

Union Street Charter

Board Minutes

February 11, 2026, 6 pm, Meeting location: 470 Union Street, Arcata, CA 95521

Members present: Laurie De Keyser, Josh Levine, Lorene Lenhart, Carol Ingram, Jillian Sheppard, Yuko Wenzel, Jenny Winsted-Wilson

Absent: none

Visitors: John Schmidt, Greg Gaiera

Secretary/Treasurer: Rea Erickson.

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

1. Josh read the Land acknowledgement
2. Public comment- Jillian attended the middle school math counts competition. Graduates of USC were the finalists. John remarked about the passing of Jean Bazemore, founder of NPA. She was also instrumental in coordinating the start of a charter school on this campus.

Consent items

It was moved by Carol and seconded by Josh to approve the consent items. Motion carried 6-0.

1. Adopt minutes from 12/10/25
2. Approval of warrants 12/5-2/3/26

Jenny arrived

Items for Report, Discussion and Possible Action

1. Rea highlighted the new sections of the School Safety Plan that was created in DTS this year. It was moved by Laurie and seconded by Josh to approve the SSP. Motion carried 7-0

Items for Information and Discussion

1. The 1st draft of school year calendar for 26-27 was discussed. Rea noted that northern Humboldt administrators gave input to the high school district. They just approved their calendar, which is closely aligned to the one being proposed.
2. Greg gave a presentation on the Midyear 2025-26 LCAP. Highlighting successes and areas of need. The board gave input, correcting some errors and noting that the column of desired outcomes needs to be updated. Lorene also mentioned that students are still catching up from COVID learning loss. They recommended that home reading be emphasized and funding specified for reading curriculum and books in the budget.
3. Administrative Transition-a hiring committee was formed for the meeting 3/9/26 at 2:15.

Other Business

1. Rea gave the Principal's report-TK update-the lease, appraisal and insurance are being accomplished for the site at 1111 M Street. The board also discussed ways to honor staff anniversaries, possibly at the end of the year picnic.
2. Fundraising Committee-Laurie reviewed a campaign to elicit donations to help Equinox pay for camperships. There will also be an event/fundraiser for the 20th anniversary with Alumni invited.
3. ECE report-the board reviewed financial information.
4. The Board signed up to help at the Spring Sing.
5. Board Member new items for future meeting (15 minute limit)-Jillian inquired about how a family can go about suggesting agenda items.

Closed Session, time: 7:30

(i) With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Section 54956.86:

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(No additional information is required in connection with a closed session to discuss a charge or complaint pursuant to Section 54956.86.)

Open Session, time 8:27, Jillian was appointed as investigator.

Adjournment: 8:27

Next board meetings March 11th 2nd Interim financials and calendar, April 8th Salary Schedule and Building Maintenance Goals