

Union Board of Education
Union, CT 06076
Wednesday, August 24, 2022 6:30 P.M.
Special Meeting
Union School Library
Also via Zoom

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by A. Estell.

Attending: A. Estell, A. Blank, E. Fournier, J. Garden, J. Kavanagh
Sup./Prin., S. Jackopsic, M. Powers, Rec. Sec.
Others attending: D. Eaton

Approval of Minutes

E. Fournier made a motion to approve the minutes from June 22, 2022. Seconded by J. Garden.
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 many COVID restrictions have been lifted as we move back toward normalcy. The building is being cleaned thoroughly for the opening of the school year. Our enrollment has climbed to 53 students. We are piloting our preschool three- and four-year old program, as well as the K-2 program. We are also piloting our tuition for staff's children program. There is a lot to work out within the new special education data system that launched in July. We are looking to beginning a partnership with Yale with an outdoor program for students in the spring. We are also looking into grant funding for after school programming. We have applied for electric bus grant funding. Professional development and curriculum development are ongoing. Bus routes are being finalized. The Stafford lunch program for Union School will not run this year. We have reached out to the state for possible options. The town crew broke ground on the preschool play area. We anticipate the fence for this area will be installed September 9. Other grants include: SERAC (mental health) and an outreach grant for seniors in the town. Dr. Boucher has been named the new medical advisor. Teacher Alison Gordon has requested to reduce her status as a .8 employee to .6 for one year. Kristen Deptula will be .8 in her one-year position which 75% is paid for by grant funding, which will result in some savings in our budget. SBAC results will be released August 25.

Committee Reports

- a. Curriculum- none, but noted they will be meeting soon.
- b. Communication- none
- c. Transportation- Discussed electric buses at last meeting.
- d. Personnel- none
- e. Building- Looking at different improvements for safety.
- f. EASTCONN- Still looking to hire individuals in the Finance Department. Discussed the possibility of electric buses.

Financial Report

- a. Review of bills- The bills were reviewed and in order.
- b. 2021-22 Board of Ed Budget- ~\$11,000.00 in the black. Purchased new lunch tables, snow blower, air quality testing, fencing for the preschool play area, instructional supplies, exterior and interior lighting, HVAC/boiler maintenance, field trip transportation, SEL curriculum development, building cleaning, plumbing repairs, etc.
- c. 2022-23 Board of Ed Spending Plan- We are on target for the upcoming year.

New Business

- a. 2022-23 Reopening Plan- Sup./Prin. Jackopsic distributed the updated plan and pointed out that most COVID restrictions have been lifted. We will not be conducting contact-tracing.
 - A. Blank made a motion to adopt the revised back to school plan as presented. E. Fournier seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried.
- b. 2022-23 Goals Discussion-BOE members discussed thoughts on potential goals. Will meet with staff in October to hear staff ideas.

Individuals to be heard- none

Adjournment

J. Kavanagh made a motion to adjourn at 7:42 pm. J. Garden seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Michele Powers, Recording Secretary