

Union Board of Education Special Meeting

Union, CT 06076

Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 6:30pm

Union School Library

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by Andrea Estell.

Attending: A. Estell, A. Blank, E. Fournier, J. Kavanagh, E. Perkins, M. Silbermann
Sup./Prin. S. Jackopsic, A.Gaug, Rec. Secretary
Others Attending: None

Approval of Minutes

E. Fournier made a motion to approve the minutes from March 11 and 25.
Seconded by M. Silbermann. Unanimously approved.

Individuals to be heard- None

Communications- None

Administrative Reports and Activities Summary

Superintendent/Principal's Report-

- a. Statewide student testing will begin for grades 3-8 in early May. Researchers from UConn are currently conducting site visits with schools focused on testing protocols. They will be here on one of the days.
- b. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment-It is great to see the new science program in action – the teachers and kids are very engaged in the interactive lessons.
- c. Union School hosted a science of reading meeting with other school districts in its learning group.
- d. Currently reaching out to different companies about a new Social Studies program
- e. Lauren Barlow is working w/ Trout in the Classroom to try and bring this to her classroom at Union School. Students would be helping to raise them and all the equipment is provided through the program.
- f. Upcoming field trip in May to an Opera at the Loos Center
- g. Landscaping Club is going great! A lot of energy and the kids are doing a great job. There are about 10-11 students attending.
- h. Legislative updates-
 - ECS funds projected to be ~\$60,000 more than last FY.
 - Universal Breakfast for all students still in legislation
 - Mental Health Grant was supported by ARP-ESSER funds. This had covered the cost of summer camps last year but is no longer projected to be available.
- i. Walk-through will be done with the Fire Marshall after Spring Break for after school program next year.

Committee Reports

- a. Curriculum- None
- b. Communication-None
- c. Transportation- None
- d. Personnel- None

e. Building- Over April break, the stage will be cleaned and painted. Lead and copper water testing has been completed.

f. EASTCONN- A.Blank: EASTCONN is lobbying the state for funding for RESC (Regional Education Resource Center). RESCs provide services to schools.

Financial Report

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

b. 2025-2026 Spending Plan-No new updates.

Old Business

a. 26-27 Spending Plan – No new updates

New Business- None

Individuals to be heard- None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:04 pm by A.Blank, E. Fournier seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Amanda Gaug, Recording Secretary.