

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

February 9, 2015

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

President Susan Koska called the regular meeting of the United Township High School District 30 Board of Education meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on February 9, 2015 in the UTHS Administrative Center board room, East Moline IL.

Board members present: Janice Allison, Dr. Harry Arvanis, Sue Ickes, Susan Koska and Larry Morgensen

Board members absent: Don Sproul and Wendy Verschoore (arrived at 6:12 p.m.)

Administrators present: Dr. Jay Morrow, Dr. Terri VandeWiele and Tracy DeClerck

Other administrators present: Carl Johnson, Larry Shimmin and Erin Terstriep

Recording secretary: Judith Gilbert

2. Consent Calendar

2.1 Approval of Minutes

- a. January 12, 2015 regular session
- b. January 12, 2015 executive session

2.2 Approval of Bills

2.3 Approval of Treasurer's Report

- a. District Financial Report
- b. ACC Activity Account Report
- c. HS Activity Account Report
- d. HS Activity Account Report – Money Market
- e. Booster Club Financials

2.4 Gratefully Accept Donation of Equipment from Alvin C. Tingle Scholarship Fund for the Food Service/Culinary Arts Program

MOTION by Sue Ickes and second by Larry Morgensen to accept 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

None

4. Student/Staff/Community Program Recognition

Luis Puentes and other representatives of the Alvin C. Tingle Scholarship Fund (Dave Lofgren, Larry Lopez, Macail Tingle, and George Sierra) were present and spoke about honoring the memory of their friend and fellow UT alumnus, Alvin Tingle, with scholarships for Quad Cities students applying to culinary arts and hospitality programs. This year they

reached out to UT to see if the Food program had any needs which resulted in a donation of pressure cookers, mixers, blenders and pastry cloths to the Food Service/Culinary Arts program. Carla Golding, UT Family and Consumer Science teacher, told them their contribution will help 240 to 300 students and thanked them on behalf of her students. The Alvin Tingle Scholarship Fund is hosting a trivia night on April 11 at the East Moline American Legion to raise more money for scholarships. Principal Carl Johnson and the Board thanked the representatives of the scholarship fund for their donation and helping UT students.

NOTE: Wendy Verschoore arrived at 6:12 p.m.

Principal Carl Johnson introduced UT speech coaches Macy Hernandez and Brian Rohman and four members of the UT speech team: senior Jennifer Britton (special occasion speaking and impromptu speaking), sophomore Kathryn Weber (poetry reading), sophomore Lauren Larson (original comedy and dramatic duet acting) and junior Devin Martel (prose). Ms. Hernandez and Mr. Rohman told Board members about the UT speech team advancing to IHSA sectionals and is one of the top three speech teams in the region. Jennifer Britton is the regional champion for Impromptu Speech. The UT speech team has eight tournament champions across all divisions. Ms. Hernandez and Mr. Rohman informed the Board that the first speech tournament held at UT in November featured 23 teams with 400 entries and 320 students. The event ran very smoothly and had great support from the Booster Club. Many schools that participated are looking to add UT to the regular speech competition schedule. The Board congratulated the students and coaches and wished them luck at sectionals.

5. Communications

None

6. Old Business

None

7. Administrative Report

Dr. Terri VandeWiele:

- a. reported on the proposed textbook adoptions for the 2015-2016 school year and requested the Board approve them.
- b. introduced Kendra Cobb, UT iJAG Educational Specialist, who explained the mission of the iJAG (Iowa's Jobs for America's Graduates) program: "unlocking student potential by breaking down barriers." She reported on current iJAG activities and student successes with both the UT and UTEC iJAG programs. UT is hoping to expand the program into the 9th and 10th grades. Two-thirds of the program costs are covered by outside contributors who partner with the program to provide mentoring, job shadowing, business tours, guest speakers and work opportunities. UT was the first school in the Illinois Quad Cities to have the iJAG program. The Board thanked Ms. Cobb and expressed appreciation for the efforts of her and Lisa Debates, UTEC iJAG Educational Specialist.

Principal Carl Johnson:

- c. reported on the "5 Essentials Survey," a survey required by ISBE to provide feedback on schools by students, parents and teachers. To date, over 50% of UT students have completed the survey. He anticipates the completion of the survey by all students to be done by the end of the month. The administration will be working on encouraging parents to complete the survey.
- d. discussed the annual review of the school's crisis plan. At a recent meeting, representatives of the staff, local and county law enforcement and emergency responders attended to begin the review.

Erin Terstriep reported on UTEC's attendance policy. In the first semester, only one student was dismissed as a result of the policy. The building is full with approximately 65-70 students each term.

