

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

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES
January 13, 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, 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 – December 9, 2024
- 2) Executive Session Minutes – December 9, 2024

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 the 2025 East Moline Municipal Pool Budget, as presented

f. Board Policy Changes

1) Draft Updates

- a) BP 5:120 – Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; and Conflict of Interest
- b) BP 5:125 – Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct
- c) BP 5:230 – Maintaining Student Discipline
- d) BP 6:60 – Curriculum Content
- e) BP 6:135 – Accelerated Placement Program
- f) BP 6:270 – Guidance and Counseling Program
- g) BP 7:10 – Equal Educational Opportunities
- h) BP 7:100 – Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students
- i) BP 7:200 – Suspension Procedures
- j) BP 8:10 – Connection with the Community

Dr. Morrow welcomed Bashara Sherif and Mayas Hasabo to their first meeting as Student BOE Liaisons. The students will be presenting later in the meeting.

MOTION by Dr. Giovanna Davila and second by Luis Puentes 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)

Mr. Matt Wright introduced Kryoshig Prasai. Kryoshig is a senior who has received the Quest for International Math Scholarship, and will attend Stanford University after graduation. Mr. Prasai shared he strives for opportunities for continuous personal improvement. He plans to major in Management Science and Engineering, with a double minor in economics and math. The Board commended Kryoshig on all the hard-work he put toward his academic efforts.

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

Dr. Morrow shared communications earlier with the Board.

6. Unfinished Business

None.

7. Student BOE Liaison Report

Dr. Morrow complimented the students on their efforts in preparing tonight's presentation. Mayas Hasabo shared her recommendations for Course Evaluations. This would encourage students to provide feedback to teachers on the strengths and weaknesses after completing a course. She recommends structuring it similar to how course evaluations are requested by Mr. Thomas Howe. The recommendations would be anonymous, but contain the teacher name and course. Dr. Morrow noted all Dual Credit teachers receive course evaluations, with approximately 20% of all staff requesting course evaluation feedback. Bashara Sherif presented a recommendation for how students can report what issues they would like to have brought to Board attention. He suggests an optional survey can be announced from time to time during morning announcements and by teachers in the classroom. The survey would request information such as student demographics, the issue to be addressed, and how Ms. Hasabo or Mr. Sherif can reach them. Students would be able to link the survey form using a QR code and through student emails. The Board commended Ms. Hasabo and Mr. Sherif on their first presentation

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

- a. January In-Service Update: Mr. Wright reviewed the topics presented during the Teacher In-service on January 6. Most of the topics addressed technology learning. He noted the day wrapped up with benefit presentations on the health insurance plan and 403(b) optional retirement plan.
- b. 2025-2026 Course Planning Guide: Mrs. Miller reviewed updates to the Course Planning Guide. The incoming freshman class of 2029 will begin visits January 30. Course selection for those students will happen at the 8th Grade Parent meeting that evening. Current freshman, sophomore, and junior students will begin course selections with hopes the master schedule can be set soon after spring break. The CPG is posted to the district website. The district continues to add courses for College

and Career Pathway endorsements. These endorsements will prove valuable to students for their futures.

