

1                                   **Lake Region Union High School Board Meeting**  
2                                   **Lake Region Union High School - Orleans, Vermont**  
3                                   **October 16, 2017**

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

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

7 **Community Members Present:** None

8 **Call to Order:** Dave Blodgett, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:23.

9 **Additions/ Deletions:** Under New Business: a motion to approve participation of the Ag.  
10 Program in a buy-back program for outdated welding equipment.

11 **Privilege of the floor:** None

12 **Approval of Consent Agenda Items:** Pat Davis moved to approve the following items: the  
13 minutes of the October 2, 2017 Board meeting, written reports, updated FY '18 financial reports,  
14 and payment of the bills. The motion was seconded by Scott Lalime and approved.

15 **Old Business-** none

16 **New Business**

17 **Finance Committee Update:** The finance committee met prior to the regular board meeting to  
18 examine the first draft of the proposed FY'19 budget. It showed a 1.04% increase in  
19 expenditures, and a .39% decrease in revenue. The committee will meet again on November 6,  
20 2017 at 5:00 to further review the proposed budget.

21 **Fall Board Retreat Discussion:** Those present expressed interest in having a school board  
22 retreat in January. Suggested topics included reviewing the roles and responsibilities of the  
23 school board, reviewing the strategic plan, discussing school climate and culture issues, and  
24 discussing school design and learning environments.

25 **Review Policy G14 Class Size Policy:** This item was postponed, as the policy had not been  
26 included in meeting packets. The policy will be included and reviewed at the November 6 board  
27 meeting.

28 **Medicaid Funds:** Bev Davis and Andre Messier gave an overview of how Medicaid funds are  
29 generated and how they are currently used. Medicaid funds come to the supervisory union and  
30 then are distributed among the schools. The funds must be used on things that benefit all  
31 students. Currently, one use of Medicaid funds at Lake Region UHS is the Bridges program. Bev  
32 Davis reported that there is a need for greater behavior support in the supervisory union, and that  
33 the supervisory union could hire a behavior support specialist by holding some of the Medicaid  
34 funds back. Mr. Messier wondered if this could be accomplished through an assessment, which  
35 would allow each school to decide if they should pay the assessment by using Medicaid funds or  
36 other funds.

37 **Discussion of Centralizing Technology Purchases:** Bev Davis mentioned that the supervisory  
38 union is exploring the idea of centralizing technology purchases in order to receive the best  
39 possible prices. If these purchases were handled as a SU assessment, then schools would have to  
40 decide upon their upcoming purchases early enough to have them included in the SU budget. Mr.

41 Messier wondered if purchases could be handled by the SU and then billed back to schools  
42 without making it an assessment. Bev Davis said that she would ask Heather Wright for  
43 clarification on this.

44 **Motion Regarding Ag. Program Welding Equipment:** Jennifer Edlund moved to approve the  
45 participation of the Ag. Program in a buy-back program to trade in old welding equipment  
46 toward the purchase of new welding equipment. It was seconded by Pat Davis and approved.

#### 47 **Administrative Requests and Reports**

48 **Social Studies Department Report:** Mr. Messier presented a written report from the Social  
49 Studies Department, which outlined proposed changes to the program. The department would  
50 like to create a mandatory one-credit Global Citizenship course in the junior year which would  
51 cover economics, sociology, civics, and more. This course would help meet the newly adopted  
52 College, Career, and Civic Life (C3) Framework for Social Studies Standards. Members of the  
53 Social Studies Department will attend the board meeting on November 6, 2017 to explain the  
54 proposal.

55 **Update on School Lockdown on Tuesday, October 3, 2017:** Mr. Messier updated the board on  
56 the details of the lockdown that occurred at the end of the day on October 3, 2017.

57 **Teacher of the Year:** Mr. Messier reported that Sara Doncaster was recognized by the Agency  
58 of Education as the Vermont Teacher of the Year Runner Up.

#### 59 **Executive Session:**

60 Pat Davis moved to enter executive session at 7:32 to discuss negotiations. It was seconded by  
61 Jennifer McKenzie and approved. The board exited executive session at 7:52.

62 Jennifer Edlund moved to enter executive session at 7:53 to discuss a student discipline issue. It  
63 was seconded by Pat Davis and approved. The board exited executive session at 8:02.

64 Pat Davis moved to expel Student X from Lake Region Union High School. It was seconded by  
65 Scott Lalime and approved.

#### 66 **Business of the Board**

67 **Career Center RAB Report:** None

68 **Executive Committee Report:** Dave Blodgett reported that the committee reviewed the  
69 proposed SU budget and noted that special education expenditures continue to climb. The SU  
70 budget will be voted upon on November 16, 2017.

71 **Act 46 Committee Report:** The Act 46 Committee did not have a quorum at their October 11  
72 meeting. Because this has happened several times, they have decided to meet once per month  
73 instead of twice. The committee will need to decide if they should engage the community in an  
74 effort to craft articles of agreement that will be approved by voters or if they should disband the  
75 committee and let the state decide how the districts in the SU will comply with Act 46.

#### 76 **Future Agenda Items:**

- 77
- 78 • Continue update on student portfolios, PLPs
  - 79 • Social Studies Department presentation- Global Citizenship requirement
  - Review of Policy G14 on Class Size

80 **Upcoming Meetings**

- 81 • Finance Committee- Monday November 6 at 5:00 PM
- 82 • Full Board- Monday, November 6, 2017 at 6:15 PM
- 83 • Finance Committee- Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 5:00 PM
- 84 • Full Board- Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 6:15 PM

85 **Adjournment:** David Blodgett adjourned the meeting at 8:22.

86 Respectfully submitted,

87 Tammy Wiggett