

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

**April 13, 2015**

**1. Call to Order / Roll Call**

Board Members present: Janice Allison, Dr. Harry Arvanis, Sue Ickes, Susan Koska, Larry Morgensen, Don Sproul

Board Members absent: Wendy Verschoore (arrived at 6:05 pm)

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

Other administrators present: Carl Johnson, Larry Shimmin

**2. Public Hearing on Request to Waive Veterans Day (School Code 105 ILCS 5/24-2 Holidays)**

President Koska opened the public hearing on the district's request to waive Veterans Day as a school holiday per School Code 105 ILCS 5/24-2 Holidays at 6:00 pm. Dr. Morrow explained the reason for the public hearing. She asked if there were any questions or comments from the audience. Hearing none, President Koska closed the public hearing at 6:01 pm.

**3. Consent Calendar**

3.1 Approval of Minutes

- a. March 9, 2015 regular session
- b. March 9, 2015 executive session

3.2 Approval of Bills

3.3 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

**MOTION by Sue Ickes and second by Harry Arvanis 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.**

**4. Hearing of Visitors**

There were four visitors wishing to be heard on a personnel matter. The hearing of visitors was deferred to later in the meeting and to be done in closed session.

**5. Student/Staff/community Program Recognition**

Principal Carl Johnson introduced three of the four recipients of the Cardiovascular Illinois Youth Mentoring Health Scholarship: Lejla Garic, Ryan Merideth and Kayla McNabb. Thomas Osborne could not attend. Mr. Johnson explained the scholarships are funded by UnityPoint-Trinity and there is a mentoring component to help students with questions about their career paths. Lejla Garic plans to attend SIU-E and study Chemistry/Pre-Pharmacy. Ryan Merideth will be attending Drake University and study pre-med and hopes to go into pediatrics. Kayla McNabb plans to go to St. Ambrose University and study physical therapy. Board members congratulated the students on their achievement.

**6. Communications**

None

**7. Old Business**

None

**8. Administrative Report (Dr. Terri VandeWiele / Carl Johnson)**

Dr. Terri VandeWiele:

- a. requested the Board approve an additional curriculum writing project for Consumer Education to be completed by June 30, 2015.
- b. reported that the ACT test was given to the juniors on March 3, a school day. For the next two years, students can get vouchers and take the ACT on a national testing date. The PARCC assessment was given as paper/pencil test to preserve instructional time. On March 11 and 12, sophomores took geometry and English 2 PARCC assessments. The second part of the assessment will be given on May 6 and 7. Mr. Johnson explained the block schedule needed for the PARCC assessment.

**9. Comptroller's Report (Tracy DeClerck)**

Tracy DeClerck:

- a. recommended the Board approve the proposal for yearbook services for one year submitted by Pixolution Publishing, Ottawa, IL at a cost per yearbook of \$31.98 with a two year extension. Total cost will be \$25,584.00. Jostens who has been doing UTHS yearbooks for many years submitted a proposal via email which was not as specified in the RFP. Jostens had been charging \$55 per yearbook. Ms. DeClerck worked with the yearbook advisor through the process. The contract would begin May 1, 2015.
- b. recommended the Board approve the bid for the addition of a ventilator unit in the cafeteria dishwashing room to Crawford Company, Rock Island, IL in the amount of \$24,229.00. This project was re-bid after specifications were changed. Three bids were received and Crawford Company was the low bidder. The project will be paid for out of the Operation and Maintenance Fund. The project is scheduled to begin June 8, 2015 and be completed no later than July 24, 2015.
- c. recommended the Board approve the bid for the replacement of 610 second floor lockers to Larson Company, Palatine, IL in the amount of \$127,181.00. Carroll Seating Company was the low bidder; however, they bid an alternate locker manufacturer. Larson Company will use the same manufacturer as the last lockers

- replacement project. This will simplify the parts inventory and streamline the repair process. It will be paid for out of the Capital Projects Fund. The work is scheduled to begin June 8, 2015 with completion no later than July 24, 2015.
- d. recommended the Board approve the bid for 16' wireless scoreboards for the soccer, baseball and softball fields to MTJ Sports, Kewanee, IL in the amount of \$38, 509.00 which includes installation. The scoreboards will also be hardwired as a backup to the wireless option. The project will be paid for out of the Booster Club Activity Fund. The scoreboards will be installed this spring.
  - e. reviewed the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter financial report. The Education Fund has a \$2 million deficit which is not unusual at this time of year. The property tax payment that is received in June will bring the deficit closer to what was anticipated. O&M has a deficit of \$60,000 and the Transportation fund's deficit is \$38,000. The overall deficit is \$2.8 million. There may be an additional 2.25% cut of state funds for this year yet which would be \$70,000. State aid would be a little over \$3 million. The total cuts in state aid for this year may be an additional \$84,000 for a total of \$475,000 for the year.

