

**MINUTES
STUDY SESSION
URBANA BOARD OF EDUCATION
JEAN F. BURKHOLDER
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER
September 5 , 2006
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
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

3.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

Due to the number of people in the audience to speak about the aquatics center, item 11.03 was moved up to 11.01, followed then by 11.02 FY07 Budget Review and Update, 11.03 Financial Proposal: Working Cash Bond.

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

There will be an executive session after the current meeting for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employee(s), including hearing, testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity.

5.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Summers moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Vice-President Dimit. Motion passed.

6.0 ADMINSTRATIVE BRIEFINGS AND REPORTS

7.0 POLICY REVIEW

8.0 CITIZEN'S STATEMENT

Tim Larson, Urbana Board of Education camera man was recognized for his volunteer service to the Urbana School District. His last taping was June 6, 2006.

Karen Miller, Kenneth Dols, Keith Erikson, parents of Urbana girls and boys swim team, spoke individually about their concerns they have with the Urbana Indoor Aquatics Center closing due to the fire that occurred July 24, 2006. The teams need a place to practice. They would like to expedite the repairs needed to the aquatics center so that the teams will not have to loss time practicing or not be able to host any meets. Mr. Erikson spoke about the information given out to him as he talked with various people regarding the insurance companies and engineering aspect of the repairs. He feels that not all things are being done as efficiently as they could be. Mr. Dols is saddened by the effect that the closing of the aquatics center may have on the boys swim team, as all those that spoke are.

Anne Silvis, Urbana, requested that the Board of Education review a piece of communication given to them regarding a grade given to a summer school student. Superintendent Amberg stated that there will be a meeting regarding this issue at a date to be arranged between the family and administrators.

9.0 PUBLIC HEARING

9.01 Public Hearing of the FY07 District Budget

Public hearing on the 2006-2007 budget was held.

Public hearing was opened for public comment at 7:44 p.m., not having any public comment, public hearing was closed at 7:45 p.m.

9.02 Public Hearing of the FY07 Adult Education Budget

Public hearing on the 2006-2007 Adult Education budget was held.

Public hearing was opened for public comment at 7:45 p.m., not having any public comment, public hearing was closed at 7:46 p.m.

10.0 ACTION ITEMS (If necessary, consent/individual)

10.01 Approval of Personnel Items

Carmelita Thomas, Director of Human Resources requested approval of personnel items presented.

Vice-President Dimit moved to approve item #10.01, seconded by Member Rollins-Gay. Motion passed.

11.0 STUDY TOPIC(S)

11.01 Update on Summer Maintenance Work

Ota Dossett, Director of Facilities, gave an update about the summer maintenance work that has been completed.

Additionally, Urbana Park District Executive Director Vicki Mayes and Mr. Dossett gave a brief update on the status of repairs to the aquatics center due to the fire that happened this summer.

A timeline up to the day was handed to the Board of Education - giving information of what happened and when. As of the time/date of this meeting, the insurance company approved replacement of the pool pak, and the pool pak was ordered during the work day of September 5, 2006. A pool pak normally takes sixteen weeks to build and be shipped. The company said they would put a priority level on the order and the district's should receive it in twelve weeks.

Other issues were discussed and brought up regarding the operational side of having an indoor aquatics center. Ms. Mayes went through what it takes for the air quality and water quality to be at an acceptable level.

Discussion between the board, Mr. Dossett, Ms. Mayes then took place. Vice-President doesn't want to see the insurance company spend \$300,000 on a unit when the Westside (mechanical contractor) has an engineering analysis checking with the pool pak with current conditions - and has had time to compare where the levels are today. Mr. Gibble, Urbana Park District stated that they need to have something in writing.

Discussion of the pool pak and it's size and capabilities were talked about. Mr. Dossett said that the pool pak that was ordered will replace the current/damaged pool pak. The districts can talk at a later date about if another supplemental unit can or should be added.

Athletic Director, Steve Thompson then came forward to speak about plans for the swim team schedule. The girls swim team will practice at the Champaign Country Club during the month of September. Looking at the YMCA - but need to get better times for practice. It may be possible to j join with Unit 4? The girls swim team was to host four meets. All but one meet has been switched to take place of the competitor. The girls season ends November 1, 2006.

Mr. Thompson then said that the boys swim team is scheduled to start practicing by November 20, 2006. Other options have not been looked into, waiting to make sure everything is lined up for the girls season to this date. Parent, Mr. Dols stood up and asked about Coop teams? Response: to have a coop team - an application needed to be filled out and submitted prior to the school beginning.

Superintendent Amberg closed the discussion with a request to better the process of information that is given out to the staff, Board of Education, parents, and all community members.

11.02 FY07 Budget Review and Update

Carol Baker, Director of Business, reviewed the FY07 budget with the Board of Education. David Adcock also spoke to the Board of Education regarding the Urbana Adult Education budget. He mentioned that adult education funding continues to decline.

11.03 Financial Proposal: Working Cash Bond

Carol Baker, Director of Business had a brief discussion with the Board of Education about the working cash bonds.

12.0 CALL FOR FUTURE SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

13.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Vice-President Dimit mentioned that there was in the works a Code of Conduct for coaches to follow. He would like the administrators to revive this and bring it to the board for review.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Netter moved to adjourn to go into executive session to discuss litigation that has been filed and is pending, plus litigation that is probable and eminent in that the District has received a letter from the Urbana Education Association notifying us of its intent to arbitrate two grievances. Motion was seconded Member Summers. On a roll call, all members voted "aye". Motion passed unanimously.

President Hudson declared the meeting adjourned into executive session at 9:16 p.m. There will be no action taken after the executive session.

President

Secretary