **Social Studies Teacher Hiring:** Jason Racine moved to approve the hiring of Malcolm Cheney
21 as a .33 FTE Social Studies teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. It was seconded by Pat Davis
22 and approved.

23 **Intervention Teacher Hiring:** Jason Racine moved to approve the hiring of Malcolm Cheney as
24 a .67 FTE Intervention teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. It was seconded by Pat Davis and
25 approved.

26 **Boys Varsity Soccer Coach Hiring:** Jason Racine moved to approve the hiring of Malcolm
27 Cheney as the Boys Varsity Soccer Coach for the 2018-2019 school year. It was seconded by Pat
28 Davis and approved.

29 **Unpaid Leave Approval:** Jason Racine moved to approve an unpaid leave day for Jeannette
30 Birch for April 23, 2018. It was seconded by Pat Davis and approved.

31 **Science Teacher Hiring:** Jason Racine moved to approve the hiring of Drew Lemke as a 1.0
32 FTE Science teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. It was seconded by Pat Davis and approved.

33 **Field Trip Approval:** Jason Racine moved to approve an overnight field trip to the New
34 England Music Festival in Burlington, CT on March 14-17, 2018. It was seconded by Linda
35 Michnewicz and approved.

36 **Review of 2018-2019 Board Meeting Schedule:** The board reviewed a draft of the 2018-2019
37 board meeting schedule. No action was taken.

38 **Resignation:** Jason Racine moved to approve the resignation of Sarah Baughman, English
39 teacher, effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year. It was seconded by Pat Davis and
40 approved.

41 **English Teacher Hiring:** Jason Racine moved to approve the hiring of Kate Camara as a 1.0
42 FTE English teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. It was seconded by Pat Davis and approved.

43 **English Teacher Hiring:** Jason Racine moved to approve the hiring of Evan Gentler as a 1.0
44 FTE English teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. It was seconded by Pat Davis and approved.

45 **Policy Review:** The board reviewed Policy G3: Field Trips. No action was taken.

46 **Principal's Contract:** Jason Racine moved to table discussion about the principal's contract
47 until the following board meeting, when Bev Davis could give a report. It was seconded by Pat
48 Davis and approved.

49 **Administrative Requests and Reports**

50 **Personnel Update:** Mr. Messier reported that the science teacher, social studies teacher, and two
51 English teacher positions had been filled. He reported that interviews had been scheduled for the
52 Spanish teacher position and the mathematics teacher position.

53 **End-of-Year Activities:** Mr. Messier mentioned that it was a busy time with end-of-year
54 activities, including the National Honor Society Induction, Awards Night, and testing, which
55 included SBAC testing for freshmen, Fitness testing for sophomores, and science testing for
56 juniors. He mentioned that plans were being finalized for graduation as well.

57 **VTVLC Proposal:** Mr. Messier reported that the Vermont Virtual Learning Cooperative
58 (VTVLC) had approached him expressing interest in working together to provide a Lake Region
59 diploma program for students from tuition towns around the state. Students would work toward
60 their diploma mostly through VTVLC's online offerings. Mr. Messier recommended rejecting
61 the proposal for several reasons, including the fact that current school personnel would not have
62 the capacity to provide adequate oversight for students in such a program. The board agreed by
63 consensus that it would be best to reject the proposal.

64 **College and Career Readiness Graduation Standards:** Mr. Messier reported that, as part of
65 the state's accountability system, beginning next year, Lake Region would be required to show
66 evidence of each senior's college and career readiness. Eight indicators could be used to show
67 evidence of a student being college and career ready. These include receiving a grade of C or
68 better in a college course, reaching a certain score on the SAT, reaching a certain score on the
69 ACT, receiving a score of 3 or better on an AP test, reaching a certain score on an International
70 Baccalaureate test (not applicable to Lake Region), reaching a certain score on the CLEP
71 (College Level Examination Program), reaching a certain score on the ASVAB (Armed Services
72 Vocational Aptitude Battery), or receiving industry recognized credentials, which are earned
73 through the career center.

74 **Character Trait Posters:** Mr. Messier showed the new character trait posters which had been
75 placed throughout the school and featured students who were nominated by teachers for
76 demonstrating positive character traits.

77 **Executive Session:** None

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79 **Business of the Board**

80 **Career Center RAB Report:** No Report

81 **Executive Committee Report:** Dave Blodgett reported that the Executive Committee had met.
82 They discussed creating a Continuous Improvement Plan for OCSU. They discussed and
83 clarified Open Meeting Law requirements.

84 **Act 46 Committee Report:** Tammy Wiggett reported that the committee had drafted articles of
85 agreement for the creation of a unified union school district. Representatives of the committee
86 were to present the articles to the state board of education for approval in June. If approved, the
87 articles would be voted upon in November on Election Day.

88 **Future Agenda Items:**

- 89 • Update on student portfolios, PLPs
90 • Technology Education Update
91 • Community Service Presentation

92 **Upcoming Meetings**

- 93 • Personnel Committee: Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 5:15 PM
94 • Full Board Meeting: Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 6:15 PM
95 • Operation Committee: Monday, June 4, 2018 at 5:30 PM
96 • Full Board Meeting: Monday, June 4, 2018 at 6:15 PM

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

98 Respectfully submitted,
99 Tammy Wiggett