

Union Board of Education Special Meeting

Union, CT 06076

Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 6:30pm

Union School Library

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm by Andrea Estell.

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

Approval of Minutes

E. Fournier made a motion to approve the minutes from 2/11/2026.
Seconded by J. Kavanagh. Unanimously approved.

Individuals to be heard- None

Communications: None

Administrative Reports and Activities Summary

Superintendent's Report-

- a. Healthy Kids after school club survey went out and the results show there is interest. Next step will be reaching out to Healthy kids to follow up and see if they could start out with an afterschool program.
- b. Right now, the statewide average school district budget increase is ~ 5% per initial projections shared by CAPSS. Union will be a 2.49% increase next FY with the proposed budget.
- c. Union School received the signs to start creating the America 250 signs.
- d. Union School students collaborated with Rep. Kurt Vail to make Valentines for Veterans.
- e. The Frozen Musical students have been rehearsing and they are sounding great.
- f. Nurse Lois is working on a community service health project with students. They are currently working on helping pets in shelters.
- g. Taco Hot Lunch went great. There is an upcoming pizza and smoothie hot lunch. Smoothies will be made using the greens produced from the Tower Gardens.

Committee Reports

- a. Curriculum-Science of Reading professional learning presentation will be in Rocky Hill tomorrow.
- b. Communication-Some different ideas for Earth Day discussed.

- c. Transportation-Drivers doing a great job.
- d. Personnel-None
- e. Building-Waiting on actuators for replacement
- f. EASTCONN- None

Financial Report

- a. Review of bills- The bills were reviewed and in order.
- b. 2025-2026 BOE Spending Plan- There will be some savings in secondary tuition due to out-of-town moves.

Old Business

- a. 26-27 Spending Plan – Updated proposed budget presented. Discussion.
A.Blank made a motion to approved the updated proposed Board of Education budget for FY 26-27, E. Fournier seconded. Unanimously approved.

New Business

- a. Weather Make-Up Day-March 13, 2026-Due to many snow days, S. Jackopsic has recommended making Friday, March 13 a ½ day of school. A.Blank made a motion to approved a half day of school on March 13th for students. E.Perkins seconded. Unanimously approved.
- b. District Repair and Improvement Project grant (DRIP)-The Town of Union Board of Education will receive around \$32,000 from the state for capital improvement projects. These funds are non-lapsing and should be received by June 2026.

Individuals to be heard- None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:06 pm by A.Blank, J. Kavanagh seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Amanda Gaug, Recording Secretary.