

SYNOPSIS
URBANA SCHOOL DISTRICT 116
BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUSINESS MEETING
OCTOBER 18, 2005

Tuesday's very brief school board meeting included one item of significant interest for our staff. Attached to this synopsis is the Internet Acceptable Use Policy for staff. While we have had an acceptable use policy for students for many years, some of our grant providers require one for staff as well. The policy was written by the school district technology committee and was formally approved by the board Tuesday night.

Also Tuesday, the board heard the results of the annual audit performed by BKD. Some of our funds look much better than they actually are because of a difference in accounting methods between the auditors and the school district. The school district is still in a deficit mode, although we have made strides in eliminating that debt. Also, the working cash fund balance is much better than it has been at times in the past 2 or 3 years.

Various board members provided reports about the committees on which they serve:

- Cope Cumpston – Technology Committee: The committee has completed a three-year plan for 2005-08. This document must be filed with the Illinois State Board of Education and makes us eligible for state funding. Cumpston also advised the board and administration to seriously review the technology needs of the district and have adequate manpower to provide it.
- Benita Rollins Gay – Equity Steering Committee: The steering committee is looking at many topics that affect our students, such as student discipline, homelessness in the district, the READY program, how are students being transitioned back into regular classrooms after having been in an alternative setting. The group has asked for a number of statistics from the school district administration and they hope to review this information in January.
- Mark Netter – School Based health Center Advisory Board: The health center has just completed its first year of operation. He said they're "just getting past some of the growing pains." The number of patients being treated at the center continues to grow.