UNITED TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 30
BOARD OF EDUCATION

OPEN SESSION MINUTES
September 8, 2025

1. Call to Order / Roll Call (BP 2:10)

President Dr. Giovanna Davila called the regular meeting of the United Township High School District 30 Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m.

Board members present:	Dr. Giovanna Davila, Chris DeCock, Jami Gonzalez, Sue Ickes, Susan Koska, Debra Stevenson, and Luis Puentes
Board members absent:	None
Administrators present:	Dr. Jay Morrow, Janice Roome, Shannon Miller, and Matt Wright

2. Conduct Public Hearing on the United Township High School District 30 2025-2026 Final Budget (BP 4:10)

President Davila opened the public hearing on the United Township Area Career Center and Quad City Career and Technical Education Consortium FY26 Final Budget. Hearing no comments or questions, the public hearing closed at 6:01 p.m.

3. Consent Calendar

a. Approval of Minutes
   1) Open Session Minutes – August 11, 2025
   2) Executive Session Minutes – August 11, 2025
   3) Open Session Minutes – August 26, 2025
   4) Executive Session Minutes – August 26, 2025
b. Approval of Bills
c. Approval of Treasurer's Report
   1) District Financial Report
   2) HS Activity Account Report
   3) HS Activity Account – Money Market
   4) ACC Activity Account Report
   5) Booster Club Financials
   6) Health Insurance Report
   7) Cafeteria Report
d. 2025-2026 Curriculum Writing Projects
e. 21st Century Community Learning Center Contracts (Year 5)
   1) Approve Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Agreement with Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Mississippi Valley, Davenport, Iowa, at a cost of not more than $25,000, for the school year 2025-2026
   2) Approve Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Agreement with Black Hawk College, Moline, Illinois, for no more than $1,000 per semester, for the school year 2025-2026
   3) Approve Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Agreement with Thrive Therapy Support Services, Moline, Illinois, at a cost of not more than $22,000, for the school year 2025-2026
f. Compensation Compliance Reporting – Public Act 096-0434; Public Act 97-0609; 105 ILCS 5/10-20.47 (BP 2:250)

g. Approve request to accept E-Rate bid from Mediacom, at $7,918 per year for a three-year agreement, to provide internet service for Soule Bowl and the Panther Pitch through the E-Rate program, starting July 1, 2026. Overall cost to the district after reimbursement will be $791.80 per year. (BP 2:20; BP 4:60)
h. Board Policy Changes – Review and Monitoring
   1) BP 1:10 – School District Legal Status
   2) BP 1:20 – District Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements
   3) BP 1:30 – School District Philosophy
   4) BP 2:10 – School District Governance
   5) BP 2:240 – Board Policy Development
   6) BP 3:30 – Chain of Command
   7) BP 4:50 – Payment Procedures
   8) BP 4:90 – Student Activity and Fiduciary Funds
   9) BP 4:180 – Pandemic Preparedness; Management; and Recovery
   10) BP 5:20-E – Exhibit – Resolution to Prohibit Sexual Harassment
   11) BP 5:270 – Employment At-Will, Compensation, and Assignment
   12) BP 7:40 – Nonpublic School Students, Including Parochial and Home-Schooled Students
   13) BP 7:90 – Release During School Hours
   14) BP 7:130 – Student Rights and Responsibilities
   15) BP 7:325 – Fundraising Activities
   16) BP 8:110 – Public Suggestions and Concerns
i. Freedom of Information Act Report (BP 2:250)

MOTION by Jami Gonzalez and second by Susan Koska to approve the Consent Calendar, as presented. A roll call vote was called with all members present voting aye. No nay votes were cast and the motion was carried.

4. **Hearing of Visitors** (BP 2:230)
None.

5. **Student / Staff / Community Program Recognition** (BP 5:100; BP 6:190)
The following students were present representing Student Council:

Grace Mumma	Caleb Hergert	Husna Kadri
Julio Bracamontes	Abrar Sherif	Aiden Seward
Hassan Ali	Jillian Bornhoeft	Tyler Horvath
Manuela Kotoku	Bayan Nhar	Ella Anderson
Aiden Rodriguez	Kayla Roman	

The students shared the calendar of events for the school year. Each student shared about their experience in student council and how they have benefited from being involved.

6. **Communications** (BP 2:140; BP 3:10)
None.

