

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

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES
February 9, 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, Luis Puentes, and Debra Stevenson

Board members absent: None

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

2. Consent Calendar

- a. Approval of Minutes
 - 1) Open Session Minutes – January 12, 2026
 - 2) Executive Session Minutes – January 12, 2026
- 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)
 - 1) There have been no FOIA requests since the last meeting.
- e. Approve request to purchase 600 Asus Chromebooks, model 11 CR1, through Bluum, for the Class of 2030, for an approximate total cost of \$174,120. The purchase includes both the Google Management License and hard shell protective case. (BP 2:20; BP 4:60)
- f. Approve the FY25 Single Audit Compliance Report of United Township High School District 30 (BP 2:20; BP 4:80)

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. 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)

Mr. Matt Wright introduced staff members Mr. Anthony Greer and Mrs. Julia Jackson, director and costume designer respectively, for the upcoming musical *Shrek*. Mr. Greer introduced the following students selected for the lead roles:

Amy Anderson	Princess Fiona
Conner Clancy	Lord Farquaad
Daphne Curry	Gingerbread Man and Sugar Plum Fairy
Joyd Pace	Dragon
Gracie Pfaff	Donkey
Jared Ross	Pinocchio
Wyatt Snow	Shrek

Mr. Greer stated the musical will be a very involved production. Many of the set pieces have been shared from other school districts and production teams. The students introduced their parents and shared about the audition process. The performance is April 23 – 26, 2026.

5. **Communications** (BP 2:140; BP 3:10)
None.
6. **Unfinished Business**
None.
7. **Student BOE Liaison Report** (Bashara Sherif / Husna Kadri)
Mr. Bashara Sherif reported a concern arose recently regarding printer availability in the library. Many students were unable to print papers for honors classes due to a delay in receiving replacement toner cartridges. The delay happened because of the winter storm at the end of January that caused shipping delays across the country. Mr. Sherif discussed with library staff the possibility of gift card incentives for students who refrain from checking out loaner Chromebooks.
8. **Administrative Report (Mathew Right / Shannon Miller)** (BP 3:10; BP 3:60)
 - a. School Improvement Day: Mr. Wright reviewed the activities for the School Improvement Day (SIP) held February 2. Large group training reviewed ACT prep using Albert.io in the first hour. Staff attended a variety of training and enrichment sessions during the second hour.
9. **Comptroller’s Report** (Janice Roome) (BP 3:10)
 - a. Investment Report: Ms. Roome reviewed the performance of investment tools for the past six months. Interest rates overall show slight decreases over the past 12 months.
 - b. Request approval of the United Township Area Career Center and Quad City Career and Technical Education Consortium tentative amended FY26 budgets: Ms. Roome presented amended budgets for tentative approval. An increase in funds occurred in grant allocations, adjusted student tuition, the sale of the building trades house, and corrected funding allocations. Expenditures increased due to adjustments in contracted services, and the cost of supplies and equipment. The tentative amended budget will be on display for the required minimum of 30-days, with final approval to happen at the April meeting.
10. **Superintendent’s Report** (Dr. Jay Morrow) (BP 3:10; BP 3:40; BP 3:60)
 - a. Legislative Update: Dr. Morrow reported ISBE presented its FY27 budget recommendations. He also noted TRS Tier 2 reform is under consideration this legislative session. Legislation is also under consideration to amend the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to add definitions for “mass requests,” “vexatious requestors,” and “purposeless mass requests.” The changes will help public bodies address concerns certain mass requests have raised.

- b. Proposed Carbon Cliff TIF: Dr. Morrow reported the village of Carbon Cliff will hold a public hearing on March 18 to review a proposed TIF district. Areas for consideration are similar to the TIF from the late 1990s. Dr. Morrow will remain involved in the process and speak on behalf of the district’s interests.

11. Committee Reports (BP 2:150)
None.

12. BLANKET MOTION

- a. Adopt the tentative FY26 amended budgets for the United Township Area Career Center and the Quad City Career and Technical Education Consortium, as presented (BP 2:20)

MOTION by Luis Puentes 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
 - 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)(8) Security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property
 - 4) 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9) Student Discipline

MOTION by Sue Ickes 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: 6:59 p.m.

- b. Return to Open Session

MOTION by Luis Puentes 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: 8:28 p.m.

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

CLASSIFIED

- 1. Reassign Karen Pierce from part-time Cafeteria employee (4 hours per day), to substitute cafeteria employee, at \$16.13 per hour, effective February 23, 2026.

2. Approve Aaron Shivers as painter assistant, at \$16.00 per hour, effective February 10, 2026.
3. Approve Marco Romero as painter assistant, at \$16.00 per hour, effective February 10, 2026.
4. Approve Aaron Shivers as seasonal part-time building and grounds, at \$18.00 per hour, effective February 10, 2026.

CERTIFIED

1. Approve Jill Sanders-Colgan as Head Student Council Advisor, at \$4,725, effective the 2026-2027 school year.
2. Accept resignation from Allison Patch, Boys Swim Head Coach and Girls Swim Head Coach, effective the end of the 2025-2026 season.
3. Approve Sean Ferrell as volunteer softball coach, effective the 2025-2026 season.
4. Approve Paxton Sherbeyn as a volunteer with the jazz band, effective the 2025-2026 school year.
5. Approve Sue Miller and Toby Splitt as substitute teachers, effective the 2025-2026 school year.
6. Accept resignation from Anthony Roome, special education teacher and varsity football assistant coach, effective May 29, 2026.
7. Accept resignation from Rebecca McNamar, science teacher, effective May 29, 2026.
8. Accept resignation from Damon Bautista, health education teacher, effective May 29, 2026.

MOTION by Susan Koska and second by Debra Stevenson to approve Personnel Recommendations, Classified numbers 1 to 4, and Certified numbers 1 to 8, as presented. 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 18.

15. Other Matters

Dr. Morrow reminded the Board to complete the meeting summary form. He reported the Higher Learning Commission will be at UT on February 10 to meet with students, teachers, and administrators to review the dual credit program.

16. Adjourn (BP 2:220)

There being no further business brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned by acclamation. (Time: 8:31 p.m.)

Dr. Giovanna Davila, President

Jami Gonzalez, Secretary