

UNITED TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 30
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OPEN SESSION MINUTES
June 8, 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, Jami Gonzalez, Sue Ickes, and Luis Puentes

Board members absent: Chris DeCock, Susan Koska, and Debra Stevenson

Administrators present: Dr. Jay Morrow, Janice Roome, Matt Wright, Kai Killam, and James Hood

2. Conduct Public Hearing on the Final FY26 Amended Budget for United Township High School District 30 (BP 4:10)

President Davila opened the public hearing on the final FY26 amended budget for United Township High School District 30. Hearing no comments or questions, the public hearing closed at 6:01 p.m.

3. Consent Calendar

- a. Approval of Minutes
 - 1) Open Session Minutes – May 11, 2026
 - 2) Executive Session Minutes – May 11, 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. Approve request to process an additional accounts payable check run for June 2026 (BP 4:50)
- e. Approve request to process an additional accounts payable check run for July 2026 (BP 4:50)
- f. Approve destruction of Executive Session Audio Recordings from June 2024 through November 2024 (BP 2:220)
- g. Final 2025-2026 School Calendar (BP 2:20)
- h. Adopt Resolution No. 715 Authorizing the Comptroller to Make Inter-Fund Loans for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year (BP 2:20; BP 4:10; BP 4:20)
- i. Adopt Resolution No. 716 Approving the School Treasurer's Surety Bond for FY27 (BP 2:20; BP 2:110; BP 4:80; BP 4:90)
- j. Adopt Resolution No. 717 for Abatement of \$1,000,000 from Working Cash Fund to Capital Projects Fund (BP 2:20; BP 4:10; BP 4:20)
- k. Adopt Resolution No. 718 In Support of Military-Connected Students and Families
- l. Approve software management and staff augmentation contracts with Twin State Technical Services, Bettendorf, Iowa, for the 2026-2027 school year, at a monthly cost

- of \$1,610 and \$15,570 respectively (combined monthly total of \$17,360), effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027 (BP 2:20; BP 4:60)
- m. Approve contract with Regenerate Counseling Solutions for 2026-2027, for school-based therapy, for \$6,000 per month (\$72,000 annual cost)
 - n. Approve contract with Thrive Therapy Services for 2026-2027, for school-based therapy, for \$8,200 per month (\$98,400 annual cost)
 - o. School-Based Mental Health Services Report for School Year (2025-2026)
 - p. UPDATED 2026 UTHS June Credit Recovery Summer School Staff
 - q. Board Policy Changes
 - 1) Draft Update – Rewritten
 - a) BP 2:140-E – Exhibit – Guidance for Board Member Communications, Including Email Use
 - 2) Draft Updates
 - a) BP 2:250 – Access to District Public Records
 - b) BP 7:50 – School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools
 - c) BP 7:100 – Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students
 - d) BP 7:240 – Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities
 - e) BP 7:300 – Extracurricular Athletics
 - f) BP 8:90 – Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs
 - r. Freedom of Information Act Report (BP 2:250)

MOTION by Sue Ickes and second by Jami Gonzalez to approve the Blanket Motion, as amended with recommended edit to the Open Session Minutes. A roll call vote was called with all members present voting aye. There was no opposition to the motion – motion passed.

4. Hearing of Visitors (BP 2:230)

None.

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

Matt Wright introduced Mr. Evan Holschbach, boys track head coach. Mr. Holschbach reported the 2025-2026 season was the fifth year the boys' track team finished as Western Big 6 champions. He introduced the following seniors who qualified for the state track meet:

Mustafa Abdelkarim: competes in the 110 hurdles and finished second in the conference with a race time of 15:01, and finished in 14:78 at sectional. The finish at sectionals qualified him for state, and set a record for the fourth fastest time in UT history.

Emile Adedze: has been the top 110 hurdler for the last three years. He finished as conference champ this year, and second in sectionals for an automatic qualification for the state track meet. He is the fourth fastest UT hurdler overall.

Malik Gbadamassi: a distance runner who is also a cross country state qualifier. His top event is the mile. He ran the mile in 4:16 at sectionals, making him the third fastest in school history.

