

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

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES  
May 12, 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, Matt Wright, Shannon Miller, and James Hood

**2. Consent Calendar**

a. Approval of Minutes

- 1) Open Session Minutes – April 14, 2025
- 2) Executive Session Minutes – April 14, 2025

**MOTION by Debra Stevenson and second by Chris DeCock to approve the minutes 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. Review of Canvass of Votes from Rock Island and Henry County Clerks**

The Board reviewed the canvass information for the consolidated election held April 1, 2025.

**4. Adjourn Current Board Sine Die (indefinitely) (ACTION) (BP 2:20)**

**MOTION by Sue Ickes and second by Dr. Giovanna Davila to adjourn the current board sine die. A roll call vote was called with all members present voting aye. No nay votes were cast and the motion was carried.**

**5. Swear in Newly Elected and Re-Elected Board Members**

Newly elected and re-elected board members affirmed the oath of office.

**6. Reconvene and Reorganize (ACTION) (BP 2:20)**

a. Appoint Dr. Morrow Temporary Chair

**MOTION by Sue Ickes and second by Susan Koska to appoint Dr. Jay Morrow as temporary chair. A roll call vote was called with all members present voting aye. No nay votes were cast and the motion was carried.**

b. Nominations/Election of Board President

Susan Koska nominated Dr. Giovanna Davila for the position of Board President. Motion by Jami Gonzalez, second by Sue Ickes. A voice vote was called with all members present voting aye. No nay votes were cast and the motion was carried.

- c. Nominations/Election of Board Vice President  
Sue Ickes nominated Susan Koska for the position of Board Vice President. A voice vote was called with all members present voting aye.
- d. Nominations/Election of Board Secretary  
Chris DeCock nominated Jami Gonzalez for the position of Board Secretary. A voice vote was called with all members present voting aye.
- e. Reappoint Janice Roome as District Treasurer  
A voice vote was called to reappoint Janice Roome as District Treasurer. All members present voted aye.
- f. Reappoint Jennifer Rossi as Board Recording Secretary  
A voice vote was called to reappoint Jennifer Rossi as Board Recording Secretary. All members present voted aye.

**7. APPOINTMENTS – No Formal Action Required**

- a. Appoint Board's Delegate and Alternate to the Blackhawk Area Special Education District Board of Directors  
Delegate – Sue Ickes  
Alternate Delegate – Jami Gonzalez
- b. Appoint Board's Representative to the Blackhawk Division of the Illinois Association of School Boards  
Luis Puentes
- c. Appoint Board's Representative to the East Moline Municipal Pool Board  
Chris DeCock
- d. Appoint District's Representative to the East Moline Municipal Pool Board  
Janice Roome
- e. Appoint Delegate and Alternate to the IASB/IASA/IASBO Annual Delegates Convention  
Delegate – Dr. Giovanna Davila  
Alternate – Debra Stevenson
- f. Appoint Board's Representative to the Curriculum Committee  
Jami Gonzalez
- g. Appoint Board's Representative to the United Education Foundation Board of Directors  
Dr. Giovanna Davila
- h. Appoint Board's Representative to the Wellness Committee  
Chris DeCock

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

- a. Designate Blackhawk Bank and Trust, TBK Bank, IH Mississippi Valley Credit Union, and Liquid Asset Fund as official depositors for District 30 funds (BP 2:20; BP 4:30)
- b. Reappoint Franczek, Ted Hamer, and Jerry Pepping as legal counsel for District 30 (BP 2:160)

- c. Establish the July 2025 through June 2026 regular meeting dates for the Board of Education as presented (dates/times/locations subject to change as necessary) (BP 2:200)
- d. Approval of Bills
- e. 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
- f. Curriculum Writing Project Approval (BP 2:20; BP 6:40)
- g. Approve the June 2025 Credit Recovery Summer School Session and Personnel Assignments
- h. Approve the July 2025 Credit Recovery Summer School Session and Personnel Assignments
- i. Approve 2025 First Credit Summer Session courses, personnel, and stipends
- j. Gratefully accept the donation of a 2002 HME Fire Pumper Truck, VIN 44KFT42812WZ20001, to the Area Career Center Fire Science Program, from the Rock Island County Counsel and Rock Island Fire Department
- k. Freedom of Information Act Report (BP 2:250)
- l. Approve purchase of the *Lift* textbook series at a total cost of \$65,450 (BP 2:20; BP 6:60)

