

Union Board of Education

Union, CT 06076

Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 6:30 pm

Union School Library

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:35 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

a. A. Estell made a motion to approve the minutes from April 24, 2024.
Seconded by E. Fournier. Unanimously approved.

Individuals to be heard- none.

Communications: Board Chair A. Estell read a letter from a school staff member thanking the BOE for support.

Administrative Reports and Activities Summary

a. Superintendent and Principal's Report- We received a \$5,000.00 grant for para educator training. The 8th grade has a field trip to New York City planned for May 29. The Spring Showcase last Wednesday went well. Field Day is scheduled for May 31. Graduation is June 13 at 6:00pm at The Grove. State Rep. Kurt Vail stopped in to share a veterans thank you poster and mentioned the possibility of coming in next fall to present how a bill becomes a law with our middle school students. We will pilot a two-week breakfast program in partnership with Stafford Schools beginning June 3. The cost is \$1.75 Free/reduced options will be available for those who qualify. One of our bus drivers reported a Spectrum van recently went past a school bus stop. The incident was reported to Spectrum and CT State Police. The 8th grade is going to Bigelow Park for a cookout on Friday, 5/24. Sup./Prin. Jackopsic thanked the hiring committee for their time with the newly hired teachers. He recently had a CAPSS meeting focusing on legislative updates-It appears indoor air quality inspections will be delayed. The CSDE has given flexibility with certification to help with the teacher shortages. Legislation has changed regarding non-lapsing BOE accounts. This would be good to discuss with the Board of Finance in the near future.

Committee Reports

a. Curriculum- Will follow up with the Board/staff collaborative. Interest is expressed in partnering with Eastford school staff in collaborative opportunities.

b. Communication- Ad Hoc Committee which will be discussed later in the meeting.

c. Transportation- none

d. Personnel- A middle school ELA/Social Studies teacher has been hired as well as a teacher for preschool. Gina Barillaro has been rehired and will teach K/1.

e. Building- Rock-Vern Electric was here today to service our generator. They will give us a quote on security and fire alarm monitoring.

f. EASTCONN- Annual meeting is scheduled for next week.

Financial Report

a. Review of bills- The bills were reviewed and in order.

b. 2023-24 Board of Ed Spending Plan- Sup./Prin. Jackopsic reported that a surplus is likely. It is projected that there will be an overage in substitutes and repairs and maintenance but savings in certified staff and health insurance/benefits.

Old Business

a. Ad Hoc Committee- The BOE reviewed the metrics report. The feedback will be shared at the next Ad Hoc meeting.

b. Possible grade level restructuring- A. Blank made a motion to adopt the new grade level restructuring as 3 and four year old Pre-Kindergarten; Kindergarten and 1; 2 and 3; 4 and 5; 6-8 middle school. J. Kavanagh seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried.

New Business

a. none

Individuals to be heard- none

Adjournment

Motion by to adjourn at 8:35 pm. by A. Blank. E. Fournier seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Michele Powers, Recording Secretary.