President Salisbury called the meeting of the Unatego Central School District Board of Education to order at 6:30 p.m. in room #93 at the MS/HS.	Call to Order
Clapper, Davis, Downey, Johnson, Nordberg, and Salisbury answered roll call.	Roll Call
Member O'Hara was absent.	
Administrative members present: Supt. Dr. David S. Richards.	
Motion by Johnson, seconded by Downey, to go into Exempt Session to discuss CSE recommendations at 6:31 p.m. Yes-6 No-0. Carried.	
CSE Chairperson Rhonda Burnside entered exempt session at 6:32 p.m.	Exempt Session
CSE Chairperson presented information and answered questions. Rhonda left at 6:35 p.m.	
Member O'Hara arrived at 6:33 p.m.	
Discussion ensued; no action taken.	
Motion by Downey, seconded by Davis, to leave Exempt Session at 6:43 p.m. Yes-6 No-0. Carried.	
Recess: 6:43 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	
President Salisbury called the meeting of the Unatego Central School District Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. in room #93 at the MS/HS.	Call to Order
Clapper, Davis, Downey, Johnson, Nordberg, O'Hara, and Salisbury answered roll call.	Roll Call
Administrative members present: Supt. Dr. David S. Richards, Business Manager Patti Loker, Principals Mike Snider and Julie Lambiaso, and Clerk Sheila Nolan	
Principal Tim Simonds entered at 7:01 p.m.	
Visitors/Staff: 2	
Board President Salisbury led the Flag Salute.	Flag Salute
Motion by Johnson, seconded by O'Hara, to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2023, as presented. Yes-7 No-0. Carried.	8-7-23 Reg Brd Mtg Min
Motion by Johnson, seconded by Downey, to adopt the Agenda & Addendum as presented. Yes-7 No-0. Carried.	Adopt Agenda & Addendum
<u>Public Comment</u> -None	

Presentations:	M. Snider
Administrators' Reports: Elementary Principal Mike Snider:	
 August 30 – PTO hosted a pirate themed Back to School Bash. Students had a great time. 	
 September 5 - First day back for faculty and staff. 	
 September 7 - First day for students. 	
Middle School Principal Tim Simonds:	T. Simonds
 August 30 & 31 – 6th, 7th, & 8th grade orientation was held in the HS cafeteria. 	
• September 5 - Met with some new students and their families to tour the building and answer questions.	
• All classrooms are set up and ready for students.	
• Met with the AIS team to discuss plans for the 23-24 school year.	
• Our new MS Counselor started and is doing a great job.	
High School Principal Julie Lambiaso:	J. Lambiaso
• August $30 - 9^{\text{th}}$ grade orientation.	J. Lambiaso
• There will be 3 senior Franklin tuition students attending this year.	
• Schedules are out and classrooms are ready for students.	
Business Manager's Report-Patti Loker:	P. Loker
 Auditors were at BOCES going over the 22-23 financials. 	I. Lonor
• Waiting on a date from the Auditors to schedule an Audit Committee meeting.	
• Tax collection started on September 1.	
• Updated tax information on the website under the Business Office page.	
• Construction is well under way and set for students to start back.	
Superintendent's Report-Dr. David S. Richards:	Supt. Richards
• Thank you to all the Administrators for their hard work this summer.	
• Explained to the board what item 4.5 on the agenda was regarding to.	
Unatego is joining a lawsuit against Social Media companies.	
• Discussed this year's enrollment numbers.	
Administrative Action	
Motion by O'Hara, seconded by Johnson, to approve the following resolutions 4.1-	
4.21 and Addendum 4.22-4.23 as presented. Yes-7 No-0. Carried.	

RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.	Treasurer's Report
RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve CSE Recommendations as presented.	CSE Recommendations
RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve the following resolution authorizing litigation against social media companies as presented.	Social Media Resolution
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LITIGATION AGAINST SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANIES	
WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service has issued an Advisory on Social Media and Youth Mental Health which:	
 "calls attention to the growing concerns about the effects of social media on youth mental health;" 	
 emphasized that "now is the time to act swiftly and decisively to protect children and adolescents from risk of harm;" 	
 "[t]he onus of mitigating the potential harms of social media should not be placed solely on the shoulders of parents and caregivers;" and "[t]echnology companies play a central role and have a fundamental responsibility in designing a safe online environment and in preventing, minimizing, and addressing the risks associated with social media." WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health 	
Service has further concluded that:	
 "Social media use by youth is nearly universal. Up to 95% of youth ages 13-17 report using a social media platform, with more than a third saying they use social media 'almost constantly." 	
• "nearly 40% of children ages 8-12 use social media;"	
 "in early adolescence brain development is especially susceptible to social pressures, peer opinions, and peer comparison;" 	
• "[s]ocial media may perpetuate body dissatisfaction, disordered eating behaviors, social comparison, and low self-esteem, especially among adolescent girls;"	
• "[i]n a nationally representative survey of girls aged 11-15, one-	

