



URBANA SCHOOL DISTRICT #116

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING STUDY SESSION MINUTES

JEAN F. BURKHOLDER

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER

205 North Race St. Urbana, IL 61801

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

7:30 p.m.

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The mission of Urbana School District 116, a multi-cultural community committed to educational excellence, is to ensure that all learners acquire knowledge, develop skills, and build character to achieve personal greatness and help create a better global society, by providing innovative, comprehensive programs, respecting individual learning styles and cultural differences, and fostering caring and nurturing relationships, while engaging each student, every family and the entire community.

Mr. John H. Dimit, President

Ms. Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary

Ms. Elaine Gehrmann, Member

Mr. Paul Poulosky, Member

Dr. Preston L. Williams, Jr., Superintendent

Ms. Benita Rollins-Gay, Vice-President

Ms. Brenda Carter, Member

Ms. Peggy Patten, Member

Ms. Lori Johnson, Board Secretary

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Dimit called the meeting to order after a 5 minute recess from a closed session at 7:36 p.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. John Dimit, President
Ms. Rollins-Gay, Vice-President
Ms. Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary
Ms. Brenda Carter, Member (7:58 p.m.)
Ms. Elaine Gehrmann, Member
Ms. Peggy Patten, Member
Mr. Paul Poulosky, Member

Also Present: Dr. Preston L. Williams, Jr., Superintendent
Mr. Donald Owen, Asst Supt of Curriculum and Instruction
Ms. Carol Baker, Director of Business
Ms. Susan Baker-Ory, Asst Supt of Special Services
Mr. Ota Dossett, Director of Facilities and Grounds
Ms. Gayle Jeffries, Asst Supt of Human Resources

3.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA

An executive session was called for the purpose of student disciplinary cases, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9).

4.0 CITIZENS STATEMENTS

5.0 CALL FOR EXECUTIVE MEETING/SESSION (After current meeting)

There will be an executive session after the current meeting for the purpose of student disciplinary cases, 5 ILCS 120/2(2)(9).

6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Patten moved to approve the agenda with additional item (executive session), seconded by Vice-President Rollins-Gay. Motion passed.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFINGS AND REPORTS

8.0 PUBLIC HEARING

9.0 ACTION ITEMS (individual/*consent)

9.01 Personnel Items

Approval of various personnel items were requested.

Member Carter moved to approve the following consent action items, seconded by Member Patten. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye." Motion passed.

9.02 *Activity Accounts

Approval was requested to create four new activity accounts: UHS - Boys' Swimming, Boys' Soccer, Creative Writing; UMS – Urbana Special Olympics.

9.03 *Closing of Account

Approval was requested to close Urbana Adult Education, Busey Bank account, which was for the DCEO grant to Eliminate the Digital Divide, which was not refunded for this school year.

9.04 *Press Plus Issue 80

Approval was requested to revise board policies: 2:20, 2:30, 2:110, 2:125, 2:200, 2:220, 4:45, 4:100, 4:110, 4:170, 5:30, 5:125, 6:60, 6:65, 6:110, and 6:210.

Member Poulosky moved to approve items #9.02, #9.03, and #9.04 as consent actions items, seconded by Member Gehrman. Motion passed.

Consent Items

9.05 Resolution – General Obligation Refunding School Bonds

Approval of a resolution abating a portion of the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2012 to pay debt service on the General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2002, was requested.

Member Poulosky moved to approve item #9.05, seconded by Member Gehrman. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “aye.” Motion passed.

9.06 Resolution – General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2011

Approval of a resolution abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2012 to pay debt service on General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2011, was requested.

Member Patten moved to approve item #9.06, seconded by Member Poulosky. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “aye.” Motion passed.

9.07 Resolution – Taxable General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2010

Approval of a resolution abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2012 to pay debt service on Taxable General Obligation Bonds (Alternate revenue Source), Series 2010, was requested.

Member Poulosky moved to approve item #9.07, seconded by Member Gehrman. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “aye.” Motion passed.

10.0 STUDY TOPICS

10.01 STEM Initiatives

Scott Woods, UMS Principal, and Tina Lehr, District STEM Coordinator, made a presentation on current STEM initiatives in the district, including the IMSA Fusion program and other opportunities for students, as well as STEM Professional Development opportunities for teachers.

10.02 Dual Language Update

Joe Wiemelt and Guadalupe Ricconi, presented an update to the Board of Education on the Dual Language Programs at Prairie and Leal Elementary Schools.

11.0 CALL FOR FUTURE SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

12.0 SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

13.0 BOARD’S REPORT

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

Member Patten moved to adjourn the meeting into executive session after a five minute recess, for the purpose of student disciplinary case. Motion was seconded by Member Carter. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye." Motion passed.

President Dimit declared the meeting adjourned into executive session after a five minute recess, at 9:16 p.m.

President

Secretary