

**UNITED TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 30
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES
January 12, 2026**

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, and Luis Puentes

Board members absent: Debra Stevenson

Administrators present: Dr. Jay Morrow, Janice Roome, Shannon Miller, Matt Wright, and James Hood

2. Consent Calendar

- a. Approval of Minutes
 - 1) Open Session Minutes – December 8, 2025
 - 2) Executive Session Minutes – December 8, 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. Freedom of Information Act Report (BP 2:250)
- e. Approve bid to purchase a new dishwasher, including installation, with Martin brothers Distributing Co., Inc., of Cedar Falls, Iowa, for \$101,100.71, as presented (BP 2:20; BP 4:60)
- f. Board Policy Changes – Draft Updates
 - 1) BP 4:10 – Fiscal and Business Management
 - 2) BP 4:30 – Revenue and Investments
 - 3) BP 4:80 – Accounting and Audits
 - 4) BP 4:140 – Waiver of Student Fees
 - 5) BP 7:70 – Attendance and Truancy
 - 6) BP 7:180 – Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
 - 7) BP 7:190 – Student Behavior
 - 8) BP 7:290 – Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention
 - 9) BP 7:315 – Restrictions on Publications; High Schools
 - 10) BP 8:30 – Visitors To and Conduct on School Property
- g. Gratefully accept a donation of metal, materials, and tools to the United Township Area Career Center's Auto Mechanics and Auto Body programs, from Anne Nicholson.

- h. Gratefully accept the donation of a 2005 Chevrolet Trailblazer, VIN 1GNET16S456105681 to the United Township Area Career Center's Auto Mechanics and Auto Body programs, from Teri Williams.
- i. Approve Curriculum Writing Project, as presented (BP 2:20; BP 6:40; BP 6:60).

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. There was no opposition to the motion – motion passed.

3. Hearing of Visitors (BP 2:230)

None.

4. Student / Staff / Community Program Recognition (BP 5:100; BP 6:190)

None.

5. Communications (BP 2:140; BP 3:10)

None.

6. Unfinished Business

None.

Note: Debra Stevenson arrived at 6:02 p.m.

7. Student BOE Liaison Report (Bashara Sherif / Husna Kadri)

Dr. Morrow welcomed Husna Kadri as student liaison to the Board of Education. Ms. Kadri introduced herself to the Board and expressed her appreciation for the opportunity. Dr. Morrow thanked Board Member Gonzalez and Board Member Stevenson for their involvement in the selection process. Bashara Sherif reported he is working with staff to promote peer mentoring and looks forward to working with Ms. Kadri as a fellow student liaison.

8. Administrative Report (Mathew Right / Shannon Miller) (BP 3:10; BP 3:60)

- a. UT Tech Challenge: Mr. Wright introduced Ms. Emilie Rio-Wawrzynski, instructional technology coach. Ms. Rio shared about technology learning opportunities for staff.
- b. January In-Service Update: Mr. Wright reviewed the schedule of events for Teachers' In-Service on January 5.
- c. 2026-2027 Course Selection and Planning: Mrs. Miller shared the course planning guide for next school year. School counselors and staff will be meeting with eighth grade students and parents beginning January 14.

9. Comptroller's Report (Janice Roome) (BP 3:10)

- a. Information on Building Trades House Plat: Ms. Roome reviewed the plat details provided by Shive Hattery for the Building Trades properties in Silvis. It was determined to plat a single lot that will have sewer and water access from Silvis utilities. Future plats will be considered for the adjacent property should sewer service be accessible. The realtor contracted to help with the sale of the current house recommended lowering the sale price to a range of \$309,900 to \$314,900.
- b. Request approval of the 2026 East Moline Municipal Swimming Pool Budget: Ms. Roome recommended approval of the municipal swimming pool budget. The city approved the budget in December. Ms. Roome noted the budget has been running at

a deficit for several years. The public swim schedule will be adjusted in an effort to lessen the deficit. Dr. Morrow noted the final year of the five-year agreement with the city begins in April 2026. The Board will need to consider next steps should the city decide to not extend the agreement.