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third or more say they feel 'addicted' to a social media platform;" "[o]ver half of teenagers report that it would be hard to give up social media:" and [t]here is a consistent relationship between excessive social media use "depression among youth." WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service has specifically urged that it is "urgent that we take action." WHEREAS, it has been reported that students, "[m]ore than ever, were glued to [their cellphones] during class." WHEREAS, it has been reported that "a growing number of educators ... find themselves on the front lines of a fight to change how students use social media" and "there was been a push for more schools to ... develop programs to help educate students on the dangers of social media." WHEREAS, the Unatego Central School District (the "School District") has and continues to experience significant problems with student use of social media, which use, among other things: (i) has created a substantial and ongoing interruption of and disturbance to its educational mission; (ii) has resulted in the diversion of substantial resources in an attempt to abate and prevent such use and its results harms; and (iii) poses a significant risk to the health and wellbeing of its students; and WHEREAS, the School District is a leader in education excellence whose faculty and administrators care deeply about the education and wellbeing of its students; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

That the Board of Education authorizes the law firm of Wagstaff & Cartmell, LLP and Ferrara Fiorenza PC to initiate litigation and file suit against any appropriate parties to seek compensation to the School District for damages suffered by the School District and its students as a result of the development, operation, and marketing of social media platforms, and to seek any other appropriate relief. The School District hereby authorizes its Superintendent of Schools or their designee to sign all appropriate documents and fee agreements on behalf of the School District.

Adopted this <u>5</u> day of <u>September</u> 2023 <u>James Salisbury</u> Board of Education Representative(s)

RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Jayne Bolton as a returning substitute teacher working with online psychologist for the 2023-2024 school year.	Sub Teacher-J. Bolton
RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby amend the original resolution appointing coaches for the 2023-	Amend Coaching Recommendation
2024 school year as presented. RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this	Resignation- M. Patrick-Seward,
Board does hereby accept Marah Patrick-Seward's resignation, with regret and appreciation as an aide, effective August 31, 2023, as presented.	Aide Sub Teacher-J.
RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint James McElroy as a returning substitute teacher for the 2023-2024 school year as presented.	Sub Teacher-J. McElroy Sub Nurse @
RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Bonnie Barr as a substitute nurse at Otsego Christian	OCA-B. Barr
Academy (OCA) for the 2023-2024 school year.	Drivers in Training-B.
RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve Brian Cutting and Allison Worman, bus drivers in training at a rate of \$18.50 per/hr, effective August 9, 2023, as presented.	Cutting & A. Worman
RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint David Nichols as a bus driver, to a 52-week probationary appointment, at a rate of \$19.20 per/hr., effective August 28, 2023, to August 27, 2024, as presented (replaces Cheyanne Mullineaux).	Prob Appt Bus Driver-D. Nichols
RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Tamara Tatiana Auguste to a 52-week probationary appointment as an aide, at a rate of \$14.20 per/hr., effective September 1, 2023, to August 31, 2024, as presented.	Prob Appt Aide- T. Auguste
RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Ashley Davis as a substitute teacher/LTA/aide for the 2023-2024 school year as presented.	Sub Teacher/ LTA/Aide-A. Davis
RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Jacqueline Borawa to a 52-week probationary appointment as an aide, at a rate of \$14.20 per/hr., effective September 1, 2023, to August 31, 2024, as presented. (replaces Marah Patrick-Seward)	Prob Appt Aide- J. Borawa
RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Kendra Butler to a 52-week probationary appointment as	Prob Appt Aide- K. Butler

an aide, at a rate of \$14.20 per/hr., effective September 1, 2023, to August 31, 2024, as presented.	
RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Savannah Jackson to a 52-week probationary appointment as an aide, at a rate of \$14.20 per/hr., effective September 1, 2023, to August 31, 2024, as presented. (replaces Mel Ruff)	Prob Appt Aide- S. Jackson
RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Judy Whitaker to a 52-week probationary appointment as a part-time lunch and recess aide, at a rate of \$14.20 per/hr., effective September 1, 2023, to August 31, 2024, as presented. (replaces Rebecca Towndrow)	Prob Appt Lunch/ Recess Aide-J. Whitaker
RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve Allison Worman's permanent appointment as a bus aide, effective September 19, 2023, as presented.	Perm Appt Bus Aide-A. Worman
RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve returning non-teaching substitutes for the 2023-2024 school year as presented.	Returning Non- Teaching Subs
RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Carol Zandt to a 52-week probationary appointment as an aide, at a rate of \$14.20 per/hr., effective September 15, 2023, to September 14, 2024, as presented. (replaces Katrina Principe)	Prob Appt Aide-C. Zandt
RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Martha Vanderlip as a clerical substitute for the 2023- 2024 school year as presented.	Sub Clerical-M. Vanderlip
RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Lori Keyser as a substitute teacher for the 2023-2024 school year as presented.	Sub Teacher-L. Keyser
 <u>Public Comment-</u> -J. Collins – Thank you to the board for your dedication to our students. "It's a thankless job." 	
-B. Stanton – Addressed Supt. Richards regarding his report on enrollment.	
<u>Round Table Discussion-</u> None	

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<u>Adjourn:</u>	Adjournment
Motion by Downey, seconded by O'Hara, to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Yes-7	
No-0. Carried.	
Sheila Nolan	
District Clerk	