

MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
JEAN F. BURKHOLDER
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER
February 20, 2007
7:30 P.M.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Hudson called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA

4.0 CITIZENS STATEMENTS

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

6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

7.0 COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

The following students attended the Illinois Music Educators Association (IMEA) All-State Conference. Students and their placement: All State Choir - Olivia Bray and Chelsea Grady; Honors Choir - Rachel Morris; Honors Orchestra (Piccolo) - Samantha Schwartz, Honors Band (Clarinet) - Lucy Barnes and Christina Byrne; Honors Band (Alto Clarinet) - Ben Valocchi; All-State Band (Trumpet 1st Chair) - Tad Boehmer, Honors Orchestra (Trombone) - Peter Deal.

8.0 SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

9.0 COMMUNICATIONS

10.0 REPORTS

Ota Dossett, Director of Facilities, gave a brief report on work that the district would like to complete with the working cash bond funds. A handout was given out to the Board of Education.

11.0 ACTION ITEMS (Consent)

Vice-President Dimit moved to approve the modified action consent items, seconded by Member Summers. Motion passed.

11.01 Minutes
None

11.02 <u>February Bills/Checks</u>	
Education Fund bill.....	\$1,309,691.94
Operating & Maintenance Fund bills.....	\$ 127,693.04
Bond & Interest Fund bills.....	\$ 522.50
Transportation Fund bills.....	\$ 206,471.80
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund bills.....	\$ 69,713.77
Construction Fund bills.....	\$ 0.00
Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds.....	\$ 0.00
Fire Prevention and Safety (Levy).....	\$ 3,060.00
Payroll.....	\$2,264,801.02
Adult Education Bills.....	\$ 123,680.56

11.03 Interfund Loans
None

11.04 Personnel Items
moved to #12.01

11.05 Approval of the March 30th Bills for Payment
Approval will be requested, in advance, for the March 30th bills payable. Copies of these bills will be included with the April board agenda materials.

12.0 ACTION ITEMS (Individual)

12.01 Personnel Items

Approval of Employee Disciplinary Matter

Secretary Netter moved to place Janice Bradley on paid suspension effective February 7, 2007 through the end of the school year, or unless modified by the Board of Education On a roll call all members present voted “aye”.

12.02 Gifts

Member Rollins-Gay moved to accept and approve the following gifts, seconded by Member Summers. Motion passed.

Two donations were made by **Bill and Ruth Plymire (in memory of Richard and Minnie Stephens)** and the **Urbana Knight’s of Columbus** to the ASSIST program at Prairie Elementary. The donation’s totaled 742.62 and will be used for classroom supplies.

Carl and Elsa Gunter, Urbana, donated \$576.45 to the Mary Hart Fund at Leal Elementary. This donation will be used to purchase Lego Mindstorm sets for the After School Enrichment program.

David Wilcox, representative of Motorola, donated \$134 to the UHS Drama Club. This donation is part of the Motorola matching gifts program.

James Webster, Lincoln Square Village, donated \$2,000 to the Urbana High School Madrigals. This donation will be used to attend a Cappella workshop.

C-U Elks Club, Savoy, donated a Dell laptop, Samsung digital camera, tripod, remote microphone and StudioPlus software to the Washington Early Childhood Social Workers. This donation is valued at \$1,800.00.

Wal-Mart, Urbana, donated \$1,800 to support Mrs. Mary Beth, WEC Family Coordinator, projects/activity bags for Washington Early Childhood students.

12.03 Working Cash Bond Resolution

Carol Baker, Director of Business, requested approval of the working cash bond resolution.

Vice-President Dimit moved to approve item #12.03, seconded by Member Rollins-Gay. Vice-President Dimit spoke about how this will provide the district with the ability to make some extremely well needed improvements to the buildings so they do not continue to deteriorate and end up costing the district more to fix them later. Also, it’s important to note that this is being done in matter that slows down the drop in Urbana’s tax rate. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “aye”. Motion passed.

12.04 Approval of Sale of Surplus Trailers

Approval was recommended to declare two trailers as surplus from the Facilities Services Department. These trailers will be sold on EBay or by public bid at a later date.

Secretary Netter moved to approve item #12.04, seconded by Member Cumpston. On a roll call all members present voted "aye". Motion passed.

12.05 Extension of the Cooperative Agreement

Approval was requested to extend the Cooperative Agreement between the Trustees of the University of Illinois and the Urbana School District for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

Member Rollins-Gay moved to approve item #12.05, seconded by Member Fisher. On a roll call, all members present voted "aye". Motion passed.

12.06 Life Safety Amendments

Ota Dossett, Director of Facilities Services, requested approval for life safety work to be done the Summer of 2007.

Vice-President Dimit moved to file amendments with the state, (item #12.06), seconded by Member Rollins-Gay. On a roll call, all members present voted "aye". Motion passed.

13.0 CALL FOR FUTURE SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

Note was made about the upcoming Roundtable - will be held at the Urbana Middle School in Room 1520 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

14.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

March 5-16 ISAT Testing going on in schools.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Vice-President Dimit moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Summers. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye". Motion passed.

President Hudson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

President

Secretary