## 10. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Morrow:

- a. reviewed recent legislative news.
- b. explained the purpose of the request to waive Veterans Day as a school holiday. If approved, it would be an attendance day to honor veterans in a more appropriate way. Principal Carl Johnson is working with local veterans groups to have a ceremony or assembly honoring veterans.
- c. requested the Board approve the negotiated land agreement with the Silvis Area Youth Baseball & Softball, Inc. The Silvis Little League has used the district's facilities at the soccer field for forty years. The agreement is for a term of five years; the insurance amount was increased on the advice of the district's insurance counsel; and the agreement provides an "out" for the district if it needed to sell the property or if the property was needed for building purposes for the district.
- d. reported the School Facilities Sales Tax referendum was defeated by 118 votes. There are 142 absentee ballots yet to be counted which will be completed by the end of next week with the County Clerk then certifying the results. The district's bonds will be paid up after this year. From a bonding perspective, the district must decide prior to the December 2015 levy how to proceed. The district's property tax levy has been the same or lower for the past few years. With the failure of the sales tax vote, life safety bonds must be issued again. A ten year health/life/safety survey will be completed this summer which will identify the projects that need to be done for preventative maintenance and keeping buildings up to code. Once the survey is certified by the Regional Board of Education and the State Board of Education, the district will know how much can be bonded. Life/safety bonds were last sold six years ago. If the sales tax eventually passes, those funds can be used to pay this debt. Life/safety bonds are also tax exempt with low interest rates. Working cash bonds also need to be discussed due to dwindling reserves. The projected deficit in the Education fund this year is \$1.5 to \$2 million. What happens in the legislature will drive the decision on issuing debt. Working cash bonds to supplement operating funds are not tax exempt. Working cash bonds are tax exempt only when they are used for capital projects. Dr. Morrow would like to start this summer on developing a combination of life/safety and working cash bond issue with debt of four to five years. There is a two year cap to issue bonds after the vetting/approval process.
- e. reported that Staff Appreciation Week will be the week of May 4.

**11. Committee Reports**

Sue Ickes reported that School Health Link has been having additional meetings due to the retirement of Sally O'Donnell. There have been applicants for the position. She also reported that the Rock Island County Health Department has agreed to keep the School Health Link clinics as part of their department. She also reported she attends an ISBE Critical Health Committee that meets quarterly.

Janice Allison reported that the Booster Bash will be Saturday, April 25 at the Greek Orthodox Church.

Janice Allison reported that the BHASED Director is retiring and a new director has been hired.

Susan Koska reported that the United Education Foundation will be sponsoring the Academic Achievement Awards on May 6. The Foundation will also do the eighth grade recognition again this year.

**12. IASB Blackhawk Division Governing Meeting**

Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 6:30 pm at The Cellar in Geneseo, IL.

**13. Upcoming Events**

- Thursday, April 23: Senior Athletes College Signing – 1:15 pm; Auditorium
- Wednesday, May 6: UEF Academic Achievement Awards – 6:30 pm; Cafeteria
- Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, May 5, 7, 8: Spring Play – 7:00 pm each night; Auditorium
- Wednesday, May 13: Senior Awards Night – 6:30 pm; Cafeteria
- Tuesday, May 19: UT Retirement/Recognition Dinner – 5:30 pm; Lavender Crest Winery, Colona
- Thursday, May 28: Spring Pops Concert & Awards Banquet – 7 pm; Auditorium
- Sunday, June 7: Graduation – 2 pm @ iWireless Center, Moline

**ACTION ITEMS****Blanket Motion**

- 14. Approve Curriculum Writing Project as Presented**
- 15. Approve Proposal for Yearbook Services as Presented**
- 16. Approve Bid for Cafeteria Ventilation Project as Presented**
- 17. Approve Bid for Lockers Replacement as Presented**
- 18. Approve Bid for Wireless Scoreboards as Presented**
- 19. Approve Request to Waive Veterans Day (School Code ILCS 5/24-2 Holidays) as Presented**
- 20. Adopt 2015-2016 Proposed School Calendar as Presented**
- 21. Silvis Area Youth Land Lease Agreement as Presented**

Janice Allison asked for Item #16 to be pulled from the Blanket Motion.