8. Comptroller's Report

Tracy DeClerck:

- a. recommended awarding the bid for the IP security camera system project to Communication Innovators, Eldridge IA, in the amount of \$159,527. The project will be paid for from two funds: \$50,000 from Capital Projects Fund using state maintenance grant fund proceeds and \$109,527 from the Health Life Safety Fund as approved under Amendment #43. The work is scheduled to be done over the March intersession with completion no later than March 27, 2015.
- b. requested approval to seek bids for a school-wide wireless access network for the high school building. The estimated cost of this project is \$175,000. The award of the project is contingent upon E-Rate funding. The amount of reimbursement funding from E-Rate is based on student enrollment and free/reduced lunch percentage. The portion of the project not covered by E-Rate funding will be paid for out of the Capital Projects Fund. The project, if awarded, is expected to be completed over the March intersession.
- c. requested approval to seek bids for east drive resurfacing and relocation of the existing catch basin. The project will be paid for out of the Capital Projects Fund. The project will begin after June 8, 2015 and completed before July 27, 2015.
- d. provided an update on property tax revenues through January 2015. She also summarized property tax abatements and reported the district received \$123,066 in TIF revenue; \$90,995 was received as a final distribution from the Hampton #2 TIF.

9. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Morrow:

- a. reviewed recent legislative news.
- b. recommended approval of the revised 2014-2015 school calendar. March 3 has been made a SIP day so that juniors can take the ACT test in the morning.
- c. presented the tentative 2015-2016 school calendar and reviewed proposed changes.
- d. reviewed a TIF letter to the editor which stated schools have the power to say no to the formation of new TIFs. Dr. Morrow told the Board that this is incorrect; schools cannot stop the formation of new TIFs through the Joint Review Board process.

10. Committee Reports

Sue Ickes reported there is a School Health Link meeting on Wednesday, February 11.

Janice Allison reported that BHASED will be meeting tomorrow night on Tuesday, February, 10. They will be reviewing the SAC recommendation for the new director.

Larry Morgensen reported that the East Moline pool is seeing an increase in club fees due to Moline's pool breakdown.

11. IASB Blackhawk Division Spring Dinner Meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at Rock Island High School

Blanket Motion

12. Approve Textbook Requests/Adoption as Presented
13. Award Bid for the IP Security Camera System Project to Communication Innovators, Eldridge IA, in the Amount of \$159,527 as Recommended
14. Approve Seeking Bids for Wireless Project as Presented
15. Approve Seeking Bids for East Drive Resurfacing & Catch Basin Relocation Project as Presented

MOTION by Sue Ickes and second by Janice Allison to adopt agenda items 12 through 15 under 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.

16. Executive Session

The following topics were presented for discussion in executive session:

- 5 ILCS 120/1(c)(9) Student Discipline
- 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) Personnel to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of district employee(s)
- 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective Bargaining
- 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(16) Discussions regarding self-evaluation, practices and procedures

MOTION by Larry Morgensen and second by Wendy Verschoore to go into 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.

NOTE: The Board took a break prior to convening Executive Session (7:59 – 8:08 p.m.).

17. Return to Open Session

MOTION by Janice Allison and second by Larry Morgensen to return to open session. A voice vote was called with all members present voting aye. No nay votes were cast and the motion was carried. (Time: 8:56 p.m.)

18. Personnel Recommendations

The following classified personnel recommendations were presented for approval:

- a. Approve retirement request from Peter DeBisschop as second shift custodian effective June 1, 2015.

- b. Approve retirement request and retirement incentive consistent with the UTEA Agreement from William Marshall as Supervisor of Food Services effective June 30, 2015.
- c. Approve retirement request and retirement incentive consistent with the UTEA Agreement from Janet Belha as Purchasing/Accounts Payable effective May 15, 2015.
- d. Approve resignation from Michele Maranda as bus driver effective February 6, 2015.
- e. Approve increase in hours for Juana Arcos (replace Dianne VanWinkle) from three (3) hours per day to five (5) hours per day cafeteria worker effective February 10, 2015.
- f. Employ the following employees as three (3) hour cafeteria workers at \$11.49 per hour (entry level) effective February 24, 2015:

Elizabeth DeHaven (replace Trudy White)

Emily Whipple (replace Juana Arcos)

The following certified personnel recommendations were presented for approval:

- a. Approve the following new substitutes effective February 10, 2015:
 - Julie Eisenband
 - Zindaba Nyirenda
- b. Reassign Christopher Larsen (replace Joel Steichen) as varsity assistant baseball coach for \$3,579.00.
- c. Employ Dianna McKune (replace Aaron Echaute-Lopez) as musical choreographer for \$835.00.
- d. Approve Halle Lewis as a volunteer track coach effective February 10, 2015.
- e. Employ Jon Obrecht (replace Cheryl Brooks) as science/chemistry teacher effective August 3, 2015 for \$56,638.00 (MA-Step 9).
- f. Employ Dwayne Brothers (replace Rick Mellinger) as girls' varsity tennis coach effective 2015-16 season for \$3,875.00.

MOTION by Janice Allison and second by Wendy Verschoore to approve the classified and certified personnel recommendations as presented. A roll call vote was called with all members present voting aye. No nay votes were cast and the motion was carried.

19. Freedom of Information Act Requests

There have been no FOIA requests since the last meeting.

20. Other Matters

Dr. Morrow showed the Board architectural drawings of possibilities of what could be done with the school entrances if the sales tax referendum passes in April.

21. Adjourn

MOTION by Janice Allison and second by Larry Morgensen to adjourn. A voice vote was called with all members present voting aye. No nay votes were cast and the motion was carried. (Time 9:10 p.m.)

Susan M. Koska, President

Wendy Verschoore, Secretary