Union Board of Education Meeting
Union, CT 06076
Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at 6:30pm
Union School Library

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm by Andrea Estell.

Attending: A. Estell, E. Fournier, E. Perkins, M. Silbermann
Sup./Prin. S. Jackopsic, A.Gaug Recording Secretary

Others Attending: Parents

Approval of Minutes 9/9/26- Postponed till next meeting

Individuals to be heard- None.

Communications: Sup./Prin. Jackopsic

Communications between the BOE, The Woodstock Academy and the State BOE have been posted on the Union School website.

Administrative Reports and Activities Summary

a. Superintendent/Principal's Report- Ms. Fontaine and Steve met with Inquiry Ed programming for social studies and have discussed piloting with teachers. On the 9/25 ½ day, teachers reviewed assessments/information to form flexible groups and collaborate on ideas to improve student growth and success. Professional Learning Day on 10/13 focused on literacy vertical alignment. Coffee and conversations meetings will continue throughout the year. Steve will be meeting with a superintendent from a small school in the Berkshires. The open house on October 1^{s} went well. Parents will be hosting a Pizza and Pumpkins event on October 24th at Union School. Fall Fest will take place on October 30th at Union School with a trunk or treat and haunted walk. October 23rd will be Fire Prevention Day. Veteran event will take place on November 11th – more details to come.

Committee Reports

a. Curriculum-Science of reading, Webinars also available for staff from EASTCONN.

b. Communication-None

c. Transportation- Truck fire on Bigelow led to the bus needing to detour- Everything went smoothly other than a minor delay.

d. Personnel- A substitute teacher has been arranged for Mrs. Stanley's maternity leave.

e. Building-Well pump failed and was replaced. System was cleaned, flushed and tested. An approved tanker supplied drinkable water until the well was back up and running. School well water has been thoroughly flushed and tested and is approved for use. ADA replacement pads installation has been pushed back. HVAC actuator was replaced.

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

b.26/27 Spending plan – The unexpected well failure expense should not be an issue to the overall budget due to the D.R.I.P. capital improvement funds provided by the state.
At this point, secondary regular education tuition this year is less than budgeted. However, secondary special education costs will likely be significantly higher than budgeted.

Old Business

a. Meeting update on threatened claim by State regarding Woodstock Academy- Everything is posted on the Union School website on communications between The Woodstock Academy, the State BOE and Union School BOE. Letter mentioned in the previous BOE meeting was sent to the state. Still continuing work on arranging a meeting between Union School, The Woodstock Academy and the State BOE.

New Business
a. 2027 BOE Meeting Schedule- See attached list of proposed meeting dates.
The BOE will be moving to one meeting a month and will call a special meeting if something arises. E.Fournier made a motion to approve the 2027 BOE meeting dates as presented. M.Silbermann seconded. Unanimously approved.

Individuals to be heard-
Question from parent concerning the timeline on when the meeting will occur with the State. Communications have continued. It has been over a month with nothing scheduled as of today.

Adjournment
Motion to adjourn at 7:06 pm. by M.Silbermann. E.Fournier seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:06pm.

Respectfully submitted by Amanda Gaug, Recording Secretary.