

MINUTES
- JOINT MEETING -
URBANA BOARD OF EDUCATION
and
URBANA PARK DISTRICT BOARD
ANITA PURVES NATURE CENTER
February 7, 2006
7:30 P.M.

I. Call to Order

Vice-President Dimit called the meeting to order at 7:28 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: Mr. John Dimit, Vice-President
Mr. Mark Netter, Secretary
Ms. Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary Pro Tem
Ms. Cope Cumpston, Board Member
Ms. Benita Rollins-Gay, Board Member

Present for the Urbana Park District: Michael Walker, Bruce Larson, Betsy Gillies, Nancy Delcomyn, and Vicki Mayes (Executive Director).

Also Present: Dr. Gene Amberg, Superintendent
Dr. Preston Williams, Deputy Superintendent
Ms. Carol Baker, Director of Business
Mr. Ota Dossett, Director of Facilities
Ms. Carmelita Thomas, Director of Human Resources

Absent: Ms. Joyce Hudson, President
Mr. Steve Summers, Board Member

III. Audience Participation - None

IV. Approval of Agenda

Member Fisher moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Secretary Netter.

V. Welcome and Introduction

Carol Baker welcomed both boards. She then introduced the Aquatic Center Management Team: Corky Emberson, Dan Gible, Tim Bartlett, Ota Dossett, Jeff Isenhower, Dottie Lierman, Matt Murphy, and Lindsey Walsh.

Superintendent Amberg made some opening remarks - giving the history of how the aquatics center became about.

VI. Annual Report on Joint Operation of Urbana Indoor Aquatic Center

Corky/Tim/Dan: started the powerpoint presentation by going over the way they categorized areas that needed attention, maintenance challenges, facility operations and cost. Their focus for 2006 will be cost, cleanliness, find a more efficient way to keep operation costs lower, utilities/chemicals cost, UV system, develop a capital replacement schedule.

Matt: continues with issues of the chloramine. With the UV system that was purchased - the chloramine levels have significantly decreased. These levels due meet the state requirements. However, not enough to keep it from eroding the scoreboard panels, pool pack, metal surfaces, etc. They are have a hard time finding a way to keep the water from going into the conduit - water continues to go into the scoreboard. With this system - they are having to back wash less which means money saved in labor. It was asked if we should have another UV system purchased for the competition pool - the cost is roughly \$70,000.

Ota expressed his concern of the Pool Pak fins corroding from the current level of chloramine. To replace a Pool Pak it will cost \$170,000 (new).

Vicki stated that this is why a capital replacement schedule is important. This way the boards can see what is needing attention to keep the maintenance up to par and what the equipment needs to work correctly.

John Dimit asked where the talks are with the engineers and architects? He feels the problems we are facing should have been something we could have been alerted to by the engineers/architects while designing this pool.

Matt closed by saying that the UV system is new to the indoor aquatics world and this one is the 20th installed. In six months it will need to be taken apart and clean. Time will tell if this is a good direction to go regarding the chloramine.

Lindsey went over the usage of the pool. It was broken into three areas: school district use, park district use, and public hours/use. She is working on getting the name out to the public.

Dottie/Carol went over the financial aspect of running the indoor pool. Seventy-three percent of the expenses come from salaries. The projection is for the pool to have more revenue in the next couple of years which in return will cut down the deficit the boards are experiencing currently.

Corky covered the life guard training, how they are looking into corporate memberships, image - get the word out. He wants the public to have positive experiences when they visit the aquatics center - this way those people will tell others and more public will come by word of mouth.

Jeff closed the presentation by letting the boards know that they are also looking at having some higher grade students participate in life guard training. By doing this, these students then will be more apt to get more involved and the park district could possibly have summer lifeguards ready to hire.

Open discussion then took place. School board members questioned the definition of the programs, how the break-down is figured, why the district should be paying for 67% of the cost. They don't feel comfortable paying out this much money when they could be hiring full time teachers. A better education of the accountability from first part of negotiations need understood.

It was stated that building an indoor aquatics center will not make money - however - the need to get a grip on the deficit needs to be dealt with.

It was left that more meetings between both boards/board representative will need to take place so both boards are in agreement with the contract that is in place for at least 17 years.

Superintendent Amberg and Executive Director Mayes will meet to discuss ways to have one member from each board meet and come to an agreement.

VII. Adjournment

Secretary Netter moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Cumpston. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye". Absent: Hudson, Summers

Vice-President declared the meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

President

Secretary