**MOTION by Susan Koska and second by Jami Gonzalez 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.**

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

- 10. Student / Staff / Community Program Recognition (BP 5:100; BP 6:190)**  
Mike Kpomassy (senior) and Francis Sessenou (junior) were recognized for shot put and discus accomplishments in breaking 50-year old UTHS Track and Field records. Mr. Kpomassy is the top shot put thrower in the state of Illinois, and ranks seventh in the United States. Mr. Sessenou has hit the state qualifying standards for discus at every meet this season. Coach Holschbach lauded academic and athletic performance of both athletes. The athletes introduced family members in attendance. The Board congratulated the students on their accomplishments.

The following staff were recognized for their involvement in the Dual Credit process:

Stacey Drish	Brian Schou	Stephen Swain
Chelsea Clearman	Heather Monson	Sandra Cantu
Genevive Ripslinger Vinar	Evan Holschbach	Dr. Juliet Minard
Andy Round	Dr. Sean Kane	Damon Gray
Nate Skahill	Logan Eggers	Nina Sloan
Victor Moreno	MacKenzie Jackson	

The Board expressed appreciation for staff efforts toward building the Dual Credit program.

Mr. Wright shared the schedule for end of school year events.

**11. Communications** (BP 2:140; BP 3:10)

Dr. Morrow read a thank you note from Betsy Maertens for condolences at the passing of her father.

**12. Unfinished Business**

None.

**13. Student BOE Liaison Report** (Bashara Sherif / Mayas Hasabo)

Student Survey: Mr. Sherif reported the survey form is ready to share with the student body. He looks forward to sharing results of the survey with the Board.

HBCU Visit: Ms. Hasabo reported on her recent visit to a symposium in Chicago, Illinois, to meet with representatives of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU).

**14. Administrative Report** (Mathew Wright / Shannon Miller) (BP 3:10; BP 3:60)

End of Year Updates: Mr. Wright shared the schedule for end of year activities. Board members are invited to attend activities as they are available.

Graduation: The ceremony will be held at the Vibrant Arena at The Mark on Saturday, May 31. Students will arrive at 1:45 p.m. The ceremony will begin at 2:30 p.m. and last approximately 90 minutes.

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

- a. Investment Report through March 31, 2025: Ms. Roome provided a quarterly update on district investments.
- b. Athletic Purchasing Agreement: Ms. Roome reported the opportunity to receive discounts and rewards for exclusive supplier agreements. BSN Sports offers the opportunity for the district to save money on purchases of equipment and apparel. Discounts and rewards are available upon entering a three-year agreement beginning July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028.
- c. Health Insurance Fund Information: Ms. Roome shared the cost-savings changes are having the desired effect to meeting the minimum fund balance.
- d. Request permission to have the board electronically accept bids on tennis court resurfacing: Ms. Roome noted the minimum number of 10 days for newspaper publication was not met when posting the bid notice. Presenting the bids electronically prior to the June 9 BOE meeting will help prevent a three-week delay to the start date of this project and completion target of July 31.

**16. Superintendent's Report** (Dr. Jay Morrow) (BP 3:10; BP 3:40; BP 3:60)

- a. Legislative Update: Dr. Morrow noted the legislative deadline for Illinois is May 31. Nothing of significance to track.
- b. East Moline TIF Extension Request: The city of East Moline requested an extension for the Kennedy Square TIF to encourage a major tenant to remain in the city. The city decided May 9 to pull the TIF extension from consideration. The city may request a new TIF when the Kennedy Square TIF expires.
- c. IASB Workshop Discussion: Dr. Morrow asked the Board to check calendars for availability in the fall to schedule the Trust Edge Experience workshop. Dr. Morrow will reach out to IASB for their availability. The administrative team is also invited to attend this workshop. A final decision on the date will be made in June.

**17. Committee Reports (BP 2:150)**

BHASED: Ms. Ickes reported the board met April 16. Dr. Ruggeberg is doing a fabulous job.

Debra Stevenson would like to be considered for a committee assignment. The board will discuss it further at the meeting in June.

