Unatego Central School
Special Board Meeting
August 17, 2026

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President Salisbury called the meeting of the Unatego Central School District Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m. in room #93 at the MS/HS.	Call to Order
Davis, Downey, McMichael, Nordberg, O'Hara, and Salisbury answered roll call. Member Johnson and Student Representative Ostrander were absent. Administrative members present: Supt. Dr. David S. Richards and Clerk Nolan. Visitors/Staff: 1	Roll Call
President Salisbury led the Flag Salute.	Flag Salute
Motion by Davis, seconded by McMichael, to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 3, 2026. Yes-6 No-0. Carried.	Reg Brd Mtg Min 8-3-26
Motion by McMichael, seconded by Downey, to adopt the Agenda as presented. Yes-6 No-0. Carried.	Adopt Agenda
Public Comment- None	
Presentations: DCMO BOCES Superintendent – Mike Rullo: Superintendent Search Process: • Explained to the board what the process and timeline looks like if BOCES was to conduct the Superintendent Search for the district. –The board was in consensus to go ahead and allow Mr. Rullo and BOCES to conduct the search on the district's behalf.	M. Rullo
Superintendent's Report – David S. Richards: • The district will be conducting another Business Manager search soon. • Reaffirmed with the board that the district's main concern at this time is to go forward with a Superintendent search. At this time, we will not be doing a merger study with Franklin CSD. • At this time, unofficially my resignation date will be on or about January 15, 2027.	Supt. Richards
Administrative Action Motion by O'Hara, seconded by McMichael, to approve the following resolutions 4.1- 4.9 as presented. Yes-6 No-0. Carried.	

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RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve the salary increase for Deborah Rithchey for the after-school program to $19.00/hr. 2026-2027 school year.	Approve Salary Increase-D. Ritchey, ASP 26-27
RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve the following resolution as presented. It was moved by O'Hara and seconded by McMichael to appoint Michael Rullo, District Superintendent of the DCMO BOCES, as search consultant for the position of Superintendent of Schools in the Unatego CSD. There is no additional fee for this consulting service. The only charges to the Board of Education will be the cost of printing the brochure, the cost of advertising should the Board wish to do such advertising, and any costs associated with conducting the interviews. The Board president will be the Board's contact for the DS during the process. The District Clerk will be the staff contact for the District Superintendent and/or his assistant to resolve day-to-day issues. Approved on August 17, 2026 Sheila Nolan Board of Education Clerk	Approve Resolution for Superintendent Search
RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Journey Leonard to a 52-week probationary appointment as an aide, salary $16.20/pr.hr., effective September 1, 2026, to August 31, 2027, as presented.	Prob Appt-J. Leonard, Aide
RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Robin Mazepa to a 52-week probationary appointment as an aide, salary $16.20/pr.hr., effective September 1, 2026, to August 31, 2027, as presented.	Prob Appt-R. Mazepa, Aide
RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Andrea Pecoraro to a 52-week probationary appointment as an aide, salary $16.20/pr.hr., effective September 1, 2026, to August 31, 2027, as presented.	Prob Appt-A. Pecoraro, Aide
RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Renee Halbert to a 52-week probationary	Prob Appt-R. Halbert, Aide

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appointment as an aide, salary $16.20/pr.hr., effective September 1, 2026, to August 31, 2027, as presented.	
RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Lynn Krissel-Vandusen to a 52-week probationary appointment as an aide, salary $16.20/pr.hr., effective September 1, 2026, to August 31, 2027, as presented.	Prob Appt-L. Krissel-Vandusen, Aide
RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve returning non-teaching substitute for the 2026-2027 school year as presented.	Approve Returning Non-Teaching Subs 26-27
RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve returning substitute teachers for the 2026-2027 school year as presented.	Approve Returning Sub Teachers 26-27
Motion by McMichael, seconded by Davis, to approve the following resolution 4.10 to be added to the agenda as presented. Yes-6 No-0. Carried.	Board President to approve Supt. Search Brochure
RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve the Board President to approve the Superintendent Search Brochure on behalf of the board.	
Public Comment: None	
Round Table Discussion: None	
Adjourn: Motion by McMichael, seconded by Davis, to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Yes-6 No-0. Carried.	Adjournment
_____ Sheila Nolan District Clerk	