

MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
JEAN F. BURKHOLDER
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER
December 13, 2005
7:30 P.M.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Hudson called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Present: Ms. Joyce Hudson, President
Mr. John Dimit, Vice-President (7:37 p.m.)
Ms. Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary Pro Tem
Ms. Benita Rollins-Gay, Board Member

Also Present: Dr. Gene Amberg, Superintendent
Dr. Preston Williams, Deputy Superintendent
Ms. Carol Baker, Director of Business
Ms. Susan Baker-Ory, Director of Special Services
Ms. Carmelita Thomas, Director of Human Resources

Absent: Ms. Cope Cumpston, Board Member
Mr. Mark Netter, Secretary
Mr. Steve Summers, Board Member

3.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA

4.0 CITIZENS STATEMENTS

5.0 CALL FOR EXECUTIVE MEETING/SESSION (AFTER CURRENT MEETING)

6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Rollins-Gay moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Vice-President Dimit. Motion passed.

7.0 COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

The **Rose-Hulman Annual Invitational Mathematics Contest** was recently held. Twenty-eight schools competed with about 400 students participating. The following Urbana High School students placed: **Junior (11th Grade) Division:** Matt Rosenberger tied for 8th, Artem Rogachev- 4th; **Senior (12th Grade) Division:** Fernanda Mendes tied for 10th, and Fan Huang tied for 1st.

Urbana High School music students participated in the Illinois Music Educators Association (IMEA) District III Jazz Festival at Illinois Wesleyan University. The following students were selected as the top player in their section: **Junior Level Band:** Kameron LeShoure - bass clarinet, Annie Valocci - bassoon; **Senior Level Vocal Jazz:** Molly Netter - soprano; **Senior Level Band:** Christina Byrne - clarinet, Alex Chin - horn, Peter Deal - trombone, Chris Keeley - bassoon, Elise Nieman - flute, Emily Ward - oboe; **Senior Level Orchestra Winds:** Samantha Schwartz - piccolo/flute. Students at the Senior Level who placed the highest in their section has the potential to be selected for IMEA All-State, which will be held in Peoria in January, 2006.

8.0 PUBLIC HEARING

8.01 Public Hearing on Estimated Tax Levy

As required by the "Truth in Taxation Act" a hearing was held on the 2005 tax levy.

The public hearing was opened to hear from the public at 7:35 p.m., closed at 7:36 p.m.

9.0 COMMUNICATIONS

10.0 REPORTS

11.0 ACTION ITEMS (Consent)

Vice-President Dimit moved to approve the consent action items, seconded by Member Fisher. Motion passed unanimously. Absent: Cumpston, Netter, Summers.

11.01 Minutes

Business Meeting, November 15, 2005
Study Session, December 6, 2005

11.02 November 30th Bills/Checks

Advanced approval for November 30th bills/checks was requested. Due to the earlier meeting time - bills/checks are not prepared. A list of bills/checks will be given to the Board of Education at the January 17, 2006, business meeting.

Education Fund bill.....	\$	0.00
Operating & Maintenance Fund bills.....	\$	0.00
Bond & Interest Fund bills.....	\$	0.00
Transportation Fund bills.....	\$	0.00
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund bills.....	\$	0.00
Construction Fund bills.....	\$	0.00
Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds.....	\$	0.00
Fire Prevention and Safety (Levy)	\$	0.00
Payroll.....	\$	0.00
Adult Education bills.....	\$	147,985.53

11.03 Interfund Loans

None

11.04 Personnel Items

Approval of various personnel items were requested.

12.0 ACTION ITEMS (Individual)

12.01 Gifts

Member Fisher approved and accepted the following gifts, seconded by Vice-President Dimit. Motion passed.

U.S. Secret Service, donated a used Hewlett Packard computer, printer, and scanner to the Yankee Ridge Elementary School. This donation is valued at \$150.

C-U Elks Club recently donated \$582.95 to assist Washington Early Childhood in acquiring a wheelchair for one of the students.

Area-Wide Technologies, Jeff Facer, Champaign, donated to Urbana High School \$1,000 to use towards their cognitive coaching activities.

Walmart, Savoy, had donated \$275 in gift certificates this year to various schools within the district.

Pages for All Ages, Savoy, recently held its annual community book fair. Urbana Schools received a total of \$1,104.75. Various schools received different amounts figured by what was designated.

Susan Kies, Urbana, donated a “Bach” trumpet with a soft case and hard case, Yamaha Keyboard and stand, bell kit, and an acoustic guitar to the Urbana Middle School Music Department. This donation was valued at \$1,000.

Junior League of Champaign - Urbana, Lori Larson, has donated \$350 to each school within Urbana School District to address the unmet needs of the district students in times of need or struggle. This donation totaled: \$3,150.

12.02 Approval of the Tax Levy Resolution

Board adoption of the 2005 Tax Levy was requested.

Vice-President Dimit moved to approve item #12.02, seconded by Member Fisher. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “aye”. Motion passed. Absent: Cumpston, Netter, Summers.

12.03 Life Safety Amendments/Urbana High School Fire Alarm System

Ota Dossett, Director of Facilities Services, requested approval to submit a life safety amendment.

Vice-President Dimit moved to approve item #12.03, seconded by Member Rollins-Gay. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “aye”. Motion passed. Absent: Cumpston, Netter, Summers.

12.04 Approval of Prairie Easement Agreement

Approval was requested to grant easement to Thomas Paine Sub-district of Drainage District No. 3.

Vice-President Dimit moved to approve item #12.04, seconded by Member Fisher. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “aye”. Motion passed. Absent: Cumpston, Netter, Summers.

13.0 CALL FOR FUTURE SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

14.0 SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Vice-President Dimit moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Rollins -Gay. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “aye”. Motion passed. Absent: Cumpston, Netter, Summers.

President Hudson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

President

Secretary