

University High School Boosters Meeting

1/14/2026

- Agenda:**
- Welcome/Call to Order
 - Old Business (review of Booster's charter)
 - Officer and Administration Reports
 - Administration Report (Andrea Markert)
 - Committee Chair Messages & Reports
 - Resource Review
 - New Business
 - Adjourn

Notes

Call to order/Roll call

Meeting called to order by Liz Kinsella on January 14, 2026, at 6:30.

Officer Reports

President <i>Liz Kinsella</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next year, Homecoming will be the week of September 14, 2026. The Homecoming dance will be September 19.• Full school-year calendar updates will be coming soon.• Please fill out the 5 Essentials Survey which will be coming out this spring. 20% of parents need to fill out the survey in order for the school to receive results of the survey.• If there are concerns about retribution when a parent or student wants to share information about a teacher or coach, please encourage students to fill out class/teacher evaluations. For sports, parents may fill out post-season evaluations to express concerns.• U-High Day of Service, need to find a date.
VP <i>Erin Easter</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continuing to research options to become a nonprofit and raise specifically designated funds for theater and music.• Suggesting revamping the fundraising portion of the website so it is more user-friendly and clear about how U-High receives (and does not receive) funding. Erin will create mock-up suggestions for the website updates which Boosters can review in Feb and vote at the following meeting in April.
Secretary <i>Angie Reedy</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The minutes from December are on the Boosters website and need to be approved. Kim Cimoch made a motion to approve the minutes, and Shannon Moreland seconded the motion.
Treasurer <i>Shannon Moreland</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In December we received a little over \$1800 in spiritwear sales from PayPal.• Expenses for the month included the \$1100 in grant requests approved for robotics and baseball at the December meeting, a little over \$2500 in spiritwear invoices for spiritwear restock, approximately \$800 to reimburse for the supplies purchased for the volunteer day for the shed (which will be used in the spring), and \$175 in payments to Gold Rush winners. Then there were the typical PayPal transaction fees of \$50 and a \$15 dollar filing fee for the 24-25 fiscal year tax return.• Please see detailed Treasurer's Report at the end of these minutes.
Resource Review	Funding Requests

Administration Report (*Andrea Markert – Principal*)

- Updates on staffing: Mr. Dearing retired last year, and administration has now hired his replacement for Engineering. Mr. Harnish is moving so there will be a posting for a Social Science teacher. Mr. Roman will be moving to a new position at IHSA, so there will be a posting for an Assistant Principal. The goal would be to hire both positions by end of March.
- Admissions Season – Please detailed outline from Mrs. Markert regarding the admissions process at U-High. Additional information shared is that the number of applicants received in the past few years has been around 350-400. There will soon be flyers available for distribution to raise awareness about U-High (Please see accompanying file with more details about the admissions process.)
- Concerning national events related to immigration activity, please know that ICE Agents have to have a specific warrant to be able to enter schools. U-High has a specific legal team to call on about this. ISU Campus police are very quick and responsive to requests for help. Additionally, other local police are very familiar with the U-High campus and also very responsive.
- There has been an email circulating about funding at the lab schools. At this moment Andrea does not have a concern about funding and will let us know if she would like others to join the advocacy efforts.
- Infinite Campus will be available in the Fall. This will replace TeacherEase.
- Driver's Ed will be offered again this summer. Uncertain about summer Consumer Economics.
- Dual credit from Heartland has been offered in the past. Next year, U-High will begin offering dual credit through Eastern Illinois University. There will be a charge for the Eastern dual credit classes.

Committee Reports

After-Prom <i>Jaline Preston</i>	Purpose: After-Prom provides a safe place for the students to go after the dance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entertainment that has been confirmed so far: inflatables, (DJ), magician, caricaturist, • The registration packet is being finalized. • Communication Plan shared with Boosters. • Look into cost of tickets and discussing raising the price to \$30/ticket.
Gold Rush Raffle <i>Megan Brent</i> <i>Kim Ekhoﬀ</i>	Purpose: To coordinate the raffle which is one of Boosters largest fundraisers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Directory <i>Shannon Moreland</i>	Purpose: To provide a listing of all U-High students & families for reference. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Hospitality (For Dances) <i>Jean Kolb</i>	Purpose: To provide hospitality to our dances (back to school, black-light, and Class Night dances) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

Spirit-Wear Amy Westbrook Erin Easter	Purpose: The purpose is to sell spirit wear and take proceeds to boosters as well as to promote U-High spirit in the community. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion of when a “freshman shirt” flyer needs to be ready to be included in the acceptance packets for in-coming freshman. This year the acceptance letters will be sent through email, so needs to be sent to Andrea before the emails go out.
Website/social media Erin Easter	Purpose: To ensure we have a positive presence & info available on our website. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report.

Representative Reports – Sharing for recognition and support from the Boosters

Music/Sports/Clubs	
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Old Business

- Kim Cimoch has spent time reviewing the Booster’s charter and a portion of this meeting was spent reviewing the charter. Additional changes were recommended and we will continue the discussion at the February meeting.
- We recommend that the charter be reviewed annually in the future.

New Business

Adjourn

- Liz motioned to adjourn the meeting and Shannon seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Attendees: Dawn Miller, Andrea Markert, Liz Kinsella, Shannon Moreland Angie Reedy, Kim Cimoch, Melissa Hawkins, Amy Westbrook, Erin Easter, Tim King

Treasurer’s Report: See report below.

