

# Union Board of Education

Union, CT 06076

Wednesday, June 8, 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, R. Fischetti, E. Fournier, J. Kavanagh  
Sup./Prin. S. Jackopsic, M. Powers, Rec. Secretary  
Others Attending: L. Demurjian, P. Zulick-Bessette

## **Approval of Minutes**

E. Fournier made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 11 and June 1, 2022 meetings. Seconded by A. Blank. J. Kavanagh abstained. The remaining Board members unanimously approved.

**Individuals to be heard:** none.

**Communications:** none.

## **Administrative Reports and Activities Summary**

a. Superintendent and Principal's report-Sup./Prin. Jackopsic reported that the school's Spring Showcase (featuring music and student artwork) was a success with a great turnout. He recognized Mrs. Hull and Mr. LaMonica for spearheading the event, as well as the classroom teachers. Field Day also went very well led by Mrs. Pitruzzello. Horizon Wings gave an excellent presentation as part of the activities. Spirit Week went well which included bringing a special person in your life to school. They enjoyed a pizza lunch at The Grove. Friday, June 10 grades PreK-6 will take a field trip to Mystic Seaport/Aquarium, while grades 7 and 8 will enjoy a fishing trip and picnic at Bigelow Hollow. The last day of school is June 17 with graduation at The Grove at 6:30 pm. We recently held a preschool open house. Eight students and their families visited.

b. Staff report- Grade 3 and 4 teacher Mrs. Zulick-Bessette said the new staff are ultimate professionals and already preparing for the next school year. It is a family-like atmosphere and a pleasure to work with her peers. Project based learning has gone well. The 3-4 grade class has planted a garden and a black walnut tree at the school. They are putting together a slideshow including their activities to present at the Paws Rally on Thursday.

## **Committee Reports**

a. Curriculum- The "I Ready" math program has been selected as the new elementary program by teachers.

b. Communication- none.

c. Transportation- We temporarily were down a bus driver but were able to adjust the routes.

d. Personnel- The Sup./Prin. review is on tonight's agenda. R. Fischetti requested a personnel meeting for the near future.

e. Building- We are looking at security upgrades for the building.

f. EASTCONN- They are interviewing candidates to fill the vacant director position and hope to have it filled by July.

### **Financial Report**

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

b. 2021-2022 Board of Ed Budget- EASTCONN was recently hacked. We were not affected since all information is encrypted. We are prioritizing how to make best use of remaining funds.

c. 2022-2023 Spending Plan- no new information to report.

### **Old Business**

a. Tuition Students- We will continue to define plans over the next year to make clear the plans and expectations.

b. Preschool Structure- Sup./Prin. Jackopsic submitted a letter to the Board of Selectmen regarding guidance on playground equipment.

### **New Business**

a. Transfers- Sup./Prin. Jackopsic asked the Board to approve a listing of transfers that he presented. A. Blank made a motion to accept transfers as listed by Sup./Prin. Jackopsic as recommended. J. Kavanagh seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried.

b. Reopening Plan- Must be reviewed and updated every 6 months as part of ESSER funding requirements.

c. Stafford meals for 22-23 school year- The Federal program for free meals ends in June. We are looking for a way to continue meals with Stafford Schools (our partner school). More information to come.

d. Superintendent evaluation, contract and principal contract (Possible Executive Session)- A. Blank made a motion to go into executive session at 7:37 pm with S. Jackopsic for his annual evaluation. E. Fournier seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried. The Board exited executive session at 9:15 pm.

**Individuals to be heard**- none.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by to adjourn at 9:15 pm. by A. Blank.J. Kavanagh seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Michele Powers, Recording Secretary.