

## **Union Street Charter**

### **Board Minutes**

March 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: Chris Roth, Greg Gaiera

Secretary/Treasurer: Rea Erickson.

### **6 pm Open Session-Jillian called the meeting to order at 6:02**

1. Lorene read the Land acknowledgement
2. Public comment- Chris asked about what teachers are doing in response to students expressing political views and/or taking “us” vs. “them” approach. Greg stated that upper grade teachers tell students that is home conversation and we don’t let kids exclude others. Lorene asked about conducting a needs assessment. Greg is conducting a needs assessment and found that socioeconomically disadvantaged students are more often chronically absent.

### **Consent items**

It was moved by Carol and seconded by Josh to approve the consent items. Motion carried 7-0.

1. Adopt minutes from 2/11/26
2. Approval of warrants 2/4-3/3/26

### **Items for Report, Discussion and Possible Action**

1. It was moved by Carol and seconded by Josh to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Interim budget with positive certification. Motion carried 7-0
2. It was moved by Lorene and seconded by Yuko to approve the 2026-27 calendar. Motion carried 7-0.
3. It was moved by Lorene and seconded by Laurie to approve revised SP15 Immigration Enforcement Policy. Motion carried 7-0.
4. It was noted that in the expulsion section there needed to be a defined timeline for meetings 5 days was the consensus. It was moved by Josh and seconded by Laurie to approve SP 5b. Student Discipline. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Items for Information and Discussion**

1. Review the LCAP (Local Control Accountability Plan) community and student surveys. It was suggested that we provide a link to the state dashboard on the website for parents. Yuko asked that a summary of the parent comments may be helpful. A review of other school surveys may yield additional questions to add.
2. BP 1 Code of Conduct and BP 1 A Conflict-of-Interest Policy were reviewed.

### **Other Business**

1. Rea gave the principal’s report-
2. Fundraising Committee-Laurie the event/fundraiser for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be September 26<sup>th</sup>.
3. Board Member new items for future meeting (15 minute limit)-Rea provided board members with the bylaws and pointed out how agenda items are added. Carol asked about our policy on snacks in the classrooms. Rea will bring the topic to teachers.

Closed Session, time: 7:32

Open Session, time 8:30, No action taken

Adjournment: 8:27