

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**JEAN F. BURKHOLDER**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER**  
**November 21, 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  
Mr. Steve Summers, 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: Ms. Benita Rollins-Gay, Board Member

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

**4.0 CITIZENS STATEMENTS**

Tracy Heilman, 1701 Briarcliff Drive, Urbana, spoke to the board as a Thomas Paine parent with ARAMARK food service concerns. Ms. Heilman expressed her concerns for a healthy meal to be given to the Thomas Paine students. She spoke about witnessing younger students having difficulty handling the flimsy trays full of food, and having to carry their milk. The attitude of ARAMARK staff towards the students.

**5.0 CALL FOR EXECUTIVE MEETING/SESSION (AFTER CURRENT MEETING)**

## 6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*Vice-President Dimit moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Member Fisher. Motion passed.*

## 7.0 COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

The Urbana District Music Department participated in the IMEA (Illinois Music Educators Association) District III Auditions on Monday, October 9, 2006. The following are the students that were selected: **Junior Level (Middle School) Band** - Deven Carter, Jacob Corley, Tatiana Denisova, Amalia Dolan, Emmah King, Patterson Maya, Jessie McCall, Kori McGraw, Nic Morse, Lacey Paquin, Kyle Silver, Korrine Spears, Sophia Spooner, Annie Valocchi, Ivan Villamar, Miranda McCarthy; **Orchestra** - Margaret Camp-Blair, Karen Chiu, Mariah Cotton, Glynn Davis, Katie Einricher, Jennifer Hill, Marissa Jackson, Hannah Kahai, Laura Orozco, Xiaowei Pan, Mercedes Richardson, Kirsten Slaughter, William Joe Smith, Nichol Swaim, Jeffrey Sweedler, Julian Threlkeld, Christina Tsai, Kevin Wen, Ruihang Wu, Sophy Yang; **Chorus** - Catheryn Flores, Jackie Gould, Aldo Rosas-Rossi, Callie Rothschild.

**Senior Level (High School) Band** - Lucy Barnes, Tad Boehmer, Chirstina Byrne, Alex Chin, Amber Choquette, Alana Downie, Chris Keeley, Ben King, Kameron LeShoure, Austin Powell, Kelly Rose, Oliver Swann, Ben Valocchi, Lily Wilcock; **Orchestra Winds**- Peter Deal, Ian Ferguson, Samantha Schwartz; **Orchestra Strings** - Aaron Schwartz, Sherry Yi; **Chorus** - Olivia Bray, Chelsea Grady, Rachel Morris; **Jazz Band**- Tad Boehmer, Peter Deal, Robert Sweedler, Lily Wilcock.

## 8.0 SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

## 9.0 COMMUNICATIONS

The Urbana Alumni Association made grant presentations to the Board of Education and grant recipients.

Kathy Cearlock, UMS - \$2,030.66, 30 dictionaries, 30 thesauruses, 40 Explorer Calculators and storage caddy, teacher's guide and poster  
Nancy Clinton, UMS - \$6,065.36, portion of new stage curtains  
Steve Thompson, UHS - \$3,170.00, equipment for the weight room  
UHS Student Senate - \$1,000, assistance with the Thanksgiving Dinner

## 10.0 REPORTS

Barbara Linder, CU One-to-One Coordinator, updated the Board of Education on district volunteer programs. The district is in its' third year of the three year non-renewable grant. Involvement numbers were given to the board in a handout (attached). Ms. Linder, closed her presentation reading a poem written by one of the volunteer coordinators - Lori Ellinger.

**11.0 ACTION ITEMS (Consent)**

*Member Summers moved to approve the consent action items agenda, seconded by Secretary Netter. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “aye”. Motion passed. Absent: B.Rollins-Gay*

**11.01 Minutes**

October 17, 2006, Business Meeting  
November 7, 2006, Study Session

**11.02 October 30<sup>th</sup> Bills/Checks**

Education Fund bill.....	\$1,461,495.30
Operating & Maintenance Fund bills.....	\$ 104,467.01
Bond & Interest Fund bills.....	\$ 0.00
Transportation Fund bills.....	\$ 191,404.80
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund bills.....	\$ 70,732.32
Construction Fund bills.....	\$ 0.00
Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds.....	\$ 0.00
Fire Prevention and Safety (Levy) .....	\$ 5,008.61
Payroll.....	\$2,291,166.02
Adult Education bills.....	\$ 187,025.11

**11.03 Interfund Loans**

None

**11.04 Personnel Items**

Approval of various personnel items were requested.