Isaiah Navarrete: competes a sprinter and is part of the all-state 4x2. His team ranked as the 2nd fastest team in UT history. He is also a great 100 m and 200 m sprinter and has also competed on the football.

Francis Sessenou: competes as a thrower and is the conference champ in shot put and discus. He holds the school record in discus and has thrown 60' in shot put. That distance ranks him as the third person in UT history to throw that distance.

Damien Zannou; placed 2nd place in pole vault at conference and 4th place at sectionals. His performance ranks him as the 4th best pole vaulter in UT history.

Dr. Morrow stated he is proud of the athletes for their contributions to the district and the way they represent UT. He is excited for their futures and will miss these students in hallways. The athletes each shared their future plans with the Board. The Board then presented the young men with their high school diplomas. Dr. Morrow congratulated Mr. Holschbach for another successful boy's track season. Mr. Holschbach thanked the Board for approving the hiring of a dedicated coach for throws, which allows for dedicated coaching of athletes competing in these areas, allowing him to better concentrate his coaching efforts. He also noted there were 120 athletes on the boys' track team this season.

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

Dr. Morrow shared the Business Office has earned the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting. He congratulated Janice Roome and the Business Office staff for the recognition. This designation acknowledges tax dollars are being managed appropriately.

7. Unfinished Business

Ms. Ickes expressed her appreciation for the school mental health services report in the Consent Calendar. Dr. Morrow stated the school-based therapists do a great job in caring for students.

8. Administrative Report (Mathew Wright / Kai Killam) (BP 3:10; BP 3:60)

- a. Class of 2026 Graduation: Mr. Wright commented further on Mr. Holschbach's coaching talents. He noted the boys' track team improves each year thanks to his talents in building a great program over the past decade, leading to conference champions and state qualifiers.

Mr. Wright noted the class highlights celebration began in 2025 as a way to acknowledge the positive events that do not always get recognized. The Board received many positive comments regarding this portion of the ceremony. Community members also commented on the dignity and organization of the ceremony compared to other QC high school ceremonies. Another highlight of the ceremony was of the student who walked across the stage who typically uses a wheelchair for mobility. The standing ovation received by the student was a testimony to the character of the class. Recommendations for change included allowing more time between announcing student names. Mr. Wright also noted UT recognized stoles was a good compromise that helped students express individuality while adhering to cap guidelines.

- b. UTHS Latin Honors: Mr. Kai Killam reviewed the background for Latin Honors designations and how rankings are calculated. This calculation mostly affects freshmen students due to the encouragement to take a study hall and the lack of weighted classes available to them. The Administration fields about four to five calls each year about this topic. Mr. Wright presented several different possibilities to help address family concerns. The Board supports increased communication through the Course Planning Guide and with school counselors. They believe providing as much information as possible to families to help them map the best course for students is the best route to pursue.

