

**ORLEANS CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION**  
**Lake Region Union Elementary-Middle School District**  
**Board of School Directors Meeting**

March 8, 2021 - 6:00pm

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OCSU Mission: It is the mission of the Orleans Central Supervisory Union to provide an environment that celebrates diversity and creativity, promotes inclusion and integrity, and partners with parents and community members to give students access to a 21st century education.

<b>MINUTES</b>
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Board Members Present: Amy Leroux, Linda Michniewicz, Josh Webber, Dan Demaine, Angelique Thomas, Debbie Brunelle, Phil Roberts, Neil Urie, Tabitha Armstrong, Megan Valley, Matt Kittredge

Administrators Present: Bev Davis, Kelly Locke, Mike Moriarty, Angelique Brown, Steve Owens, Paul Simmons, Heather Wright, Larry Fliegelman, Jenna Lawrence, Sherrie Gentry,

Students, Parents, Others Present: Mateo Ceraso, Karen Ceraso, Netdahe Stoddard, Alyssa and Grant McKody (Fiona), David Solomon, April Lane, Kristin Atwood, Bryanne Marquis

1. Call to Order - Reminder that this meeting is being recorded 6:00 pm
2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda
3. Equity Updates Students from Glover presented on affinity groups. Several groups have formed and the students shared what the focus of the groups are and their hopes for the groups as they continue.
4. Privilege of the Floor Kristin Atwood joined as district clerk and updated the board on problems with the Australian ballot election. Westmore's polling place was not open on time, absentee ballots were not made available ahead of time, and the election/polling place were not properly identified. Kristin reached out to the Secretary of State's office and was advised that a challenge to the election would be successful. This challenge would have to be filed in 30-45 days. The other option is to redo the election which could be faster.
5. Consent Agenda (Action) Debbie moved, Phil 2nd. All in favor.
  - a. Approve Minutes from February 8, 2021
  - b. Approve Bills
  - c. Accept Financial Reports
  - d. Deaccession of computer: Serial #: C02N2E7WG083; Purchase date: 7/1/2014 has bad battery and will be used for parts.
6. Business of the Board (Discussion and Possible Action)
  - a. Election discussion. The Westmore town clerk sent an email to Bev and apologized for the mistakes. Some discussion of waiting a few weeks in order to see if there is a challenge. In the meantime, all current board members would continue to serve. Josh motions to

invalidate the EMS elections because proper procedures were not followed. Angelique 2nd. Some discussion of whether the board has the power to invalidate the election. Because procedures were not followed, the board has this power. All in favor. Angelique motions to schedule new election for Tuesday April 13. Phil 2nd. Some discussion of how to make sure the next election runs more smoothly. There will also need to be another informational meeting. The board will hold the informational meeting on Monday April 12 at 5:30 pm (Board meeting scheduled for 6 pm). All in favor.

- b. Debbie motions to Increase Karen Devereux FTE to 0.725 effective March 3, 2021. Angelique 2nd. All in favor.
- c. Debbie motions to add .2 FTE school counselor position beginning with FY22 school year. Angelique 2nd. This position is at Brownington and will be funded as a part of COVID funding. This school year there is a 0.8 and a 0.2 (separate people). Next year there will be a 1.0 and a 0.2. All in favor.
- d. IVS principal. Debbie motions to accept Superintendent's recommendation to hire April Lane as Irasburg principal. Angelique 2nd. April has lots of experience in the district as a teacher in Irasburg and left to be principal in Brighton. All in favor. Debbie motions to offer April a two-year contract with a first-year salary of \$82,210. Phil 2nd. All in favor.
- e. Albany Principal. Larry and Angelique are facilitating and interviews are tomorrow. The goal is for a candidate to be brought to the board for the next meeting.
- f. School Choice. Eight families (16 students) requested by the deadline. Four families are already in a school but are planning on moving and want their kids to stay where they are. A few other families are adding siblings to a school where another child already attends through school choice. A few other families may not be able to be accommodated without hiring extra staff which the board has said they are not interested in changing staffing to accommodate school choice. Bev shared that the class size guidelines she used are "normal" not covid. There was some discussion that it seems likely that current covid guidelines will probably be relaxed for next year.

#### 7. Policy

- a. Phil motions to rescind the following policies, Debbie 2nd:
  - E5 – Emergency Closings
  - G9 – Grade Advancement
  - G3 – Field Trips
  - H2 – Parental InvolvementAll in favor
- b. Phil motions to adopt the following required policies, Debbie 2nd:
  - F36 – Prevention of Sexual Harassment as Prohibited by Title IX
  - F37 – Homeless Students
  - G3 – Proficiency-Based Graduation RequirementsAll in favor

#### 8. Administrative Requests, Reports & Information (Discussion & Possible Action)

- a. Superintendent's Report COVID vaccination clinic (Johnson and Johnson vaccine) planned for Lake Region next week during an inservice on March 19. Initial registration date was off on the Department of Health website. Some staff have gotten vaccinated as part of the pharmacy program. State is still working on recovery template. ESSER 2 funds came in and it is over \$3 million dollars. The admin team is working on ideas to use the funds. There may be a longer timeline to use these funds (ESSER 2 can be spent until 2023). Some discussion of enrichment (summer programs, special programs brought into schools, and after school programs) that may be possible with the funds.

#### 9. Committee Reports

- a. OCSU Board. Penny Chamberlin was hired as superintendent
- b. Negotiations Support staff negotiation starts March 18.



10. Executive Session (if needed, pursuant to 1 V.S.A. sec. 313) None.
  - a. Post Executive Session Action (if needed)
11. Future Agenda Items
  - a. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trips
  - b. Tabitha asked about Irasburg and overall capacity of our schools
12. Adjournment Angelique motions to adjourn at 7:38. Phil 2nd All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Demaine

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