

ORLEANS CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION

**Lake Region Union Elementary-Middle School District
Board of School Directors Meeting**

Date: November 9, 2020 Time: 6:00pm

Information to join the meeting:

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OCSU Vision: All of our students will have choices for success throughout their lives.

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.

MINUTES

Board:

Matt Kittredge, Neil Urie, Phil Roberts, Debbie Brunelle, Dan Demaine, Tabitha Armstrong, Amy Leroux, Angelique Thomas, Josh Webber, Megan Valley, Linda Michniewicz

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

Community Members: Rod Owens, Karen Ceraso

1. Call to Order 6:00
2. Vermont Open Meeting Law – Reminder that this meeting is being recorded
3. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda
4. Equity: Hazing, Harassment, and Bullying – Heather Lynn. Conducted in executive session because it is legal training. Entered executive at 6:01, returned to meeting at 7:03.
5. Privilege of the Floor None
6. Consent Agenda (Action) Megan moved, Phil 2nd. All in favor.
 - a. Approve Minutes from Oct. 26, 2020
 - b. Approve Bills
 - c. Accept Financial Reports

7. Business of the Board (Discussion and Possible Action)

- a. Superintendent Search. Susan Holson, from VSBA, briefed the board on the superintendent search. There will be a search/screening committee formed that will include teachers, administrators, board members, and community members with representation from all towns. The goal is to start gathering candidates in January and be able to name a new superintendent by the annual meeting.
- b. Principal Retirement: Mr. Simmons, the principal of Irasburg sent in a letter announcing his intention to retire at the end of the school year. Phil motions to accept the retirement letter. Debbie 2nd. All in favor.
- c. Capital Reserve/Facility Needs. Joe prepared a sheet that identifies some of the building needs coming up in the next few years. Irasburg and Brownington need new roofs, Irasburg also needs significant HVAC upgrades, several parking lots will need asphalt in the coming years (this may require changing stipulations for capital included in the budget). Some discussion of use of Efficiency Vermont funds- lots of work being done in Barton because there was no fresh air in many rooms.
- d. Pat Davis resigned as Brownington representative for the Lake Region High school board. EMS has the authority to appoint a replacement. There is someone interested and there was discussion of the importance of advertising so the public is aware of the opening. Bev will put together an ad on Facebook, on the OCSU website and through the high school and contact the interested party.
- e. FY22 Budget. Some discussion of the remote academy. Bev recommends that at this point we do not plan to have the remote in part because we do not have enough students to have 7 schools (6 in person, 1 remote). She feels that if the board wants to offer remote, it may have to consider changing the realignment of the in person schools. Bev thinks this should be done with extensive community outreach and that there is not time to do that now. Board discussion agrees with Bev that the remote academy should not be included in the budget plans for now.

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

- a. Facilities Director Report Joe will work on fleshing out the capital request budget.
- b. Superintendent Report
 - i. Secretary French has shared that testing of all school employees will be available next week. Then additional tests planned for subsequent weeks. Lots of details will be announced.
 - ii. Bev has been working with Sherri Gentry, Orlean principal, dealing with staffing issues in the middle school. They have decided that grades 5-8 will need to go to a hybrid where half of students are in school each day. Some of this is due to students coming back to school from remote and also is due to students not respecting social distance regulations. Staff have expressed concern over safety.
 - iii. Bev is starting to collect information on staff plans for holiday travel and subsequent need for quarantine.
 - iv. There will be no winter sports this year because the gyms are being used for either classrooms or storage

9. Committee Reports

- a. OCSU Board. Budget discussion started. EMS assessment should be lower. Heather is proposing to pay off \$45K loan on COFEC and there are some increases in special ed.
- b. Negotiations. Negotiations are wrapping up and they are reviewing documents to present to the board at the next meeting (will be discussed in executive).

10. Executive Session (if needed, pursuant to 1 V.S.A. sec. 313) Entered at 6:01, returned 7:03pm
 - a. Post Executive Session Action (if needed)

11. Future Agenda Items
 - a. Preschool Governance
 - b. School Choice Guidelines

Adjournment Debbie moved to adjourn at 8:04, Phil 2nd.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Demaine