- 9. Comptroller's Report** (Janice Roome) (BP 3:10)
- a. Summer Projects Report: Ms. Roome shared the list of projects for the summer. Projects include painting, HVAC replacement, gym seating repairs and flooring refinishing, and technology upgrades.
 - b. Request approval of bid for musical instruments: Ms. Roome reported two bids were submitted. The bid received from West Music met all the specifications, despite being the higher bid. She recommends selecting West Music for this contract.
 - c. Request approval of insurance renewals for 2026-2027: Ms. Roome presented the property, casualty, and auto insurance bids for fiscal year 2026-2027. She noted she plans to go out for bids in March based on the timing of contract renewal requirement of 90 days. Deductibles were proposed to increase to 1% of the property value, increasing to \$1.5 million for the district.
 - d. Request permission to seek bids for electrical panel work: Ms. Roome reminded the Board this is the final work for the current 10-year facility plan. This work must be completed before beginning the next plan. She expects to present bids for approval at the July meeting. Approval of a variance for an existing panel is requested this evening.
 - e. Request approval of the tentative FY27 ACC and QCC TEC Budgets: Mr. Hood reported the budgets presented tonight are very similar to last year's budget since current revenues are not yet communicated. The final budgets will be presented in July.
 - f. Request approval of the 2025-2026 final amended budget for UTHS District 30: Ms. Roome noted minimal changes in revenues and expenses from the tentative budget presented in April. Two areas adding expenditures in transportation salaries and bus repairs. An increase in substitute staff hours lead to increases in pension fund expenses.
- 10. Superintendent's Report** (Dr. Jay Morrow) (BP 3:10; BP 3:40; BP 3:60)
- a. Legislative Update: Dr. Morrow reviewed legislative changes. He noted the bill that would allow for unemployment compensation for non-12 month employees did not pass. A notice to remedy regarding certified staff did pass but is not of concern generally. He reported a focus on mandated categorical increases may be heightened as districts ranked as Tier 3 or Tier 4 for EBF are not seeing larger increases in funding. Finally, he noted SB 3070 would alter the requirement of incoming freshmen in the 2028-2029 school year to complete two years of foreign language credits, allowing flexibility to take career and technical education courses instead.
 - b. East Moline TIF: Dr. Morrow reviewed the map for the proposed TIF district in East Moline. The city hopes to pass the final ordinance on August 2. Dr. Morrow has shared his concerns with the city, while acknowledging there is a need for incentives for improvements outlined in the TIF district. He invited the Board to continue to share any concerns they have so he can communicate those with the Joint Review Board.
- 11. Committee Reports** (BP 2:150)
- Blackhawk Division: Mr. Puentes reported he will attend the governing meeting on June 10. Ms. Stevenson will not be attending.
- 12. BLANKET MOTION**
- a. Approve bid to purchase musical instruments with West Music, Davenport, Iowa, in the amount of \$103,915.76 (BP 2:20; BP 4:60)
 - b. Approve insurance renewals for the 2026-2027 school year as follows: USI Insurance Services, Moline, Illinois, of \$288,465 for Property and Liability (ICMRT), Vehicles (ICMRT), Cybersecurity (AIG), and Unmanned Aircraft-Drone (Global Aerospace); and

- Student Accident Insurance (KidGuard - \$6,752) and Catastrophic Insurance-All Sports (Ramza Insurance Group-Gerber Life - \$1,692), as presented (BP 2:20; BP 4:60; BP 4:100)
- c. Approve request to seek bids for electrical panel work and request for variance for one panel, as presented (BP 2:20; BP 4:60; BP 4:150)
 - d. Adopt the FY27 United Township High School Area Career Center (ACC) and Quad City Career and Technical Education Consortium (QCC TEC) Tentative Budgets, as presented (BP 2:20; BP 4:10)
 - e. Adopt final amended 2025-2026 budget for United Township High School District 30, as presented (BP 2:20)

MOTION by Sue Ickes and second by Jami Gonzales 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 representatives or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees
 - 3) 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) Semi-annual review of past closed session minutes

MOTION by Jami Gonzalez and second by Luis Puentes to convene Executive Session for the topic presented. A roll call vote was called with all members present voting aye. There was no opposition to the motion – motion passed.

Time: 7:40 p.m.

- b. Return to Open Session

MOTION by Sue Ickes 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: 8:05 p.m.

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

CLASSIFIED

1. Accept resignation from Joanna Nouchanthavong effective May 29, 2026.
2. Accept resignation from Terri Hoffman, part-time cafeteria employee (3 hours per day), effective May 29, 2026.
3. Employ Simon Wilson-Bahoun as bilingual paraprofessional-French/Ewe (9 months, 7 hours per day – replace Esther Agokpe-Nuake) at \$24.61 per hour (Paraprofessional Classified Salary Schedule – Lane FY27 Contract Year 2, Step FY27), effective August 3, 2026.

