

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

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES  
November 11, 2024**

**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, 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 – October 21, 2024
- 2) Executive Session Minutes – October 21, 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 board meeting

e. Approve Workers' Compensation Insurance renewal for calendar year 2025 with Illinois Public Risk Fund, for \$119,930, with Liability Limit of \$3,000,000 (BP 4:60)

**MOTION by Dr. Giovanna Davila and second by Chris DeCock 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)**

Mr. Matt Winquist, of Hampton, Illinois, addressed the Board regarding the proposed change of some holiday descriptors on the 2025-2026 school calendar. The Board expressed appreciation to Mr. Winquist for sharing his perspective.

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

The following Student Council Executive Board members were in attendance:

Landon Slyter	Grace Mumma	Aaliyah Pryor
Morgan Roman	Elizabeth King	Jillian Bornhoeft
Caleb Hergert	Aiden Rodriguez	Abigail Beug
Hannah Glackin	Ben Heuer	

Students shared about their role on the Executive Board and some of the events that have been impactful this year. Senior students shared their plans for the future after graduation. The Board thanked the students for taking time to present.

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

Dr. Morrow announced November 15 is National School Board Recognition Day. He thanked the Board for their service to the district.

**6. Unfinished Business**

None.

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

a. FY24 Audit Reports – Presenter: Ms. Sarah Bohnsack

Ms. Roome introduced Ms. Sarah Bohnsack, from Bohnsack and Frommelt. Ms. Bohnsack reported the results of the audit show the district is in a strong financial position, with no deficiencies noted. She thanked the Business Office staff for their cooperation and assistance in completing the audit. The Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports are available for review and posted to the district website.

b. Request approval of remodel of upper gyms and FY25 School Maintenance Project Grant application: Ms. Roome reported the district has met with Streamline Architects to discuss ideas and proposals to remodel the upper gyms to increase usable classroom space, install LED lighting, and improvements to the public address system. She also requested the Board approve alternate bids for the addition of HVAC to these spaces and Gym B. Ms. Roome recommended approving the State Maintenance Grant to provide matching funding of up to \$50,000 toward this project. The Board discussed the benefits of adding air conditioning to the upper gyms and Gym B.

c. Request adoption of tentative 2024 tax levy: Ms. Roome provided a review of the tax levy process. When considering the levy rate, the district strives to maintain the rate as close to the previous year's rate as much as possible to minimize the impact on tax payers. She reported the district has 13 months reserves in the education fund, and nearly 18 months reserves in all the operating funds. A public hearing will be held at the December meeting to adopt the final levy.

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

a. 2025-2026 Instructional Programming, Course Proposals, Adjustments, and Implementations: Mr. Wright reviewed the process involved in developing the course approvals for the 2025-2026 school year. Ms. Gonzalez noted in the 2027-2028 school year students will need two years of foreign language to graduate.

b. 2023-2024 Commendable School Summative Designation and the School Report Card: Mr. Wright reviewed the elements involved in designating the high school as Commendable. The district experienced improvement in the overall index score from 2022-2023. The Board asked what measures the district uses to assist students in taking standardized testing.

c. Parent-Teacher Conferences: Mr. Wright reported attendance was on par with 2023-2024. As in previous years, the district offered translation services. Based on attendance, it appears these conferences are valued by families.

d. Veterans Day Assembly: Mr. Wright noted the assembly was a success, especially in improved student behavior and participation. Setting expectations prior to the event helped students understand the importance and significance of the day. Photos of the assembly were shared.

- 9. Superintendent's Report** (Dr. Jay Morrow) (BP 3:10; BP 3:40; BP 3:60)
- Legislative Update: Dr. Morrow noted there was no legislative news in the packet. He will review in December the results of the state veto session. He shared a review of the potential impact of the recent election on federal education programs.
  - 2025-2026 Tentative School Calendar: Dr. Morrow shared descriptors are recommended for change prior to adoption of the final school calendar for 2025-2026. The Board discussed the descriptor changes to Christmas and Good Friday/Monday after Easter, as well as designation of Columbus Day with the addition of the verbiage Indigenous Peoples.
  - IASB 2024 Resolutions Committee Report: Dr. Morrow noted there are not many controversial proposals. He brought attention to the proposal to exempt students from taking foreign language should they qualify for the seal of biliteracy, and the resolution regarding TIF accountability. The Board discussed the cellphone usage resolution. Dr. Giovanna Davila will represent the district at the delegate assembly

Dr. Morrow reviewed the student board member liaison applicant process. A total of 15 applications were received. Dr. Morrow, Jami Gonzalez, and Debra Stevenson will take part in the screening and interview process. The Board discussed how to narrow the selection process. The student representatives will be seated at the January 13 meeting.