**18. Upcoming Events****19. BLANKET MOTION**

- a. Approve request to have the Board of Education electronically accept bids on tennis court resurfacing after the bid opening date of May 19, 2025. (BP 2:20; BP 4:60; BP 4:150)

**MOTION by Debra Stevenson and second by Chris DeCock 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.**

**20. 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

**MOTION by Luis Puentes and second by Susan Koska 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: 7:24 p.m.

Note: The Board took a break from 7:24 p.m. to 7:36 p.m.

b. Return to Open Session

**MOTION by Dr. Giovanna Davila and second by Jami Gonzalez 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: 8:44 p.m.

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

**CLASSIFIED**

1. Accept resignation from Romona Stephens, head cook, effective April 15, 2025.
2. Accept resignation from Diana Reyes Rodriguez, bilingual paraprofessional (Spanish) and girl's long distance track coach, effective May 16, 2025.

3. Accept resignation from Esther Agokpa-Nuake, bilingual paraprofessional (French), effective May 30, 2025.
4. Approve Andrea Burney as seasonal painter assistant at \$15 per hour, effective June 2, 2025.
5. Approve Tonya Hernandez as seasonal painter assistant at \$15 per hour, effective June 2, 2025.
6. Approve Don Rahn as seasonal painter lead at \$20 per hour, effective June 2, 2025.

### CERTIFIED

1. Rescind approval of retirement request for Victor Moreno, previously approved as May 30, 2025. Approve retirement request as December 20, 2025.
2. Employ Audriauna Jennings as social studies teacher (replace Kathryn Weber – Lane BA, Step 0, TRS Tier 2), effective August 4, 2025.
3. Reassign Mike Brooks from UTHS business teacher, to math teacher at United Township Education Center (UTEC – replace Anthony Ragona), effective August 4, 2025.
4. Reassign Xochiquetzal Callahan from bilingual paraprofessional (Spanish), to English Learner teacher (Lane BA, Step 10, TRS Tier 2 – replace Jeyson Seneli), effective August 4, 2025.
5. Employ Logan Wynn as PE/Health teacher (Lane MA-15, Step 10, TRS Tier 2 – replace Scott Harding), effective August 4, 2025.
6. Accept resignation from Molly Reick, Science teacher, effective the end of the 2024-2025 school year.
7. Approve Corey Kendrick as Jazz Band director, effective the 2025-2026 school year.
8. Employ RaeAnne Martin as English Learner teacher (Lane MA, Step 9, TRS Tier 2), effective August 4, 2025.
9. Employ Mark VanKlaveren as Law Enforcement and Public Safety teacher (pro-rated Lane BA, Step 5, TRS Tier 2 – replace Victor Moreno), effective January 5, 2026.

**MOTION by Susan Koska and second by Sue Ickes 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.**

- c. Consideration/Action on the Professional Negotiation Agreement between the Board of Education of United Township High School District 30 and the United Township Education Association-IEA-NEA for School Years 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028, 2028-2029, and 2029-2030, as presented (BP 2:20)

**MOTION by Debra Stevenson and second by Jami Gonzalez to approve the Professional Negotiation Agreement between the Board of Education of United Township High School District 30 and the United Township Education Association-IEA-NEA for School Years 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028, 2028-2029, and 2029-**

**2030, as presented. A roll call vote was called with all members present voting aye. No nay votes were cast and the motion was carried.**

**21. Board Hot Topics**

- a. IASB Blackhawk Division Governing Meeting, June 11, 2025, The Cellar, Geneseo, Illinois. Registration due May 30, 2025. A tour of the Geneseo CTE will happen at 5:00 p.m. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m.
- b. IASB/IASA/IASBO Joint Annual Conference: please provide registration details at the May BOE meeting. Registration opens June 2.
- c. Please submit the Statement of Economic Interest filing receipts (yellow slips) to the Administrative Center.

**22. Other Matters**

Dr. Morrow asked for input on the updated technology for the Board meeting. He reported a safety audit of all facilities will be completed to help provide guidance on areas to address.

Dr. Giovanna Davila complimented the Academic Achievement Awards ceremony held on May 8. She also noted the updated paint in the hallways is an excellent improvement.

The Board discussed the district response to the unfounded recent social media threat. Dr. Morrow will talk with the East Moline police chief on ways to improve communication.

**23. Adjourn (BP 2:220)**

There being no further business brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned by acclamation. (Time: 8:51 p.m.)

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Dr. Giovanna Davila, President

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Jami Gonzalez, Secretary