

**MINUTES  
STUDY SESSION  
URBANA BOARD OF EDUCATION  
JEAN F. BURKHOLDER  
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER  
March 7, 2006  
7:30 P.M.**

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

**2.0 ROLL CALL**

Present: Ms. Joyce Hudson, President  
Mr. John Dimit, Vice-President (7:48 p.m.)  
Mr. Mark Netter, Secretary  
Ms. Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary Pro Tem  
Ms. Cope Cumpston, Board Member  
Ms. Benita Rollins-Gay, Board Member

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: Mr. Steve Summers, Board Member

**3.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND MODIFICATION OF AGENDA**

One addition was made to the agenda - item #10.05 - Personnel Items.

**4.0 CITIZENS STATEMENTS**

**5.0 CALL FOR EXECUTIVE MEETING/SESSION (After Current Meeting)**

**6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Member Fisher moved to approve the agenda with one addition, seconded by Secretary Netter. Motion passed.*

**7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFINGS AND REPORTS**

**8.0 POLICY REVIEW**

**9.0 PUBLIC HEARING**

**10.0 ACTION ITEMS (Consent/Individual)**

*Secretary Netter moved to approve the consent/individual action items including the addition of item #10.05, seconded by Member Cumpston. On a roll call, all members present voted "aye". Absent: J. Dimit, S. Summers*

**10.01 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 School Calendar**

Administration requested approval of the 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 school calendars.

**10.02 Approval of the March 30<sup>th</sup> Bills for Payment**

Approval was requested, in advance, for the March 30<sup>th</sup> bills payable. Copies of these bills will be included with the April March 28<sup>th</sup> board agenda materials.

**10.03 FY06 & FY07 Salary and Benefits Allocation for District Superintendent**

Approval of the FY06 & FY07 Salary and Benefits Allocation for the District Superintendent was requested.

**10.04 Resolution for Dismissal of a Non-Tenured Teacher**

Approval for a resolution for dismissal of a non-tenured teacher was requested.

**10.05 Personnel Items**

Approval of personnel items were requested.

**11.0 STUDY TOPIC(S)**

(Vice-President Dimit arrived)

**11.01 Instruction Technology Update**

John Morrow, Director of Informational Technology, facilitated a technology update for the Board of Education.

John Morrow, Pam VanWalleghen, Don Owen, were there to speak to the Board of Education about the current hardware, current average computer age, number of student computers, staff issues, budget concerns, state mandates, NCLB pressures, goal for - network/infrastructure, hardware, software, maintenance and budget.

Dr. Umesh Thakar, Technology Committee Member, spoke about the National Indicators ([www.nsf.gov/statistics/seind067](http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/seind067)) and what they mean for Urbana School District 116. He also focused on emerging national vision ([www.nsf.gov/cise/sci/reports/atkins.pdf](http://www.nsf.gov/cise/sci/reports/atkins.pdf)), the CELF Initiative ([www.cra.org/reports/cyberinfrastructure.pdf](http://www.cra.org/reports/cyberinfrastructure.pdf)), and activities in which Urbana School District shows to be active with a variety of classroom projects. Dr. Thakar then discussed the challenges the district has and the opportunities that the district can take advantage of.

**12.0 CALL FOR FUTURE SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETINGS**

**13.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**14.0 ADJOURNMENT**

*Secretary Netter moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Fisher. Motion passed. On a roll call, all members present voted "aye". Motion passed. Absent: S. Summers.*

*President Hudson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.*

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President

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Secretary