

1                                   **Lake Region Union High School Board Meeting**  
2                                   **Lake Region Union High School - Orleans, Vermont**  
3                                   **Meeting Held on Google Meet**  
4                                   **May 18, 2020**  
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6 **Board Members Present on Google Meet:** Gerry Cahill, Dave Blodgett, Jennifer Edlund,  
7 Tammy Wiggett, Michael Sanville, Toni Eubanks, Jennifer McKenzie, and Jason Racine

8 **Administrators Present on Google Meet:** Andre Messier- Principal, Heather Wright- Business  
9 Manager

10 **Community Members Present on Google Meet:** None

11 **Call to Order:** David Blodgett, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:18.

12 **Additions/ Deletions:** None

13 **Privilege of the floor:** None

14 **Approval of Consent Agenda Items:** Jason Racine moved to approve the following items: the  
15 minutes of the May 4, 2020 board meeting, written reports, updated FY '20 financial reports, and  
16 payment of the bills. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Edlund and approved by unanimous  
17 vote.

18 **Old Business**

19 **Discussion of COVID-19 School Closure:** Mr. Messier reported that Education Secretary, Dan  
20 French, provided guidance on May 8 regarding end-of-year celebrations and graduations. While  
21 the customary graduation ceremony would not be possible, Mr. Messier was working with  
22 members of the senior class to make the event as memorable and meaningful as possible.  
23 Graduation was to be held on June 7, 2020 at 2:00. He noted that lawn signs were being made  
24 and delivered to honor the seniors as well.

25 It was expected that school would not be back to 'normal' in the fall and that it would be  
26 necessary to prepare for changes in the way school and instruction would happen, yet it was too  
27 early to know what those changes might be. The staff was working to develop plans and possible  
28 schedule changes that would work under a variety of possible scenarios.

29 **New Business**

30 **Intent to sign documents:** Jason Racine moved that the board express its intent to sign the  
31 following documents with the Union Bank based on the tax/revenue anticipation bid for  
32 borrowing. 1. A resolution to borrow \$1,100,000 in anticipation of expenses and revenues for the  
33 fiscal year 2020-2021, 2. A tax certificate, 3. A tax/revenue anticipation note. The motion to  
34 express intent to sign the documents listed was seconded by Michael Sanville and approved  
35 unanimously.

36 **Administrative Requests/ Reports**

37 **Budgeting:** Mr. Messier noted the importance of using extreme caution when it comes to  
38 expenditures during this period of financial uncertainty. He mentioned that he is scrutinizing  
39 every request very carefully. He mentioned it would be important to think carefully about the  
40 way Titles funds and local funds would be spent in the coming year.

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42 **Executive Session**

43 None

44 **Business of the Board**

45 **Career Center RAB Report:** None

46 **OCSU Board:** Dave Blodgett reported that the OCSU board would meet at the conclusion of the  
47 LR Board Meeting. One topic of discussion expected to take place at the OCSU meeting  
48 pertained to the funds raised by the various 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes, which had not been spent as  
49 intended. It was the opinion of those present on the LR board, that the Elementary/ Middle  
50 School board should manage those funds.

51 **Future Agenda Items**

- 52       • Pay for seasonal and part-time employees, and pay for summer school instructors  
53       • Update on remote learning  
54       • Discussion/ action regarding Administration contracts for the coming year

55 **Upcoming Meeting**

- 56       • Regular Board Meeting- Monday, June 1, 2020 at 6:15 PM  
57       • Regular Board Meeting- Monday, June 15, 2020 at 6:15 PM

58 **Adjournment:** David Blodgett adjourned the meeting at 7:06.

59 Respectfully submitted,

60 Tammy Wiggett