

**MINUTES
STUDY SESSION
URBANA BOARD OF EDUCATION
JEAN F. BURKHOLDER
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER
April 4, 2006
7:30 P.M.**

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Vice-President Dimit called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

2.0 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
Mr. Steve Summers, 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
Mr. Ota Dossett, Director of Facilities
Ms. Carmelita Thomas, Director of Human Resources

Absent: Ms. Joyce Hudson, President

3.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

There was a consent action item added to the agenda, which was moved to item #12.01 - request for UHS Band contribution.

4.0 CITIZENS STATEMENTS

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

6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Cumpston moved to approve agenda with addition and modification, seconded by Member Rollins-Gay. Motion passed.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFINGS AND REPORTS

8.0 POLICY REVIEW

9.0 PUBLIC HEARING

10.0 ACTION ITEMS (Consent/Individual)

10.01 Request of Contribution

Appropriation request for the Urbana High School Band - New York trip.

added item & moved to 12.01

11.0 STUDY TOPIC(S)

11.01 District Bilingual Committee Report

Spencer Landsman facilitated a Bilingual Committee presentation to the Board of Education.

A PowerPoint presentation (see attached) was given to the Board of Education focusing on the vision, leadership, staffing, communication with families, and special education.

Those presenting: David Adcock, Spencer Landsman, Kay Bell, Lillie Jimenez, Joyce Bezdicsek, Jennifer Hixson, and two parents from Leal.

Comparisons were given between the Urbana program and two area districts - Champaign Unit 4 and Bloomington.

After stating what the findings were - the committee wanted to know what level of commitment the Board of Education was willing to give?

Superintendent Amberg stating that the district will strive to meet and would love to exceed the state standards for this program. It comes down to the money and how much it will all cost. The requests were put with the rest of the expenditure requests and will be reviewed in early June.

11.02 Self-Insured and Workers Compensation Update

Carol Baker, Director of Business, gave the Board of Education a self-insured and workers compensation update. (handout included) The district is good shape and claims are down.

12.0 CALL FOR FUTURE SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

12.01 Request of Contribution

Approval to contribute \$4,200 to the Urbana High School Band - for their trip they recently took to New York.

Member Fisher moved to approve item 12.01, seconded by Member Summers. On a roll call, all members present voted "aye". Motion passed.

13.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Netter moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Rollins-Gay. Motion passed.

Vice-President Dimit declared the meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

President

Secretary