University High School Booster Club

Treasurer Report

FY 2025-2026

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
	7/1/2025	8/1/2025	9/1/2025	10/1/2025	11/1/2025	12/1/2025	1/1/2026	2/1/2026	3/1/2026	4/1/2026	5/1/2026	6/1/2026	
Bussey Balance - Beg. Of Month	\$38,476.81	\$38,426.81	\$40,339.09	\$47,124.77	\$50,599.30	\$50,474.52	\$47,560.90	\$47,560.90	\$47,560.90	\$47,560.90	\$47,560.90	\$47,560.90	\$38,476.81
Income													
Gold Rush	\$ -	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 5,800.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,050.00
Spirit Wear	\$ -	\$ 4,742.00	\$ 3,008.00	\$ 3,826.00	\$ -	\$ 1,863.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,439.00
Freshmen Shirts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Voided Check	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Homecoming Social	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cash Bash / Afterprom Fundraising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Funding	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Income Total	\$ -	\$ 7,492.00	\$ 8,808.00	\$ 4,326.00	\$ -	\$ 1,863.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,489.00
YTD	\$ -	\$ 7,492.00	\$ 16,300.00	\$ 20,626.00	\$ 20,626.00	\$ 22,489.00	\$ 22,489.00	\$ 22,489.00	\$ 22,489.00	\$ 22,489.00	\$ 22,489.00	\$ 22,489.00	\$ 22,489.00
Expenses													
Gold Rush	\$ 50.00	\$ 477.66	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 175.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 777.66
Spirit Wear	\$ -	\$ 4,910.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,633.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,543.50
Freshmen Shirts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Booster Mailing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Homecoming Social	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grant Requests	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,100.00
Contributions to School	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 830.85	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 830.85
Cash Bash	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Credit Card Expenses	\$ -	\$ 191.56	\$ 341.32	\$ 117.07	\$ -	\$ 52.27	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 702.22
Admin/Office Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26.50
After Prom Funding	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bussey Bank	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Expense Total	\$ 50.00	\$ 5,579.72	\$ 4,352.32	\$ 142.07	\$ 50.00	\$ 4,806.62	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,980.73
YTD	\$ 50.00	\$ 5,629.72	\$ 9,982.04	\$ 10,124.11	\$ 10,174.11	\$ 14,980.73	\$ 14,980.73	\$ 14,980.73	\$ 14,980.73	\$ 14,980.73	\$ 14,980.73	\$ 14,980.73	\$ 14,980.73
Income: Faculty Appreciation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,330.00	\$ 125.00	\$ -	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,485.00
Expense: Faculty Appreciation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 834.40	\$ 74.78	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 909.18
Balance: Faculty Appreciation	\$286.95	\$286.95	\$2,616.95	\$1,907.55	\$1,832.77	\$1,862.77	\$1,862.77	\$1,862.77	\$1,862.77	\$1,862.77	\$1,862.77	\$1,862.77	\$1,862.77
	7/31/2025	8/31/2025	10/1/2025	10/31/2025	12/1/2025	12/31/2025	1/31/2026	3/3/2026	3/31/2026	5/1/2026	5/31/2026	7/1/2026	
Bussey Balance - End Of Month	\$38,426.81	\$40,339.09	\$47,124.77	\$50,599.30	\$50,474.52	\$47,560.90	\$47,560.90	\$47,560.90	\$47,560.90	\$47,560.90	\$47,560.90	\$47,560.90	\$47,560.90
Heartland After Prom - Beginning	\$8,001.77	\$8,001.77	\$8,001.77	\$8,001.77	\$8,001.77	\$6,501.77	\$6,384.86	\$6,384.86	\$6,384.86	\$6,384.86	\$6,384.86	\$6,384.86	\$8,001.77
Funding	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ticket Sales													-
After Prom Purchases					1,500.00	116.91							1,616.91
Heartland After Prom - Ending	\$8,001.77	\$8,001.77	\$8,001.77	\$8,001.77	\$6,501.77	\$6,384.86	\$6,384.86	\$6,384.86	\$6,384.86	\$6,384.86	\$6,384.86	\$6,384.86	\$6,384.86
ISU Foundation Account - Beginning	\$8,392.87	\$8,392.87	\$8,392.87	\$8,392.87	\$8,392.87	\$8,392.87	\$7,967.87	\$7,967.87	\$7,967.87	\$7,967.87	\$7,967.87	\$7,967.87	\$8,392.87
Additions													\$ -
Grant Requests													\$ -
Other Transfers Out (i.e Gold Rush)						\$ 425.00							\$ 425.00
ISU Foundation Account - Ending	\$8,392.87	\$8,392.87	\$8,392.87	\$8,392.87	\$8,392.87	\$7,967.87	\$7,967.87	\$7,967.87	\$7,967.87	\$7,967.87	\$7,967.87	\$7,967.87	\$7,967.87
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated							

U-High Admissions

Committee

- Chosen by the Principal
- Made up of nine members
 - No ties in votes
 - Represent different aspects needed for a well-rounded student body. Examples:
 - Fine Arts
 - Extracurriculars
 - Diversity
 - Academic Ability

Timeline

- November/December
 - Metcalf Shadowing
 - Committee meets to review application and make changes
 - Remove barriers for application
 - Review essay questions
- December/January
 - Advertise applications – fliers throughout the community, social media, parents
 - Social Media
 - Information on our website
- January/February
 - Prospective Student Open House
 - Shadowing – after Open House
- March
 - Applications due (or at the end of February)
 - Shadowing
 - Committee begins reading all applications, including all essays
- April
 - Committee meets to determine invitations
 - Discuss high areas of need
 - Discuss Metcalf students (priority)
 - Discuss Lab School Teacher students (priority)
 - Discuss siblings (priority)
 - There must be two students at U-High at the same time in order to be considered a sibling
 - Discuss all other students
 - Determine wait pool
 - Invitations are sent out (by email this year) on April 15th
 - Responses are required by the end of April
 - Shadowing – students that are invited to attend but have not yet shadowed
- May
 - Placement/Ability testing