

Union Street Charter

Board Minutes

May 20, 2026, 6 pm, Meeting location: 470 Union Street, Arcata, CA 95521

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

Absent: none

Visitors: Cyrus Smith, Jo Archibald, Seanessy Gavin, Bruce Glaseroff, Greg Gaiera, Violet Ray, Michelle Kaney

Secretary/Treasurer: Rea Erickson.

6 pm Open Session-Jillian called the meeting to order at 6:01

1. Josh read the Land acknowledgement
2. Public comment- Laurie reported that the 4/5th grade play was fantastic.

Consent items

It was moved by Josh and seconded by Laurie to approve the consent items. Motion carried 4-0. Yuko, Carol and Lorene recused themselves since they were not at the last meeting.

1. Adopt minutes from 4/8/26
2. Approve hiring of Jamie McCabe, TK Teacher, Greg Gaiera, Principal
3. Approval of warrants

Items for Report, Discussion and Possible Action

1. Rea reported that the teachers approve of the cap. It was moved by Josh and seconded by Carol to approve a health and welfare cap of \$26,344 for 26-27. Motion carried 6-0, Jenny recused herself from voting.
2. Rea reported that the teachers would like the 3% increase. It was moved by Josh and seconded by Laurie to approve the 2026-27 salary schedule. Motion carried 5-0 with Jillian and Jenny recusing themselves from voting.
3. Electronics use by students was discussed. It was moved by Jillian and seconded by Carol to approve SP 7 b Policy for Smartphone on School Campus. Motion carried
4. Rea gave a summary of the school as a NPBC. It was moved by Carol and seconded by Josh to nominate and approve Rea Erickson, President/CEO and Jillian Sheppard, Secretary/Treasurer, Board Chair of USC, a nonprofit public benefit corporation. Motion carried 6-0 with Jillian recusing herself from voting.
5. Rea gave a summary of the STRS requirement that necessitated the change in the articles. It was moved by Laurie and seconded by Josh to approve the certificate of amendment of Articles of Incorporation of USC. Motion carried 7-0.

Items for Information and Discussion

1. Greg gave an overview of the draft of Local Control Accountability Plan 26-27. Feedback was that a parent input meeting could be held with food offered as an incentive. The teachers will work on a chronic absenteeism policy.
2. There was discussion about Board Members committing to service for 2026-27 and a nomination committee was formed.

Other Business

1. Rea gave the principal's report.
2. Fundraising Committee-Laurie- the event/fundraiser for the 20th anniversary will be September 26th at the Unitarian Fellowship hall. Citizen funk will be the band.
3. Board Member new items for future meeting (15 minute limit)-none

Closed Session, time: 7:18

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

CHARGE OR COMPLAINT INVOLVING INFORMATION PROTECTED BY FEDERAL LAW

(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 7:48, No action taken

Adjournment: 7:49