4. Employ Cole Miller as special education paraprofessional (9 months, 7 hours per day – replace Joanna Nouchanthavong) at \$24.61 per hour (Paraprofessional Classified Salary Schedule – Lane FY27 Contract Year 2, Step FY27), effective August 3, 2026.
5. Employ Maria Alba as special education paraprofessional (9 months, 7 hours per day) at \$24.61 per hour (Paraprofessional Classified Salary Schedule – Lane FY27 Contract Year 2, Step FY27), effective August 3, 2026.
6. Approve Austin Blair as seasonal part-time building and grounds, at \$18.00 per hour, effective June 9, 2026.
7. Employ Blake Haas as Title 1 Tutor (replace Jill Sanders-Colgan) 7 hours per day at \$27.50 per hour (2026-2027 Tutors Classified Salary Schedule – Lane FY27 Contract Year 2, Step FY27), effective August 3, 2026.
8. Employ Maria Isabel Tapia Montoya as bilingual paraprofessional-Spanish (9 months, 7 hours per day), at \$24.61 per hour (Paraprofessional Classified Salary Schedule – Lane FY27 Contract Year 2, Step FY27), effective August 3, 2026.
9. Rescind approval of resignation for Sung Par, bilingual paraprofessional-Hakha Chin, previously approved on May 11, 2026.
10. Accept resignation from Steve Smithers, QCC TEC Special Populations Coordinator, effective December 18, 2026.
11. Adopt Resolution No. 719 terminating employment for Employee ID 651311, effective immediately.
12. Employ Analysis Gomez as Administrative Assistant – General Office (12 months, 8 hours per day, replace Johana Gonzalez – FY26 Administrative Assistant Classified Salary Schedule – Lane FY26 Contract Year 1, Step FY26), at \$20.17 per hour, effective June 22, 2026.

CERTIFIED

1. Accept resignation from Emilio Rio-Wawrzynski as Instructional Technology Coach, effective the end of the 2025-2026 school year.
2. Employ Ximena Torres-Cantu as social studies teacher (replace Matthew McCarthy – Lane BA, Step 0 - \$47,910), effective the 2026-2027 school year.
3. Accept resignation from Fernando Bravo Garcia as math teacher, effective the end of the 2025-2026 school year.
4. Accept resignation from Pam Mohr as Cross Country Assistant Coach, effective May 31, 2026.
5. Approve Elizabeth Orwig as Boys and Girls Cross Country Assistant Coach (replace Pam Mohr), at \$3,273, effective the 2026-2027 season.
6. Approve Jolissa Tapia as Behind the Wheel Instructor, at \$31.23 per hour, effective June 1, 2026.
7. Approve Pam Mohr as cross country volunteer coach, effective the 2026-2027 season.

8. Accept resignation from Hunter Manuel as health education teacher for the 2026-2027 school year, effective May 31, 2026.
9. Employ Evan Wignall as math teacher (replace Fernando Bravo Garcia – Lane BA, Step 6 - \$62,283), effective the 2026-2027 school year.

MOTION by Jami Gonzalez and second by Sue Ickes to approve Personnel Recommendations, Classified numbers 1 through 10, and 12, and Certified numbers 1 through 9, as presented. A roll call vote was called with all members present voting aye. There was no opposition to the motion – motion passed.

MOTION by Jami Gonzalez and second by Sue Ickes to approve Personnel Recommendation, Classified number 11, as presented. The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows:

Ayes: Davila, Gonzalez, Ickes

Nays: None

Abstain: Puentes

MOTION CARRIED

14. Board Hot Topics

- a. IASB/IASA/IASBO 2026 Joint Annual Conference, November 20 – 22, 2026
 - 1) Early bird registration is complete with housing requested at Hyatt Regency.
- b. IASB/IASA/IASBO Friday Focus Workshops – November 20, 2026.

Google form with workshop information will be sent to Board members. Please submit selections.
- c. IASB Blackhawk Division Governing Meeting, Wednesday, June 10, 2026, The Cellar, Geneseo, Illinois. Mr. Puentes will attend this meeting.

15. Other Matters

Mr. Puentes congratulated all those who were part of organizing the Quad City Arts and Mariachi and Ballet Folklorico to the school. He highly recommends continuing to bring this group to UT. The Glenview Mariachi students are phenomenal.

Dr. Morrow shared his upcoming schedule in June and July.

The Board asked if there are funeral arrangements set for Debra Stevenson's mom. Dr. Morrow will update the Board when details are available.

Ms. Gonzalez brought kudos to students who are being placed with employers in the Quad Cities through the apprenticeship programs in the Area Career Center.

16. Adjourn (BP 2:220)

There being no further business brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned by acclamation. (Time: 8:12 p.m.)

Dr. Giovanna Davila, President

Jami Gonzalez, Secretary