

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

March 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 to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Administrative Center board room, East Moline, Illinois.

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

Board members absent: Janice Allison, Don Sproul and Wendy Verschoore

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

Other administrators present: Carl Johnson and Larry Shimmin

Recording secretary: Judith Gilbert

2. Consent Calendar

2.1 Approval of Minutes

- a. February 9, 2015 regular session
- b. February 9, 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
- f. Cafeteria Report

2.4 Gratefully Accept Donation of Equipment from East Moline Fire Department for the ACC Fire Science/Firefighting Program

2.5 IHSA Membership Renewal as Presented

MOTION by Harry Arvanis 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

Principal Carl Johnson introduced sophomore Leah Samuelson, UT bowler, who finished 12th at state and her coach, Sharon Krack. Coach Krack told the Board Ms. Samuelson

played very consistently and didn't miss a spare on the last day of competition. She was in 19th place going into her last game and bowled a 233. Only the top 12 bowlers medal. The Board congratulated Ms. Samuelson on her achievement.

5. Communications

Dr. Morrow reported that IHSA recognized six of UT's fall athletic teams with academic achievement awards: girls and boys cross country, boys golf, girls tennis, boys soccer and girls volleyball.

6. Old Business

None

7. Administrative Report

Dr. Terri VandeWiele

- a. introduced Rosie Portillo, English Language Program Director. UTHS shares Ms. Portillo with EMSD and Silvis SD. Ms. Portillo explained the categories of English Learners, the different program models, support delivery models and the funding for ELL programs. UTHS has a total of 52 EL students with the potential for another 23 students coming from feeder schools. There are thirteen foreign languages spoken at UT with the top three being: Spanish (18 students), Burmese (12) and French (8). Ms. Portillo explained that once a school has 20 students from the same language background, ESL and home language in core academic subjects must be provided to the students. In this situation, the teacher must also be ELL certified. Dr. VandeWiele reported that there are a few teachers interested in getting ELL certification.

Principal Carl Johnson:

- b. reported on the plans for the Freshman Welcome Event to be held on Thursday, August 6, 2015. Feedback from both parents and teachers regarding the event was identical. Topics covered will include homework policies, Skyward, basic study skills, attendance, extracurricular activities and time management. Freshmen parent attendance will be required.

8. Comptroller's Report

Tracy DeClerck:

- a. recommended the Board reject all bids for the cafeteria ventilation project. The original cost estimate was \$18,000-\$25,000. Bids ranged from \$36,000 to \$53,229. The architect/engineer is re-working the specifications at no charge.
- b. requested approval to work with district architect Dennis Kelly to seek bids for an asphalt project for the area between Pawn King and the UTHS transportation garage. This would provide a practice area for the marching band. The estimated cost is \$100,000 to be paid out of the Capital Projects Fund. If the asphalt area is increased to be of sufficient size, additional costs of \$50,000 to \$60,000 would be required for moving telephone poles, lighting, and building a catch basin or retention pond. A decision would need to be made by February 2016 to provide a practice area if the decision is made to return Marching Band to the school day. She would like the Board to have further discussion on this matter.

- c. requested approval to seek bids for a waste piping replacement project in the pool basement and below the chemistry lab on the first floor. The estimated cost is \$50,600 to be paid out of Health Life Safety Fund, Amendment #44. The work would be done in May and completed prior to the close of school in June.
- d. requested approval to seek bids for replacement of 610 lockers on the 2nd floor. The estimated cost is \$182,000 to be paid out of the Capital Projects Fund. The work would begin after the school year ends and be completed by the end of July.
- e. requested approval to seek proposals for yearbook production services. Jostens has the current one year contract for a cost of \$46,700. Although there are no concerns with Jostens, Ms. DeClerck feels it is in the best interests of the district to seek competitive proposals. It would be a one year contract with an optional two year renewal. The yearbook cycle is April-March.
- f. requested the Board approve the proposal submitted by TC Networks, Dubuque, IA, for the wireless access project contingent upon E-Rate Category 2 funding for the project. There were only two bids and bidders were allowed to submit alternate proposals for a solution they would recommend. TC Networks recommended 94 devices instead of the 108 specified in the RFP. Their cost for the project as they proposed is \$91,506.60 or \$973.47 per device. Work can't begin before July 1, 2015. If PARCC testing has to be done online next year, this project is essential. If the proposal is approved by the Board tonight, Ms. DeClerck will submit the request for the E-Rate funding for this project.
- g. requested the Board approve the proposal submitted by Mediacom for Internet access services for a three year contract in the amount of \$36,000. The monthly cost is decreasing from \$2300 to \$1000. E-Rate funding reimburses UTHS 60% of the amount.
- h. requested the Board approve the proposal submitted by DCS Computer Services, Davenport, IA, for technology services for a 15 month contract April through June, 2015 and FY 16 in the amount of \$77,875 (\$62,300 for one year). Technology Coordinator Brian Petersen is returning to the classroom. UTHS has an existing working relationship with DCS who would now provide day to day technical, network and server support for the district including after hour server maintenance and emergency system outage support. The contract is renewable annually.

9. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Morrow:

- a. reviewed recent legislative news.
- b. discussed the new proposed Silvis TIF to the east and south of Bowlesburg School, in particular, the planned residential and senior housing projects. He is concerned that Bowlesburg is already at capacity and any new students would go to Bowlesburg. The City of Silvis will not allow tax abatement instead of TIF reimbursement. Two of the parcels would be transferred from the Hynd Farm TIF to the new TIF. The Joint Review Board meets tomorrow.
- c. reported the two year agreement with the Silvis Little League is expiring in November. The league would like a ten year lease. Dr. Morrow is requesting permission to begin negotiations.

10. Committee Reports

Sue Ickes reported that School Health Link will be meeting on Wednesday, March 11. State funding and transition plans for their retiring director will be discussed.

11. Consideration and Action on Approval to Seek Bids for Asphalt Project

The Board agreed to table any action on this project.

Blanket Motion

- 12. Reject Bids for Cafeteria Ventilation Project as Presented**
- 13. Approve Seeking Bids for Waste Piping Replacement Project as Presented**
- 14. Approve Seeking Bids for Lockers Replacement as Presented**
- 15. Approve Seeking Proposals for Yearbook Services**
- 16. Approve Proposal for Wireless Access Project to TC Networks, Dubuque IA, as Recommended and Contingent Upon E-Rate Funding Approval**
- 17. Approve Proposal for Internet Service to Mediacom as Recommended**
- 18. Approve Proposal for Technology Services to DCS Computer Services, Davenport IA, as Recommended**

MOTION by Sue Ickes and second by Harry Arvanis to adopt agenda items 12 through 18 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.

19. 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

MOTION by Larry Morgensen and second by Sue Ickes 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 (7:27 – 7:35 p.m.).

20. Return to Open Session

MOTION by Larry Morgensen and second by Harry Arvanis 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: 8:36 p.m.)

21. Personnel Action

The following classified personnel recommendations were presented for approval:

- a. Reassign Irving Landry (replace Michele Maranda) from a sub bus driver to a regular bus driver effective March 10, 2015 at \$13.77 per hour.
- b. Employ Kimberly Meier (new position) as a part-time bus monitor effective March 10, 2015 at \$10.25 per hour.
- c. Employ Mike Milburn (replace James Werner) as a maintenance worker effective April 1, 2015 at \$15.99 per hour plus \$1.65 maintenance differential.

AND

The following certified personnel recommendations were presented for approval:

- a. Approve resignation from Dr. Terri VandeWiele as Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum/Instruction effective June 30, 2015.
- b. Approve resignation from James Adamson as Math teacher effective the end of the 2014-15 school year.
- c. Employ James Hood (replace Dale Lacina) as Technology Education teacher effective August 3, 2015 for \$53,226.00 (MA-Step 7).
- d. Employ Dan Erickson (replace Chris Larsen) as freshman baseball coach effective March 10, 2015 for \$3,579.00.
- e. Employ Nicole Roman (replace Konni Stapf) as girls soccer cheerleading coach effective August 3, 2015 for \$2,129.00.
- f. Reassign Jennifer Webster (replace Mark Pustelnik) from Dean of Students to Assistant Principal – Student Services effective July 20, 2015.
- g. Approve Frank Dexter as a new substitute teacher effective March 10, 2015.

MOTION by Harry Arvanis and second by Larry Morgensen 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.

22. Freedom of Information Requests

There have been no FOIA requests since the last meeting.

23. Other Matters

Dr. Morrow reported that he, the football coach and Mark Pustelnik are having meetings with Glenview Middle School and Northeast Junior High to get the 7th and 8th grade football program going with the partner schools.

24. Adjourn

There being no further business brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation. (Time: 8:39 p.m.)

Susan M. Koska, President

Wendy Verschoore, Secretary