7. **Unfinished Business**
None.

8. **Student BOE Liaison Report** (Bashara Sherif / Mayas Hasabo)
Mr. Bashara Sherif reported 157 students submitted responses to the student survey released in May 2025. The majority of students responding were underclassmen. The

primary concern of the students responding was academic stress. He noted the district has many options to help students with school work, such as before and after school tutoring, intersession tutoring, and teachers making themselves available to students. Students also expressed concern about the tardy policy, the vaping policy, and students misbehaving in the bathrooms. Mr. Sherif has been meeting with Dr. Morrow and Principal Wright to discuss ways to address the bathroom concerns.

9. **Administrative Report (Mathew Right / Shannon Miller)** (BP 3:10; BP 3:60)
   a. Start of School: Mr. Wright shared the schedule of events from the beginning of the school year.
   b. Performance Evaluation Reform Act (PERA) Committee Update/Changes: Mr. Wright reported student growth data is now optional as part of the evaluation rubric. He reviewed the changes the PERA committee has implemented since 2013.
   c. School Improvement Data Report: Mrs. Miller reviewed the preliminary information from the school improvement data report. She reviewed historical data for Freshman on Track, Student Attendance, and Graduation Rates. Final information will be released on the School Report Card later this fall.

10. **Comptroller's Report** (Janice Roome) (BP 3:10)
   a. Request approval of MOU with Community Health Care: Ms. Roome reported Community Health Care would like to provide services to students as part of their mission to serve communities with affordable health services. The District will provide space at the school and facilitate students to health care professionals for scheduled services.
   b. Request approval of transportation software contract: Ms. Roome provided updated information on BusRight transportation regarding student sign in, the parent communication app, route scheduling, training and safety, and historical reimbursements from the state.

   Sue Ickes left open session at 7:14 p.m.

   Sue Ickes returned to open session at 7:15 p.m.

   The Board asked about transportation staffing numbers.

   c. Request approval of the FY26 UTHS District 30 Final Budget: Ms. Roome reviewed the changes in the budget expenditures for Operations & Management and Capital Projects. Projected revenues are $31,183,235. Expenditures are budgeted as $38,262,051.

   The Board asked if the district has trained Youth Mental Health First Responders. Dr. Morrow noted there are two mental health service providers as well as one school counselor who has training in this area. He also noted mental health screening will be part of the enrollment documents beginning in the 2026-2027 school year.

11. **Superintendent's Report** (Dr. Jay Morrow) (BP 3:10; BP 3:40; BP 3:60)
   a. Building Trades Discussion: Mr. James Hood reported no offer has been made for the building trades house. The Board discussed options for engaging with a realtor and adjusting the price for the house.
   b. Wi-Fi Consortium Update: Dr. Morrow shared the potential for costs for the Wi-Fi network to increase significantly, from $13 per student to $48 per student. The consortium will investigate options to help pay for the service through grant funding, negotiating a deal with the energy company, and bringing in additional partners. The

consortium will continue to monitor student usage to evaluate the benefit of the service for the cost.

12. Committee Reports (BP 2:150)

Black Hawk Area Special Education District (BHASED): Sue Ickes reported the board will meet August 19. Staffing levels have improved significantly and wait lists have decreased significantly.

United Education Foundation (UEF): Susan Koska reported the mini-grant application is open until September 19. The mini-grant award ceremony will be October 28 at Eagle Ridge.

Curriculum Committee: Jami Gonzalez reported the curriculum committee is reviewing curriculum writing projects to include in the Course Planning Guide for 26-27.

13. BLANKET MOTION

a. Approve the one-year Memorandum of Understanding with Community Health Care, Inc. from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026 (BP 8:20)
b. Approve one-year contract with BusRight for transportation software, for $24,000 annual cost, as presented (BP 2:20; BP 4:40)
c. Adopt United Township High School District 30 2025-2026 Final Budget, as presented (BP 2:20; BP 4:10)

MOTION by Sue Ickes and second by Susan Koska to approve the Blanket Motion, Items a. and c. as presented. A roll call vote was called with all members present voting aye. No nay votes were cast and the motion was carried.

