

Union Street Charter

Board Minutes

May 14, 2025, 6 pm, Meeting location: 470 Union Street, Arcata, CA 95521

Members present: Laurie De Keyser, Carol Ingram, Lorene Lenhart, Josh Levine, Jillian Sheppard,

Absent: Sharyn Swartz, Yuko Wenzel

Visitors: Carrie Aigner

Secretary/Treasurer: Rea Erickson.

6 pm Open Session-Jillian called the meeting to order at 6:03

1. "Recognizing Where We Are"
2. Public comment Carrie expressed that she is concerned about the lack of TK affecting enrollment in the future. She is aware of several families that are enrolled in other schools for TK and may stay there instead of enrolling at USC.

Consent items-May be passed with single motion and vote

1. It was moved by Lorene and seconded by Josh to adopt the minutes from 4/16/25, and accept the hiring of Rebecca Boatman and Michelle Kaney. Motion carried. 5-0.

Items for Report, Discussion and Possible Action

1. Rea gave an overview of the updated ELOP plan. It was moved by Josh and seconded by Laurie to approve the plan. Motion carried 5-0

Items for Information/Discussion Items

1. The board reviewed a draft of the LCAP. Rea highlighted the changes since last year. Analysis of data and expenditures do not show any significant problem areas. The board consensus was that the plan represents the school's successes and needs well.
2. There was discussion about the decision in 2022 not to offer TK. Currently the facility is the major obstacle. Alternate facility rental or construction on site were discussed. The board would like to continue discussing solutions and start planning for short term and long-term addition of TK.
3. School/K openings promotion was also discussed. While it was good to include new K families at Open House, it didn't generate any new K enrollment. The board would like to have social media be the next step.

Other Business

1. Rea gave highlights from the principal's report. A potential measles outbreak means that USC staff and families should check on their vaccination status.
2. Board Member new items for future meeting -TK planning, social media.

Jillian adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm