

Union Board of Education

Union, CT 06076

Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at 6:30 pm

Union School Library

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:42 pm by Andrea Estell.

Attending: A. Estell, A. Blank, E. Fournier, J. Kavanagh, E. Perkins, M. Silbermann
Sup./Prin. S. Jackopsic, M. Powers, Rec. Secretary

Approval of Minutes

E. Fournier made a motion to approve the minutes from June 12 and June 26, 2024.
Seconded by J. Kavanaugh. Approved with one abstention.

Individuals to be heard- none.

Communications: Sup./Prin. Jackopsic distributed responses from The Woodstock Academy regarding high school options for the board to review. Responses from E.O. Smith to come in the near future.

Administrative Reports and Activities Summary

a. Superintendent and Principal's Report- It was a productive summer. Many of the teachers worked in their classrooms and spent time collaborating and professional learning for HMH reading program. We've begun preliminary auditor work. Hull Forest Products donated mulch for the playground and school grounds. We received an ~\$36,000 summer mental health grant for professional development and summer programming through June 2026. Mrs. Pitruzzello and Mr. LaMonica will participate and lead professional development for this summer grant. Mrs. Sardi and Mrs. Curving painted some of the classroom accent walls over the summer. This is our first year with the new grade level structure. Meetings have been held with teachers who have been working on curriculum in their content areas. Premier Landscaping has pressure washed the building. We've received ~\$1300.00 in new anti-drug materials through an opioid grant. The well pump and tubing is being replaced. AC has also had work completed. Fire extinguishers will be inspected soon. The WiFi is being updated using ARP ESSER funding. We purchased two new interactive boards with funding from another drug prevention grant. Air quality will be reviewed soon. Bus runs are being finalized. We've signed an agreement with Stafford Public Schools for breakfasts. We will be reviewing our Increasing Educator Diversity Plan soon. We have a field trip booked with the UCONN Horticultural department for the fall. We will receive PT and OT services from French River this year.

a. Communication-None

b. Curriculum-Sup./Prin. Jackopsic discussed earlier about HMH reading program.

c. Transportation- Sup./Prin. Jackopsic discussed earlier.

d. Personnel- Julie Hull has resigned from her Art position. Karin Jacoboski will fill the position as a long term sub. Committee will meet on 8/22/2024.

e. Building- Sup./Prin. Jackopsic discussed earlier.

f. EASTCONN- The CFO has resigned. A new CFO has been hired.

Financial Report

- a. Review of bills- The bills were reviewed and in order.
- b. 2023-2024 BOE Spending Plan- There is an ~\$23,000.00 surplus.
- c. 2024-2025 BOE Spending Plan- No changes or adjustments at this time.

Old Business

a. Stafford Meals Program- We have signed an agreement to begin the school year for breakfasts.

New Business

a. New Educator Evaluation and Professional Learning Plan- This is the first year with the state's program.

A. Blank made a motion to accept the state's new educator and professional learning plan as written. M. Silbermann seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried.

Individuals to be heard- none.

Adjournment

Motion by to adjourn at 7:21 pm. by A. Blank. J. Kavanagh seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Michele Powers, Recording Secretary.