**11.05 Appointment of Bank Depository for 2007**

Each year the Board of Education appoints a bank depository for the school district for the next calendar year. It is recommended that Busey Bank be re-appointed as the district's bank depository for 2007.

**12.0 ACTION ITEMS (Individual)**

**12.01 Gifts**

*Vice-President Dimit moved to approve and accept the following gifts, seconded by Member Cumpston. Motion passed.*

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program has donated a total of 164 hours throughout the 05-06 school year. Those volunteering: **Rita Gentry, Becky Hanson, John Hanson, Ruth Latham, Jo Markham, Anna Merritt, Thomas Morgan, Dee Mulligan, and Jean Somers.**

**New Free Will Baptist Church**, Champaign, donated \$200 to the Evelyn Burnett Underwood Instrumental Music Assistance Program at the Urbana Middle School.

**Joanne Chester**, Urbana, donated a Yamaha Flute 3851 to the Evelyn Burnett Underwood Instrumental Music Assistance Program at the Urbana Middle School. This donation was valued at \$400.

A 3/4 violin and a 4/4 violin was donated to the Urbana High School Orchestra by an anonymous donor. This donation was valued at \$100.

**Gerald Dejong and Renee Baillargeon**, Urbana, donated \$1,000 to the Leal Trust Account.

**Neil and Jennifer Kelleher**, Urbana, donated \$175 to purchase a computer cart for Gail Beck's classroom at Leal Elementary School.

**Kena Chapman**, Parkland Chemistry Lab, Champaign, donated glass beakers and ring stands to the Urbana High School Chemistry Labs. This donation was valued at \$635.

**Urbana Knights of Columbus**, Urbana, donated \$500 to the Thomas Paine Elementary School to purchase special education materials.

**UHS Class of 1986** (Carol McCabe), donated \$1,200 to Urbana High School to purchase a ticket booth for the football field. This booth has already been purchased and is placed on the southwest corner of the field.

**Karen Metz and Patrick Weatherhead**, Urbana, donated \$100 to the Urbana Middle School Band Activity Account.

**12.02**      **2006 Tax Levy**

Information was provided to the Board of Education regarding the proposed 2006 tax levy. Approval was requested.

*Vice-President Dimit moved to approve item #12.02, seconded by Member Summers. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye". Motion passed. Absent: B.Rollins-Gay*

**12.03**      **Approval of Renewal of the Mass-Transit District Contract for 2006-2007**

Approval was requested to renew the 2006-2007 Mass Transit District contract at a cost of approximately \$139,835.

*Secretary Netter moved to approve item #12.03, seconded by Member Cumpston. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye". Motion passed. Absent: B.Rollins-Gay*

**12.04**      **Approval of the Campus Land Use Plan**

Approval was requested to go forward with the Campus Land Use Plan.

*Vice-President Dimit moved to approve item #12.04, seconded by Secretary Netter. Motion passed.*

**12.05 Approval of Revised Board Policy 6.480 - Administering Medication to Students**

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Approval of the revised board policy 6.480 - Administering Medication to Students was requested.

*Vice-President Dimit moved to approve item #12.05, seconded by Secretary Netter. Motion passed.*

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

**14.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Ota Dossett, Director of Facilities, gave an Aquatics Center update to the Board of Education. The following timeline was given:

Dec. 4-8 West Side Mechanical to remove damaged pool pak  
Dec. 11-15 Address any other findings  
Dec. 19 10:00 a.m. delivery of new pool pak to the roof  
Dec. 19 and after - fill pool and get activity in the pool to run the system to make sure all levels are were they are suppose to be

Superintendent told the Board of Education and public that the district was having difficulty with incoming and outgoing email. It hopefully will be back up and running soon.

Member Cumpston had two committee reports:

Bilingual: running strong, #'s are bigger at UMS and UHS - everyone needs to be aware, UI offered to give training on how to work/teach ESL students, translation constant awareness.

Technology: policies on adding devices (including personal equip) are being developed, funds distributed to schools, not enough funds so the schools are having to prioritize.

**15.0 ADJOURNMENT**

*Vice-President Dimit moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Fisher. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye". Motion passed. Absent: B.Rollins-Gay*

*President Hudson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.*

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President

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Secretary