

Union Street Charter

Board Minutes

December 11, 2024, 6 pm, Meeting location: 470 Union Street, Arcata, CA 95521

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

Absent: Yuko Wenzel

Visitors: none

Secretary/Treasurer: Rea Erickson.

6 pm Open Session-Jillian called the meeting to order at 6:00

1. Recognizing Where We Are-Carol read the acknowledgement
2. Public comment -none

Consent items-May be passed with single motion and vote

1. It was moved by Sharyn and seconded by Laurie to adopt the minutes from 10/16/24 and accept the filing of the 990 and 199 taxes. Motion carried 5-0.

Items for Report, Discussion and Possible Action

1. There was discussion about the loss of funds in the next few years and that spending for supplies is high next year due to purchase of math curriculum. It was moved by Josh and seconded by Carol to approve the 1st Interim Financials. Motion carried 5-0.

Lorene arrived

2. The board discussed female math scores in 23-24, but noted they were higher than males in 22-23. It was moved by Carol and seconded by Sharyn to approve the School Accountability Report Card (SARC). Motion carried 6-0.
3. Discussion centered on who is responsible for the risk assessment and plan. Board members wanted good follow up after an initial event. It was moved by Josh and seconded by Lorene to approve the revised SP #10 Suicide Prevention policy. Motion carried 6-0.
4. The importance of drinking water was reviewed. It was moved by Carol and seconded by Josh to approve Board policy 13 Water Consumption. Motion carried 6-0.

Items for Information/Discussion Items

1. The Expanded Learning Opportunity Program (ELOP) for 25-26 was discussed. The board was concerned about administrative time for the program. Afterschool would continue if ELOP is discontinued. Other resources for school break camps could be researched for families. The board will vote in February on ELOP for 25-26.
2. It was noted that certificated employees may use personal leave and then go on differential. The employee leave was updated in the handbook to follow ed code 44977.

Other Business

1. Rea briefly reviewed the many meetings she has attended over the last 2 months. Notes are recorded in the Director's report.
2. The board agreed to do the Board Ethics training offered by HCOE on 1/15 2025.

Adjournment was at 7:40 pm

Next board meetings is February 12th, and will include the Safety Plan and mid-year LCAP.