10. **Superintendent's Report** (Dr. Jay Morrow) (BP 3:10; BP 3:40; BP 3:60)
 - a. Legislative Update: Dr. Morrow reviewed information regarding federal government changes to the department of education and federal funds being withheld from the state of Illinois. These changes could impact the funding sources for the FY27 budget.
 - b. Board Policy Discussion: Dr. Morrow reported questions on board policy changes were detailed in the memo as part of the board meeting packet. No further discussion was held regarding the recommended changes.
 - c. Possible New EM TIF District: Dr. Morrow stated the TIF district under consideration for East Moline has potential to be significant. The city is going studies to determine the final TIF district boundaries. He will continue to provide input to city leaders about the impact on the school district. He is also keeping an eye on the River Edge Development Zone for possible sales tax impacts.
11. **Committee Reports** (BP 2:150)
None.
12. **BLANKET MOTION**
 - a. Approve the 2026 East Moline Municipal Swimming Pool Budget, as presented (BP 2:20)
 - b. Adopt changes to Board Policy 2:150 – *Committees*, with the default response “No” to Required Question 1, as presented (BP 2:240)
 - c. Adopt changes to Board Policy 6:60 – *Curriculum Content*, with additional district edits, and the default response “No” to Required Question 1, as presented (BP 2:240)
 - d. Adopt changes to Board Policy 6:300 – *Graduation Requirements*, as presented (BP 2:240)

MOTION by Sue Ickes and second by Debra Stevenson to approve the Blanket Motion, as presented. A roll call vote was called with all members present voting aye. There was no opposition to the motion – motion passed.

13. **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
 - 3) 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9) Student Discipline

MOTION by Jami Gonzalez and second by Susan Koska to convene Executive Session for the topics presented. A roll call vote was called with all members present voting aye. There was no opposition to the motion – motion passed.

Time: 7:01 p.m.

Note: The Board took a break from 7:01 p.m. to 7:09 p.m.

b. Return to Open Session

MOTION by Sue Ickes and second by Jami Gonzalez to return to open session. A roll call vote was called with all members present voting aye. There was no opposition to the motion – motion passed.

Time: 7:20 p.m.

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

CLASSIFIED

1. Accept resignation from Alexia Downey, special education paraprofessional, effective January 7, 2026.

CERTIFIED

1. Approve full semester sixth assignment for the second semester for Ryan Webber, at \$3,685, previously approved for third quarter only on December 8, 2025.
2. Approve Sean Ferrell as Behind the Wheel Instructor, at \$31.23 per hour, effective January 13, 2026.
3. Accept resignation from Nathan Webber as boys and girls cross-country head coach, effective the end of the 2025-2026 season.
4. Accept resignation from Rose Hernandez as Head Student Council Advisor, effective the end of the 2025-2026 school year.
5. Approve a study hall extra duty assignment for Jolissa Tapia, for \$1,500, effective the second semester of the 2025-2026 school year.
6. *Approve CJ Burhans as Prom Coordinator, at \$599, effective the 2025-2026 school year.

MOTION by Debra Stevenson and second by Susan Koska to approve Revised Personnel Recommendations, Classified number 1, and Certified numbers 1 to 6, as presented. A roll call vote was called with all members present voting aye. There was no opposition to the motion – motion passed.

MOTION by Chris DeCock and second by Jami Gonzalez to accept the notice of resignation with intent to retire from Dr. Jay Morrow, Superintendent, effective June 30, 2027. A roll call vote was called with all members present voting aye. There was no opposition to the motion – motion passed.

MOTION by Jami Gonzalez and second by Susan Koska to extend an offer to Mathew Wright to be employed as Superintendent on a five-year contract, effective July 1, 2027. A roll call vote was called with all members present voting aye. There was no opposition to the motion – motion passed.

14. Board Hot Topics

- a. Blackhawk Division Meeting – Tuesday, March 3, Rock Island-Milan High School. Board members were reminded to RSVP by February 20.

15. Other Matters

None.

16. Adjourn (BP 2:220)

There being no further business brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned by acclamation. (Time: 7:23 p.m.)

Dr. Giovanna Davila, President

Jami Gonzalez, Secretary