MOTION by Sue Ickes and second by Jami Gonzalez to approve the one-year contract with BusRight for transportation software, for $24,000 annual cost, as presented. The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows:

AYES: Davila, DeCock, Gonzalez, Ickes, Koska, Stevenson
NAYS: Puentes
MOTION CARRIED

14. ACTION ITEMS

a. Executive Session
   1) 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) Personnel to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employee(s) of the district
   2) 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees
   3) 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9) Student Discipline

MOTION by Luis Puentes and second by Chris DeCock to convene Executive Session for the topic presented. A roll call vote was called with all members present voting aye. No nay votes were cast and the motion was carried.

Time: 7:45 p.m.

Note: The Board took a break from 7:45 p.m. to 7:56 p.m.

b. Return to Open Session

MOTION by Jami Gonzalez and second by Chris DeCock to return to open session. A roll call vote was called with all members present voting aye. No nay votes were cast and the motion was carried.

Time: 9:13 p.m.

c. Personnel Recommendations (BP 2:20; BP 5:30)

CLASSIFIED

1. Employ Aaron Shivers as full-time Student Supervisor (9 months, 8 hours per day, replace Mark Tapia – 2025-2026 Student Supervisors Classified Salary Schedule, Lane FY26, Contract Year 1, at $21.77 per hour), effective September 2, 2025.

2. Employ Amy Mowery as part-time Cafeteria worker (4 hours per day) at $16.13 per hour, effective September 2, 2025.

3. Employ Ryan LaMar as part-time Cafeteria worker (5 hours per day) at $16.13 per hour, effective September 2, 2025.

4. Accept resignation from Theresa Lampe, part-time cafeteria (3 hours per day), effective August 18, 2025.

5. Accept retirement notice from Julie Grymonprez, Accounts Payable / Purchasing Clerk, effective December 31, 2025.

6. Approve parental leave request for Andrew Brown, Tutor, from August 29, 2025, to September 12, 2025.

CERTIFIED

1. Approve the following positions for the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant effective the 2025-2026 school year:
   - Site Supervisor – Kevin Marner ($35/hour)
   - E-Sports Club – Fernando Garcia and Josh Carlson ($35/hour)
   - Gearheads Club – Bryan Thirtyacre and Don Rahn ($35/hour)
   - STEM Club – James DuPage and Stefan Escontrias ($35/hour)
   - Multicultural Club – Morgan Enburg and Genevive Ripslinger ($35/hour)
   - H.O.P.E. Club – CJ Burhans and Ryan Dunbar ($35/hour)
   - Peer Mentoring Club - Jill Sanders-Colgan ($35/hour)
   - Zero Hour Credit Recovery – Holly Newburg and Jillian VanOpdorp ($35/hour)
   - Zero Hour Tutoring - Maria Torres ($35/hour)
   - Multicultural Club Paraprofessional – Sung Par ($35/hour)

2. Approve Matt Hutchins as Site Coordinator for the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant for $11,000, for the 2025-2026 school year, effective August 4, 2025.

3. Approve Tiffany Cumberworth-Neppl as a substitute teacher effective the 2025-2026 school year.

4. Approve Jonnie Dolan as a substitute teacher effective the 2025-2026 school year.

5. Approve Jessica Snelling as a substitute teacher effective the 2025-2026 school year.

6. Accept resignation from Natalie Green as Prom Coordinator effective the 2025-2026 school year.

7. Approve Brian Swanson as Bass Fishing Club sponsor (volunteer) effective the 2025-2026 season.

8. Approve Savannah Kinkead as volunteer soccer cheerleading coach effective the 2025-2026 season.

9. Approve Shatavia Lowery as freshman girls' basketball head coach, at $5,195, effective the 2025-2026 season.

MOTION by Chris DeCock and second by Susan Koska to approve Personnel Recommendations, Classified numbers 1 through 6, and Certified numbers 1 through 9, as presented. A roll call vote was called with all members present voting aye. No nay votes were cast and the motion was carried.

15. Board Hot Topics

a. IASB Blackhawk Division Meeting – Tuesday, September 16, Moline-Coal Valley School District Office, 6:00 p.m. Attendees will drive separately.

16. Other Matters

Dr. Morrow discussed the Chicago Board Conference events for Saturday, November 22. He shared his schedule for the next several weeks. The Board was reminded to sign the budget forms.

17. Adjourn (BP 2:220)

There being no further business brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned by acclamation. (Time: 9:15 p.m.)

Dr. Giovanna Davila, President

Jami Gonzalez, Secretary