- 10. Committee Reports** (BP 2:150)  
BHASED: Sue Ickes reported the district is doing well.

Curriculum Committee: Jami Gonzalez reported the committee has worked well at recommending course changes for the 25-26 school year. She noted members are always thinking about how to improve course offerings for students.

United Education Foundation (UEF): Susan Koska reported mini-grants were awarded on October 28. Colona School held a nice reception for the ceremony. Year-end fundraising will begin soon.

Pool Board: Janice Roome reported she and Dr. Morrow met with the city regarding the pool budget. The city is presenting a 4% increase to the annual share of operational costs of the pool facility. Increases in salaries for the pool manager and lifeguards, as well as anticipated costs to repairs and maintenance are contributing factors. The pool budget will be brought to the Board for approval once the city approves it.

- 11. BLANKET MOTION**
- Approve the FY24 audited financial statements of United Township District #30, the United Township Area Career Center, and the Quad City Career and Technical Education Consortium, as presented (BP 2:20; BP 4:80)
  - Approve request to seek bids for remodeling of the upper gyms, and approve the School Maintenance Project Grant application, reserving the \$50,000 matching local facility sales tax dollars to be used for the project should the grant be awarded to the District, as presented (BP 2:20; BP 4:150)
  - Adopt the Tentative Tax Levy payable in 2025, as presented (BP 2:20; BP 4:10)
  - Approve 2025-2026 Instructional Programming, Course Proposals, Adjustments, and Implementation, as presented (BP 2:20; BP 6:40)
  - Adopt School Calendar for 2025-2026, as presented (BP 2:20)

**MOTION by Debra Stevenson and second by Sue Ickes 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.**

**12. 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 Sue Ickes and second by Chris DeCock 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: 8:08 p.m.

Note: The Board took a break from 8:08 p.m. to 8:21 p.m.

b. Return to Open Session

Time: 8:30 p.m.

**MOTION by Debra Stevenson 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.**

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

CLASSIFIED

1. Reassign Ross Scott from a substitute bus driver to a regular bus driver, at \$19.70 per hour, effective November 1, 2024.
2. Reassign Larenda Campbell from 3-hour cafeteria employee to a substitute cafeteria employee, effective October 28, 2024.
3. Employ Cheyenne Vaniseghem as full-time Career and Technical Education (CTE) Student Data Paraprofessional (8 hours per day, 10-month employee with 20 extra days – replace Laura Meyers), at \$23.29 per hour (2024-2025 Classified Hourly Wage Rate, Entry-Level Wage), effective November 1, 2024.
4. Approve rescission of acceptance of employment offer by Anthony Roome, Special Education Paraprofessional, previously approved for employment on October 21, 2024.

CERTIFIED

1. Reassign Scott Harding (PE Teacher) as Athletics and Activities Director, at \$127,000 annual salary, effective July 1, 2025.
2. Accept resignation from John Purdum, Building Trades Teacher, effective November 15, 2024.

3. Approve Diana Reyes-Rodriguez as varsity girls track assistant coach (distance), at \$5,122, effective the 2024-2025 season.
4. Approve pro-rated 6<sup>th</sup> assignments for the following teachers, beginning November 11, 2024, through December 20, 2024, on student attendance days (27 days), as follows:  
\$3,375 / 90 days = \$37.50 per day

Teacher	Department
Ansburg, Nora	Special Education
Haas, Krista	Special Education
Holland, Paul	Special Education
Ketner, Joe	Special Education
McCarthy, Matthew	Special Education
Welch, Nick	Special Education

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

NAME	ACTIVITY
Gustafson, Eirik	Wrestling
Orduna, Anthony	Wrestling

6. Approve the following coaching positions effective the 2024-2025 season:

POSITION	NAME	AMOUNT
Wrestling – Varsity Assistant	John Fotos	\$5,126
Wrestling – Junior Varsity Assistant	Jeronnie Steward	\$5,126

**MOTION by Luis Puentes and second by Sue Ickes to approve revised Personnel Recommendations, Classified numbers 1 through 4, and Certified numbers 1 through 6, 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. Board Hot Topics**

- a. IASB/IASBO/IASA Chicago Conference, November 21 – 24, 2024.  
Board members received packets with information on the conference.

**14. Other Matters**

Dr. Morrow noted the ROE will be moving in March 2025 to a location on 60<sup>th</sup> Street in Moline. The ROE is working to establish a regional safe school. Dr. Morrow will bring more details in December regarding start-up costs. Election packets are due beginning November 12. Final submission date is November 18. The Board discussed progress on the Building Trades house.

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

There being no further business brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned by acclamation. (Time: 8:49 p.m.)

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Susan Koska, President

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Sue Ickes, Secretary