

Union Board of Education

Union, CT 06076

Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 6:30 pm

Union School Library

Also via Zoom

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

Attending: A. Estell, A. Blank, E. Fournier, J. Garden, J. Kavanagh. **Absent.** R. Fischetti
Sup./Prin. S. Jackopsic, M. Powers, Rec. Secretary
Others Attending: L. Demurjian

Approval of Minutes

E. Fournier made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2022 Board of Ed meeting. The motion was seconded by J. Kavanagh. The motion unanimously carried.

Individuals to be heard- none.

Communications: none.

Administrative Reports and Activities Summary

a. Superintendent and Principal's report-Sup./Prin. Jackopsic reported that there have been two COVID-19 cases in the school over the past three weeks. Sending more test kits with students and staff before spring break. Quarantine rules have not had any changes. HVAC filters have recently been changed. Will inquire with Williams Fuel Oil about an anti-sludge treatment for the fuel tank. Pro Lock and Safe has been out to make a repair on one of the gym doors. Gary Petersen from EASTCONN has recently had a professional development session with the PreK/K and first and second grade teachers. Kelly Francis from EASTCONN has also been continuing with project-based learning development. We are currently looking to review math programs for grades PK-5. Training continues for the new Special Ed/IEP program. Grades 7 and 8 visited Mystic Seaport on April 12. Planning for field trips for the elementary grades is underway, as well as the Bigelow Hollow barbeque and graduation for the eighth grade. The Board/Staff meeting went very well. April break begins April 15-April 24.

b. Staff report- none.

Committee Reports

a. Curriculum- new math programs for PreK-grade 5 to be reviewed.

b. Communication- none.

c. Transportation- none.

d. Personnel- none.

e. Building- Sup./Prin. Jackopsic listed recent repairs in his report.

f. EASTCONN- Gary Mala has resigned as Executive Director. A search is being conducted for his replacement. They hope to fill the position sometime in May.

Financial Report

- a. Review of bills- The bills were reviewed and in order.
- b. 2021-2022 Board of Ed Budget- We are currently projecting an ~\$40,000.00 surplus. Possible use of these funds may include: teachers' instructional supply lists; SMART Board replacements; laptops. We are still waiting for the new WIFI. EASTCONN will install when it is received.
- c. 2022-2023 Board of Ed Spending Plan- BOE budget and grants were discussed.

Old Business

- a. BOE Goals and Process- Collaboration and discussion are underway for elementary level instructional models.
- b. Tuition Students- Sup./Prin. Jackopsic has been receiving legal counsel from our attorneys and CABE regarding accepting tuition students. He passed out forms to the Board with current policy and fees. Discussions to continue other possibilities.
- c. Preschool Structure- Sup./Prin. Jackopsic recently spoke with some parents of three and four year olds. He reported that the response was very positive. Grant funding may be available for playground equipment.

New Business

- a. Field Trip Transportation- Sup./Prin. Jackopsic asked the Board for up to \$500.00 to help fund transportation for the Boston field trip. A. Blank made a motion to fund what is necessary up to \$500.00 to help fund transportation for the Boston field trip. E. Fournier seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried.

Individuals to be heard- none.

Adjournment

Motion by to adjourn at 7:32 pm. by A. Estell. J. Kavanaugh seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Michele Powers, Recording Secretary.