

Union Street Charter

Board Minutes

March 16, 2022, 6 pm

Meeting location: 470 Union Street, Arcata, CA 95521

Members present:, Melanie Bettenhausen, Greg Gaiera, Carol Ingram, Lorene Lenhart-Radomski, Ben Okin, Jillian Sheppard, Yuko Wenzel

Members Absent: none

Secretary/Treasurer: Rea Erickson

Visitors: Sharyn Swartz, Lisa and Colin Vance, Laurie De Keyser and Natalie Visser

6:06 pm Open Session-Jillian called the meeting to order

Recognizing where we are-land acknowledgment

1. Public comment – Lisa and Colin Vance, Laurie De Keyser and Natalie Visser spoke about mask mandates.

Consent items-

1. It was moved by Lorene and seconded by Greg to adopt the minutes from 2/16/22 Motion carried 5-0-2 abstaining (Melanie and Carol)

Action Items

1. The board discussed the 2nd Interim budget. It was moved by Carol and seconded by Greg to approve the budget. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion Items-Possible Action

1. Rea gave an overview of a draft of the 2022-2023 Calendar. It was moved by Carol and seconded by Lorene to approve the calendar. Motion carried 7-0.
2. The board reviewed the UPK (Universal Pre Kindergarten) Report. The consensus was to not add that grade level at this time. If we have trouble recruiting, we will do more marketing.
3. The board discussed the board by-laws, and the Director evaluation and board formation policies. There is interest in rewording these documents next month for avoiding conflict of interest that employee board members may have.
4. The Student and Parent Surveys were reviewed.

Other Business

1. Rea gave the principal's report. There was a lot of discussion about making masks indoors recommended instead of required. Rea noted that the staff had agreed to make this change after Spring Break. There was consensus that the Director should make plans for that change including an announcement in the next newsletter.
2. Board Member new items for future meeting: Melanie asked for "Covid response" to be a standing item on the agenda. It was also requested that the Board Formation policy also be on the agenda.

Jillian adjourned the meeting at 8:10.