

University High School Boosters Meeting

12/10/2025

Agenda:

- Welcome/Call to Order
- Officer and Administration Reports
- Administration Report (Andrea Markert)
- Committee Chair Messages & Reports
- Resource Review
- Old Business
- New Business
- Adjourn

Notes

Call to order/Roll call

Meeting called to order by Liz Kinsella on December 10, 2025 at 6:30.

Officer Reports

President <i>Liz Kinsella</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Day of Service will be rescheduled for the spring• Not too early to talk about succession planning for next year's Booster's Exec. team. If anyone is interested in joining the team, please reach out to any of the board members for more information.
VP <i>Erin Easter</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Still looking into a way to fundraise and designate funds for the Music and Drama activities.
Secretary <i>Angie Reedy</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The minutes from November are on the Boosters website and need to be approved. Shannon Moreland made a motion to approve the minutes, and Kim Cimoch seconded the motion.• Directory update is that it is being worked on.
Treasurer <i>Shannon Moreland</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• November was a slower month. We paid a deposit for After Prom. No spiritwear sales.• Please see detailed Treasurer's Report at the end of these minutes.
Resource Review <i>Open</i>	<p>Funding Requests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Robotics• Each year, U-High's Robotics Team designs, builds, and codes a robot to participate in FIRST robotics competitions. Each year, the specific competitive challenge is different and requires some specialty equipment. This year, the team is seeking funds for: Limelight-3A camera (\$189), an artificial-intelligence computer vision camera. The team will code software for this camera to allow our robot to automatically navigate the game field and identify objects. Students will gain experience with AI computer vision techniques. Precision gearmotors. (\$288), specific motors that we are required by competition rules to use. They are pieces of hardware that allow for precision movements of the robot. More specifically, we are in need of a 5202 Series Yellow Jacket Motor in several gear ratios for use in the wheels and turret of our robot.• The Robotics Team has 21 students actively participating weekly from October to February. The team is divided into hardware and software design groups, with every student directly working hands-on with high-tech robot systems. The components requested would be used all season long and then be reused in future seasons. Barring any accidents, the equipment

	<p>has an 8+ year expected lifespan. Students will learn computer vision coding and robot drivetrain systems using the requested equipment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Robotics team's total ask is \$497 <p>Shannon Morland motioned to give \$500 for this equipment the Robotics team is requesting. Liz Kinsella seconded the motion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseball • Baseball Radar Gun - Stalker Wireless Radar Gun that delivers precise measurements of speed. This product will help our baseball program with player evaluations, help gain a competitive advantage, and be used as a recruiting tool for players that wish to play at the next level. • The Stalker Wireless Radar Gun costs \$775. The baseball team is asking for \$600 and the rest will come from team funds (77% of total cost) <p>Approximate lifespan = 20 years No maintenance or storage costs Competitive bids not applicable Reason for choosing vendor - Stalker is the highest quality, longest lasting, and most accurate radar gun on the market</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erin Easter made a motion to give \$600 to the baseball team for the radar gun. Kim Cimoch seconded the motion. Motion passed.
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Administration Report (*Andrea Markert – Principal*)

- End of semester is approaching. Thank you for raising all money for the Angel Tree. Gifts will be dispersed next week.
- On the Day of Giving, we raised \$5,600 for sign that will replace the current one out in the front of the school. The next fundraiser after this will be to work on the music room. An anonymous donor gave \$10,000 on Day of Giving to the music room update. There was also an anonymous donor who gave the Art Dept. money to purchase digital media equipment for a future Digital Media class.
- U-High still has not received money from ISU from the IL Board of Higher Education. This expected amount to be received is between \$1.4-\$1.5 million. Usually these funds are given on July 1 and have been given to U-High since 1986. Raising awareness that this money is outstanding.
- Working on hiring the Engineering teacher for next year. Interviews complete and offer made.
- A question was raised regarding if there is ISU money “earmarked” for a new U-High? The answer is that we are always on a priority list. Metcalf is also on the list. They are number 3 and we are 4.
- A question was raised regarding the future student use of Ipads. There are possible updates coming, but the school first needs to resolve a few issues including printing and filtering.

Committee Reports

<p>After-Prom Jaline Preston</p>	<p>Purpose: After-Prom provides a safe place for the students to go after the dance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entertainment committee has been busy. DJ has been booked. \$400 down for the DJ. • Other committees will get to work more in January. • Simple Donate will happen in January. (We will also offer the senior signs again.)
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Fundraiser for After Prom <i>Megan Brent Kim Ekhoff</i>	Purpose: To plan and execute the Cash Bash event. - • If anyone would like to see a large in person fundraiser happen again, we are open to another fundraiser and would love to talk about reviving with a new coordinator.
Gold Rush Raffle <i>Megan Brent Kim Ekhoff</i>	Purpose: To coordinate the raffle which is one of Boosters largest fundraisers. •
Directory <i>Shannon Moreland</i>	Purpose: To provide a listing of all U-High students & families for reference. •
Faculty/Staff Appreciation <i>Amanda Fisher</i>	Purpose: To provide meals and gifts to the faculty/staff to show our appreciation. This may include late start breakfasts, parent-teacher conference dinner, and freshman testing dinner. Additionally, gifts will be provided at the holidays and teacher appreciation week.
Homecoming game dinner with Alumni Association	Purpose: Connecting with Alumni and building a sense of community •
Hospitality <i>Sudha Bodavula</i>	Purpose: To provide a welcoming environment along with food/drink for our 3 hosting events: 1) Open House in September, 2) Prospective Student Open House (usually in January), and 3) Freshman Testing in April •
Hospitality (For Dances) <i>Jean Kolb</i>	Purpose: To provide hospitality to our dances (back to school, black-light, and Class Night dances) •
Spirit-Wear <i>Amy Westbrook Erin Easter</i>	Purpose: The purpose is to sell spirit wear and take proceeds to boosters as well as to promote U-High spirit in the community. • The spirit wear team will be selling tomorrow at the girls basketball game and then next Tuesday at boys basketball game. That will be the last in person selling even until next year. • Picked up holiday order today. Should be available in next couple of days. • There will be an online order in the spring. Order before spring break, pick up after spring break. • Freshman shirts. Do we want a student to design again? Yes. • Senior shirts? There is interest to offer shirts along with the senior signs. Coordination will happen to ask students in the senior group chat for someone to design the senior shirt.
Website/social media <i>Erin Easter</i>	Purpose: To ensure we have a positive presence & info available on our website. • Nothing to report.

Representative Reports – Sharing for recognition and support from the Boosters

Music/Sports/Clubs	
Tennis	• This year the varsity and JV girls played at U-High together which was very positive. Parents are fundraising for resurfacing the courts. Rough estimate is \$100,000 for all courts. From Andrea: Parents should feel free to begin the fundraising.
Madrigals	• Despite rough weather, Madrigals had a great performance. The performers also going other places to perform.
Music	• Band trip to Pop Tart Bowl • Music concert 12/11
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Old Business

New Business

- Review and discussion of Booster's charter – POSTPONED until next time.

Adjourn

- Kim Cimoch motioned to adjourn the meeting and Erin Easter seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Attendees: Kim Cimoch, Andrea Markert, Angie Reedy, Erin Easter, Shannon Moreland, Liz Kinsella, Amy Westbrook, Amy Crawford, Marshall Crawford, Jaline Preston, Megan Brent, David Freeman, Mindy Prescott

Treasurer's Report: See report below.