**MOTION by Larry Morgensen and second by Harry Arvanis to adopt agenda items 14 and 15 and 17 through 21 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.**

**MOTION by Sue Ickes and second by Larry Morgensen to adopt agenda item #16 as presented. A roll call vote was called and recorded as follows:**

**Aye: Arvanis, Ickes, Koska, Morgensen, Sproul, Verschoore**

**Abstain: Allison**

**Nay: None**

**The motion was carried.**

**22. 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)(11) Litigation

**MOTION by Harry Arvanis and second by Janice Allison 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 (6:51-7:00 p.m.)

**23. Return to Open Session**

**MOTION by Wendy Verschoore and second by Don Sproul 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.**

**24. Personnel Action**

The following classified personnel recommendations were presented for approval:

- a. Accept resignation from Dawn Swanson as Payroll/Benefits Specialist effective March 31, 2015.
- b. Accept resignation from Mark Johnson as substitute custodian effective March 11, 2015.
- c. Accept resignation from Kimberly Meier as part-time bus monitor effective March 11, 2015.
- d. Accept resignation from Nancy Humphrey as Perkins paraprofessional effective May 31, 2015.
- e. Approve to change Mike Milburn's start date from April 1, 2015 to March 16, 2015 at \$22.08 per hour plus \$1.65 per hour for maintenance differential.
- f. Employ David Huffman (replace Mike Milburn) as a second shift custodian effective April 14, 2015 at \$15.99 per hour plus \$0.33 per hour for second shift differential.
- g. Employ Jerry Garczynski as a substitute custodian effective March 17, 2015 at \$10.00 per hour.
- h. Accept resignation from Ana Alvarez as substitute custodian effective April 10, 2015.
- i. Employ Kelly Arduser (replace Dawn Swanson) for \$48,000 effective April 16, 2015.

- j. Employ Jacquelyn Kronfeld (replace Kimberly Meier) as a part-time bus monitor at \$10.25 per hour (2 ½ hours per day) effective April 16, 2015.
- k. Employ Michael Buller (replace Phil Anders) as second shift custodian effective May 18, 2015 at \$15.99 per hour plus \$0.33 per hour for second shift differential.

AND

The following certified personnel recommendations were presented for approval:

- a. Place the following employees on second year probation effective with the 2015-2016 school year:
 

Sheila Ahuja	Sara Bertelsen
Jason Frank	Jason Kirby
Jacob Knobloch	Kelly Lawrence
Kim Lawson	
- b. Place the following employees on third year probation effective with the 2015-2016 school year:
 

Keegan Bunner	Morgan Enburg
Alex Mayszak	Kelsey McGreer
- c. Place the following employees on tenure effective the 2015-2016 school year:
 

Chelsea Clearman	Paul Lambrecht
Kevin Marner	Beth Tepen
- d. Approve the following additional substitute teachers effective April 14, 2015:
 

Christine Hicks	Jay Moore
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- e. Approve to change James Hood, Technology Education teacher, salary from \$53,226.00 to \$54,932.00.
- f. Approve to reassign Brian Petersen from Technology Coordinator to classroom teacher effective August 3, 2015.
- g. Employ Anthony Greer as an English teacher effective August 3, 2015 for \$34,119.00.
- h. Employ James DuPage as a Math teacher effective August 3, 2015 for \$39,578.00.
- i. Employ Abel Zertuche Jr. as Dean of Students for \$67,095.00, a 9 ½ month position, effective July 27, 2015.
- j. Employ Kai Killam as Dean of Students for \$82,398.00 for a 9 ½ month position, plus an Advanced degree stipend for \$2,500.00, effective July 27, 2015.
- k. Accept resignation from Joe Ketner as girls' varsity assistant basketball coach effective April 9, 2015.
- l. Accept resignation from Marc Polite as head boys' varsity basketball coach effective April 12, 2015.

**MOTION by Janice Allison and second by Harry Arvanis to approve the classified and certified personnel recommendations as presented. A roll call vote was called and recorded as follows:**

**Aye: Allison, Arvanis, Ickes, Koska, Sproul, Verschoore**

**Abstain: Morgensen**

**Nay: None**

**The motion was carried.**

## **25. Freedom of Information Act Requests**

Dr. Morrow had an update on FOIA requests: two commercial FOIA requests were received today.

**26. Other Matters**

A special meeting date needs to be set to review the canvas of votes from the April 7, 2015 election and to seat new Board members.

The special meeting of the Board of Education will be Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Administrative Center board room.

**27. Adjourn**

**There being no further business brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation. (Time: 8:08 p.m.)**

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Susan M. Koska, President

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Wendy Verschoore, Secretary