

# University High School Boosters Meeting

4/8/2026

- 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 April 8, 2026, at 6:30.

### Officer Reports

<b>President</b> <i>Liz Kinsella</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Charter Review and Vote. The Executive Team has been reviewing the Charter for a large portion of the year. Kim Cimoch has worked tirelessly to get the Charter revised and now we are ready to bring it to the meeting to vote for approval of the new document. The biggest change in the Charter is that the key committees were identified and clarified from an excessive number of committees to a smaller number. Also, the amount of money that the Booster Executive Board can approve was raised from \$100 to \$500. Liz Kinsella motioned to pass the Charter. Shannon Moreland seconded the motion and the motion passed.</li><li>• Open roles for next year: <b>Secretary</b> is open. This position's main job is to set meeting dates and complete minutes of Boosters meetings. <b>Treasurer</b> is open, but we have one strong nomination (Kim Cimoch). <b>VP</b> is open. This is a 2-year commitment with the first year acting as Vice-President in charge of fundraising and the second year acting as the President.</li></ul>
<b>VP</b> <i>Erin Easter</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fundraising discussion about fundraising options for next year. We discussed a variety of options with a desire to make it also a way for parents to get to know each other. One possibility is to make the fundraising opportunity targeted to freshman parents at the beginning of the year as a way to meet. This could be related to the Back-to-School Dance.</li><li>• This discussion will be ongoing for future ideas.</li></ul>
<b>Secretary</b> <i>Angie Reedy</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The minutes from February's meeting are on the Boosters website and need to be approved. Shannon Moreland made a motion to approve the minutes and Liz Kinsella seconded the motion.</li><li>• The position of Secretary will be open for next school year. If anyone is interested, it is a straightforward position and I'm happy to share more about the role.</li></ul>
<b>Treasurer</b> <i>Shannon Moreland</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Please see detailed Treasurer's Report at the end of these minutes.</li></ul>
<b>Resource Review</b>	<b>Funding Requests:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scholastic Bowl is requesting funds to purchase a new lockout system..</li></ul>

Line Up Chain Link Buzzer System (Players 7/Teams 2) / Durable carrying case included:  
<https://buzzersystems.com/product/line-up-chain-link/> \$900.00  
Quiz Timer for Questions: <https://buzzersystems.com/product/match-timer/> \$265.00  
17.3" Catalog Case – Telescoping Handle w/ wheels (Replacement for older buzzer set:  
<https://buzzersystems.com/product/roller-case-18-x-17-x-9-inches/> \$129.00

**Total Request: \$1294.00**

Lifespan of the items: 10+ years

Percentage Requesting: 100%

Maintenance and/or storage costs: \$0.00

**We will discuss Scholastic Bowl Funding Request at the May meeting (assuming a representative from Scholastic Bowl is in attendance to represent)**

- **Bass Fishing** Frank Swope came to discuss the need for additional safety life jackets. In the past Boosters donated 5 life jackets. Now there are 21 students on the team. They need 18 jackets but only have 11 currently. Life jackets last for 10 years.

They are requesting 6 life jackets (\$69.97 each) Total of \$419.82 With discount they were \$270. Eric Thome motioned to give \$500 to the Bass Fishing team. Jenny Thome seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Band**

Band is requesting \$500 (38% of total cost) up to \$1000 (77% of total cost) as available from the U-High Boosters. These percussion items generally last 1-2 years depending on wear & tear throughout the school year. These items will be stored in the U-High Band percussion storage area in room 103. We order our drumheads and sticks/mallets from [steveweissmusic.com](http://steveweissmusic.com) because of their dependable, quality service and competitive pricing.

The last time Band received a grant was in 2023-2024 for \$1000.

Kim Cimoch made a motion to approve \$500. Liz Kinsella seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Administration Report (*Andrea Markert – Principal*)**

- Hiring update:  
U-High has hired a new assistant principal but waiting for all the background check info to be approved before announcing the new hire.  
Social Science teacher interviews wrapped up today so will be hiring a candidate soon.  
All hiring done for now.
- U-High will begin a lunch program next year. Will be hiring someone to run the U-High lunch program. The new program will have similar items as now and contract with companies to bring in hot food each day. This will bring costs down. Will need to purchase more equipment. The main goal of the lunch program is to bring the cost of lunches down and be able to offer more for those needing free or reduced lunches.
- Andrea is leaving a week from Saturday for the International Conference of Laboratory Schools in Finland and going to Czech Republic for a tour of lab schools.
- Acceptance emails for incoming freshmen are going out April 15. There were 320 applicants (160 accepted freshmen, no upperclassmen are leaving).

- The spring musical, Catch Me if You Can, is next weekend. Spring Assembly is this Friday. The assembly is the opportunity to hear from all of the athletics and clubs activities.
- There are changes at the administrative level. Dr. Zugelder is now the acting Dean.
- U-High did receive \$1.4 million from ISU. Looking forward to more transparency between the budgets of Metcalf and U-High and ISU.

## Committee Reports

<p><b>After-Prom</b> <i>Jaline Preston</i></p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> After-Prom provides a safe place for the students to go after the dance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on status of activities, communications, expenses, etc.</li> <li>• Social media presence for After Prom (i.e. Boosters Facebook, creating an After Prom specific Facebook and/or Instagram account). There is not a current After Prom Instagram account but can post content on the U-High account or can create an After Prom account.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Gold Rush Raffle</b> <i>Megan Brent</i> <i>Kim Ekhoﬀ</i></p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> To coordinate the raffle which is one of Boosters largest fundraisers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<p><b>Directory</b> <i>Shannon Moreland</i></p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> To provide a listing of all U-High students &amp; families for reference.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<p><b>Faculty/Staff Appreciation</b> <i>Amanda Fisher</i></p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> 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.</p>
<p><b>Homecoming game dinner with Alumni Association</b></p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> Connecting with Alumni and building a sense of community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<p><b>Hospitality</b> <i>Sudha Bodavula</i></p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> 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 May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Freshman Testing refreshments. May 6. Liz will reach out to Sudha about coordinating hospitality for that night.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Hospitality (For Dances)</b> <i>Jean Kolb</i></p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> To provide hospitality to our dances (back to school, black-light, and Class Night dances)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<p><b>Spirit-Wear</b> <i>Amy Westbrook</i> <i>Erin Easter</i></p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> The purpose is to sell spirit wear and take proceeds to boosters as well as to promote U-High spirit in the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spring online order and senior yard signs are available to pick up.</li> <li>• Spring sports signs are in Mr. Evan’s office ready to be picked up.</li> <li>• Will be selling spirit wear at Freshman Testing and Registration.</li> <li>• Increase prices? Start new pricing at Freshman Testing. Raise prices by \$5 shirts and hoodies.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Website/social media</b> <i>Erin Easter</i></p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> To ensure we have a positive presence &amp; info available on our website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report.</li> </ul>

## Representative Reports – Sharing for recognition and support from the Boosters

<p><b>Music/Sports/Clubs</b></p>	
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