9. **Comptroller’s Report** (Janice Roome) (BP 3:10)
 - a. Request to seek bids for phase 2 of the parking lot project and transfer working cash funds: Ms. Roome reviewed the summer projects as they are evolving. Phase 2 of the west parking lot project will include updates to curbs, surface replacement, drainage, and lighting updates. Upper gym renovations will allow for more PE classroom space, increased practice and training space, and updated electrical and public address systems. Ms. Roome requested the Board approve seeking bids on the upper gym work, noting it will cost more than initially planned. The district was awarded the state maintenance grant toward upper gym HVAC improvements. She recommended the Board approve transferring funds from Working Cash to Capital Projects in the event Facility Sales Tax revenues do not cover the expenses for these projects. The estimate for the Working Cash Fund transfer is \$500,000. Completion dates of the summer projects could also affect the final transfer amount. The Board asked about the turf product being considered for the upper gym space.
10. **Superintendent’s Report** (Dr. Jay Morrow) (BP 3:10; BP 3:40; BP 3:60)
 - a. Legislative Update: Dr. Morrow reviewed legislative items from the Capitol Watch report. Tier 2 pension concerns were not brought up during the veto session. The legislature passed a bill for ISBE to develop a purchasing list of contractors that provide halal and kosher meals for districts. However, the legislation does not have appropriations tied to it yet. UT currently makes those options available. The recent court decision on Title IX regulations does not change the current investigation process. The Board discussed the Social Security Fairness Act recently signed into law, and its impact on TRS pensioners.
 - b. Illinois Vision 2030: Dr. Morrow recommended the Board adopt Resolution No. 706 in support of the Illinois Vision 2030 plan. Support of this plan by statewide management groups will have impact on future focused learning, shared accountability, and predictable funding. The Illinois Vision 2020 plan approved in 2014 was especially impactful in funding reform. One of the goals of the Vision 2030 plan is to reduce the legislative burdens on schools.
 - c. Enrollment Projects: Dr. Morrow compared enrollment projections from 2018 to those measured in the fall of 2024. The projections tracked accurately to where enrollment is this school year. A slight decrease in student numbers for the future is predicted. With the increase in the number of students requiring EL services, staffing needs should remain constant to current levels.
11. **Committee Reports** (BP 2:150)

BHASED: Ms. Ickes reported no governing board meeting will be held in January.
12. **BLANKET MOTION**
 - a. Approve request to seek bids for the increased scope of Phase 2 and approval of a transfer of working cash funds if necessary to complete the parking lot and upper gym projects, as presented (BP 2:20; BP 4:20; BP 4:60; BP 4:150)
 - b. Adopt Resolutions No. 706 in Support of Illinois Vision 2030, as presented (BP 2:20; BP 6:15)

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. 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

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: 6:53 p.m.

Note: The Board did not take a break.

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

MOTION by Chris DeCock 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: 7:02 p.m.

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

CLASSIFIED

- 1. Accept resignation from Shannon Parker (PT Cafeteria – 4 hours per day), effective January 9, 2025.
- 2. Employ Stephanie Mora as substitute nurse, at \$29.21 per hour, effective January 14, 2025.

CERTIFIED

- 1. Approve the following volunteer coaches for the 2024-2025 season:

NAME	Description
Baldrige, Aden	Speech
Meyers, John (Jack)	Boys Track

- 2. Approve parental leave request for Sheila Bunner, beginning April 7, 2025, to May 30, 2025.
- 3. Approve Hannah Johnson as Concert/Pep Band Assistant, at \$541, effective the 2024-2025 season.

4. Approve a 7th Assignment for the second semester of the 2024-2025 school year for Ryan Dunbar (Special Education), at \$3,375.
5. Approve Emily DeVilder as a long-term substitute teacher, at \$120 per day for the first 10 consecutive days, and \$140 per day following, effective January 21, 2025.

MOTION by Sue Ickes and second by Debra Stevenson to approve Revised Personnel Recommendations, Classified numbers 1 and 2, and Certified numbers 1 through 5, 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

- a. Save the Date – Blackhawk Spring Division Meeting, March 27, 2025. More information coming soon from IASB.

Superintendent evaluations are due Friday, January 31, 2025.

15. Other Matters

Dr. Morrow noted the next two weeks are busy – a girls’ basketball game is happening tonight. Practice testing for ACT will happen Friday, January 17. Students will be dismissed early that day. Mr. Puentes commended Ms. Gonzalez and Ms. Stevenson for advocating for student liaisons.

16. Adjourn (BP 2:220)

There being no further business brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned by acclamation. (Time: 7:05 p.m.)

Susan Koska, President

Sue Ickes, Secretary