

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

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES
March 10, 2025**

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

President Susan Koska 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, Luis Puentes, and Debra Stevenson

Board members absent: None

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

Board Recording Secretary: Jennifer Rossi

2. Consent Calendar (BP 2:200; BP 2:220)

- a. Approval of Minutes
 - 1) Open Session Minutes – February 10, 2025
 - 2) Executive Session Minutes – February 10, 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. Approve IHSA Membership for the 2025-2026 School Year
- e. Gratefully accept the donation of a case of safety glasses from Joel Slaby, Johnson Contracting, East Moline, Illinois, to the United Township Area Career Center.
- f. Gratefully accept the donation of 23 Scott SCBA air packs without bottles, nine (9) fire helmets, and five (5) sets of bunker gear, from John Winters, Silvis Fire Department Silvis, Illinois, to the UT Area Career Center's Fire Science Program.
- g. Approve request to dispose of obsolete district equipment (e-waste) items (BP 4:80)
- h. Approve request to hold an online public auction for the sale of district assets no longer needed (BP 4:80)
- i. Approve request to purchase 525 Lenovo 300e Gen 4 Chromebooks for the Class of 2029, through IT Savvy, through the state technology purchasing program (ILTPP), for \$224,700. The purchase includes the Google Management License and a 4-year service agreement. (BP 4:60)
- j. Freedom of Information Act Report (BP 2:250)
 - 1) There have been no FOIA requests since the last board meeting

MOTION by Luis Puentes and second by Debra Stevenson 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.

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)
Dr. Morrow introduced Board of Education candidate Ivey Earl-Colvin.

Dr. Morrow recognized Ms. Janice Roome and the Administrative Office for earning the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting.
6. **Unfinished Business**
None.
7. **Student BOE Liaison Report** (Bashara Sherif / Mayas Hasabo)
Bashara Sherif updated the board on how he and Ms. Hasabo would connect with students about their concerns. He reviewed with the Board the Google form developed for this purpose. Students would be informed about the form during morning announcements and by teachers talking about the purpose of the survey. Mr. Sherif hopes this process will help students understand they have an opportunity to be heard.
8. **Administrative Report** (Mathew Wright / Shannon Miller) (BP 3:10; BP 3:60)
 - a. UT In The News: Mr. Wright shared a link to the news story featuring Kriyoshig Prasai and his acceptance to Stanford University. <http://bit.ly/UTHSkp>
 - b. UTHS Class of 2029 Core Course Placement: Mrs. Miller reported core course placements and transition meetings with partner districts for the Class of 2029 has been completed for approximately 408 students.
9. **Comptroller's Report** (Janice Roome) (BP 3:10)
 - a. Expenditure of 2022 Bond Funds Report: Ms. Roome reviewed the different capital projects financed with the 2022 bond issuance.
 - b. Request approval of phase 2 west parking lot bid: Ms. Roome presented the recommendation from Shive Hattery to reward the west parking lot phase 2 project to Langman Construction of Rock Island, Illinois. Work on this project will be completed in the summer of 2025. This project is part of the 10-year facilities plan and will be paid for with County Facility Sales Tax funds.
 - c. Request permission to seek bids on required gas tank upgrades: Ms. Roome requested the board approve seeking bids on gas tank upgrades. Code enforcement for containment sumps will begin in 2028. It will be most cost effective to complete the work during the Phase 2 parking lot renovation work this summer. The expected cost of this project is \$50,000 to \$100,000. County Facility Sales Tax funds will be used for this project.
10. **Superintendent's Report** (Dr. Jay Morrow) (BP 3:10; BP 3:40; BP 3:60)
 - a. Legislative Update: Dr. Morrow reviewed recent state and federal legislative items.
 - b. FY25 Board Goals Update: Dr. Morrow reported illnesses and rhetoric surrounding immigration have had a negative impact on attendance numbers in third quarter. The architects will be working to review and prepare the 10-year facility plan revisions,

while the upper gym renovations and phase 2 of the parking lot project will be completed summer 2025.

11. Committee Reports (BP 2:150)

United Education Foundation: Ms. Koska reported the UEF is fundraising for the Academic Achievement Awards. The ceremony will be held Thursday, May 8. Times and format of the ceremony will be announced in detail next month.

12. BLANKET MOTION

- a. Approve bid recommendation of Shive Hattery Architects to award the base bid plus alternate bid for phase 2 parking lot bids to Langman Construction, Rock Island, Illinois, in the amount of \$267,839.60, as presented (BP 2:20; BP 4:60; BP 4:150)
- b. Approve request to seek bids on required gas tank upgrades (BP 2:20; BP 4:60; BP 4:150)

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

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
 - 2) 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representative
 - 3) 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9) Student Discipline

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

Time: 6:45 p.m.

Note: The Board took a break from 6:45 p.m. to 6:47 p.m.

- b. Return to Open Session (BP 2:200)

MOTION by Chris DeCock and second by Debra Stevenson 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: 7:35 p.m.

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

CLASSIFIED

1. Accept resignation from Ellen Arguellez as special education paraprofessional, effective February 20, 2025.
2. Approve Londy Hudson as seasonal painter assistant, revised effective date of March 17, 2025.
3. Employ the following as part-time seasonal groundskeeper (less than 600 hours), at \$17.00 per hour, effective March 11, 2025:

Marcus Harrington
Paul Soliz

CERTIFIED

1. Accept resignation from Jolissa Tapia as freshman girl's basketball head coach, effective March 4, 2025.
2. Approve the following volunteer coaches effective the 2024-2025 season:

NAME	Description
Orwig, Elizabeth	Girls Track
Ansburg, Nora	Girls Track
McKay, Ben	Theater
Sandoval, Aramis	Theater
Hartvigsen, Heather	Theater
Trulson, Isabel	Theater
Johnson, Shari	UT Cares

3. Employ Baylee Hodge as school psychologist, at MA-3 (Salary Schedule B, TRS Tier 2), with 10 extra days, effective July 28, 2025.
4. Approve first semester extra duty assignment (study hall) for Damon Gray, for \$1,500, to be paid in 11 equal installments beginning March 14, 2025, to August 15, 2025.

MOTION by Chris DeCock and second by Debra Stevenson to approve Personnel Recommendations, Classified numbers 1 through 3, and Certified numbers 1 through 4, as presented. A roll call vote was called with all members present voting aye. No nay votes were cast and the motion was carried.

14. Board Hot Topics

Board evaluation form: Ms. Koska asked Board members to complete the review form before leaving.

- a. Blackhawk Spring Division Meeting, March 27, 2025, at Rock Island-Milan School District. Dr. Morrow noted this event is during the school spring break.

Ms. Koska expressed appreciation for the Board's conversations at this meeting.

15. Other Matters

Dr. Morrow reported the ROE will hold a meeting on March 14 regarding a Regional Safe School. He will provide an update at the April BOE meeting, with possible action on participation at the May BOE meeting.

Dr. Morrow reminded the Board Election Day is April 1.

16. Adjourn (BP 2:220)

There being no further business brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned by acclamation. (Time: 7:41 p.m.)

Susan Koska, President

Sue Ickes, Secretary