

**Urbana Board of Education
Study Session Minutes
Jean F. Burkholder
Administrative Service Center
205 North Race St.
November 7, 2006 @ 7:30 p.m.**

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Hudson called the meeting to order at 7:31 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
Ms. Carol Baker, Director of Business
Ms. Susan Baker-Ory, Director of Special Services
Mr. Ota Dossett, Director of Facilities

3.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA

Charlie Smyth, Urbana, spoke to the Board of Education about the district's long term land use plans. His concerns were about the affordable housing and neighborhood preservation. The neighborhood is concerned about the visual impact this plan will have. Also the loss of taxes on the properties. He would like the Board of Education to give serious consideration for leaving the houses on Race and Washington. The prevailing interest seems to be moving the parking area closer to the corner of Race and Washington. The trick will be to square off the back properties facing Race and Washington. He sees the district having a pretty good parking lot area. Leaving the houses in the green area that is currently labeled park area. The parking lot could be squared off with a wooden fence and vegetative screening. Many planners like to go this route.

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

5.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFINGS AND REPORTS

7.0 POLICY REVIEW

7.01 First Reading of Revised Board Policy 6.480 Administering Medication to Students

Sandy Martin - District Nurse, presented a revised copy of Board Policy 6.480, Administering Medication to Students. Approval will be requested at the November 21, 2006, Business Meeting.

8.0 ACTION ITEMS (individual/consent if needed)

8.01 Personnel Items

Approval of various personnel items will be requested.

Vice-President Dimit moved to approve item #8.01, seconded by Member Rollins-Gay. Motion passed.

9.0 STUDY TOPICS

9.01 School Based Health Center - Program Presentation

Heidi Britton, Director of the School Based Health Center, gave an update to the Board of Education. Please see presentation attached.

9.02 Response to Intervention

Susan Baker-Ory, Jean Korder, Todd Taylor, and Jen Frerichs, presented a PowerPoint to the Board of Education with information about the Response to Intervention.

9.03 Campus Land Use - Revisited

A) Introduction - JJR Report

The campus land use plan that was being reviewed was from March 2003.

B) Issue Identification/Clarification

a) Legal/zoning

The City of Urbana has already voted on their comprehensive plan. The district's campus land use plan was not officially approved at the time. Libby Tyler, Director of the City of Urbana Community Development Services, stated to the board that the notes on file give a

good enough explanation regarding the use of the property that is being discussed. According to her - it is not mandatory that the plan be in the city comprehensive plan.

- b) Financial
The district hopes to acquire the properties as they became available.
- c) Athletic/booster clubs
- d) Neighborhood
Board of Education members want to make sure that the neighborhood/community is getting very clear information. The parking lot is not being expanded, it is being moved. The district plans to acquire properties with the consent of the property owners. The northwest corner is to be used as classroom/instructional space. Trees will not be cleared out.

- C) Next Steps
Vice-President Dimit strongly supports this plan with change to the northwest corner description. Changing it from “landscaped student area” to “landscaped outdoor classroom/instructional area”. The Board of Education will vote to approve this plan at the next Board of Education meeting, Tuesday, November 21, 2006.

Other comments made regarding timeline of plan. It was stated that the district will not be able to do anything with the area of concern until all properties belong to the district.

10.0 CALL FOR FUTURE SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

11.0 SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Ota Dossett, Director of Facilities, reported on the Aquatics Center repairs. The Pool-pak will be shipped on December 14, 2006, and installed between December 18-22, 2006. The insurance company will be removing the damaged unit within the next two and a half weeks.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Vice-President Dimit moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Rollins-Gay. Motion passed.

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