

Union Board of Education Meeting
Union, CT 06076
Wednesday, September at 6:30pm
Union School Library

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Andrea Estell.

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

Others Attending: Parents and staff member, Attorney Mark Sommaruga, First Selectman David Eaton, Selectman John Murdock.

Approval of Minutes

E.Fournier made a motion to approve the minutes from June 17th and August 19th, 2026 Seconded by A.Blank. Unanimously approved.

Individuals to be Heard-Selectman Murdock expressed concern over the use of Executive Session.

Communications: Sup./Prin. Jackopsic

FOI request response copies regarding claim by State regarding Woodstock Academy are printed and available for this meeting.

Maternity leave notice received from A.Stanley.

Old Business

a. Discussion on threatened claim by State regarding Woodstock Academy and consideration of draft response regarding same (Anticipated executive session)

A.Blank made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the claim made by the state regarding Woodstock Academy tuition and invited in Attorney Mark Sommaruga, D.Eaton and S.Jackopsic. E.Perkins seconded. Entered executive session at 6:40pm. Exited at 7:23pm.

A.Blank made a motion to move Individuals to be Heard to follow the Old Business. Seconded by Emily. Unanimously approved.

Attorney Mark Sommaruga and the BOE were available for parents to ask questions in regards to the claim and letter to be sent to the State Board of Education.

Questions and discussion followed. Note-The letter to the state and timeline will be posted on the Union Board of Education's website after the letter is sent to the state.

Administrative Reports and Activities Summary

a. Superintendent's Report- Assessments taken last year for grades 3-8 will be going home by the end of the week. Heating Maintenance has been completed. ADA Panel quote received. First Coffee and Conversations was held last week. Great first day of school. Field Trip planned on Friday to Putnam to view "The Wall that Heals." Transportation funded by a Vietnam

Veterans Association. Town audit is scheduled for September 22nd and 23rd. In process of scheduling presentations and visits to high schools for our 8th graders.

Committee Reports

- a. Curriculum-None
- b. Communication-E. Perkins- Home Depot donated project kits for the students at Union School – We will be holding a Saturday activity day for the kids to do this project- Date TBD. We would also like to have an open gym day as well.
- c. Transportation- None
- d. Personnel- None
- e. Building-None

Financial Report

- a. Review of Bills – A.Estell. Bills are in order.
- b. 25-26 Spending Plan – We have finalized the 25/26 FY and the Auditors will be out September 22nd and 23rd.
- c. 26-27 Spending Plan – Current spending on track.

New Business

a.25-26 end-of-year budget transfers – A.Blank made a motion to approve the year end transfers as presented for FY 25/26. E.Perkins seconded. Approved unanimously.

b. ADA warning pad replacements at front of the school-quote- A quote was received from Premier to replace the ADA pads that have been damaged. A.Blank made a motion to approve \$6,600 from the D.R.I.P. funds for Capital improvements to replace the ADA warning pads. E.Fournier seconded. Approved unanimously.

Individuals to be heard- (This was moved to proceed after the executive session.)

Adjournment

Motion by A.Blank to adjourn at 8:18 pm. E.Fournier seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Amanda Gaug, Recording Secretary.