

MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
JEAN F. BURKHOLDER
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER
March 13, 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

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

Absent: Mr. Steve Summers, Board Member

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

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

7.0 COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

Nancy Fehr, 1st Grade Teacher, Wiley Elementary, has been selected to receive the “Women of Distinction Award” from the Green Meadows Girl Scout council. The awards banquet was held on Tuesday, March 6, 2007.

8.0 SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

9.0 COMMUNICATIONS

10.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

11.0 ACTION ITEMS (Consent)

*Vice-President Dimit moved to approve the following consent action items, seconded by Secretary Netter. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “aye”. Motion passed.
Absent: S.Summers*

11.01 Minutes

January 16, 2007, Business Meeting
February 6, 2007, Study Session
February 15, 2007, Special Meeting
February 20, 2007, Business Meeting
March 6, 2007, Study Session

11.02 Interfund Loans

The following interfund loans will be required to cover the necessary operating costs of the school district until the next meeting of the Board of Education:

Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund	\$1,500,000
Working Cash Fund to the Transportation Fund	\$ 200,000
Working Cash Fund to the O & M Fund	\$ 500,000

11.03 Personnel Items

Approval of various personnel items is being requested.

11.04 Pre-Approval to Sell Donated Item

Pre-Approval will be requested to hold an auction to benefit King Elementary School, by selling a donated Negro League Baseball sports memorabilia chair valued at \$3,500.

11.05 Approval of Sale of Surplus Vehicle

Approval will be requested to sell a surplus vehicle from the Facilities Services Department.

12.0 ACTION ITEMS (Individual)

12.01 Gifts

The following donated money to the Urbana School District to provide exams and glasses for students unable to access services: **Urbana Rotary** - \$2,500, **C.K. Gunsalus and Michael Walker** - \$300, **New Eyes for the Needy** - \$2,000.

Beth Newsome, Urbana, donated a brand new Nebulizer to be placed in a school when needed.

Peter Fox, Fox Development, Champaign, donated \$2,565 to support the Wiley Elementary extended day instructional program.

Heinricher Family, Urbana, donated a cello to the Urbana Middle School Orchestra Department. This donation was valued at \$999.

Ernie Westfield, Urbana, donated a Negro League Baseball sports memorabilia chair valued at \$3,500, to the King Elementary School which will be auctioned off. Proceeds will go towards a new marquee at King Elementary School.

Secretary Netter moved to accept and approve the above gifts, seconded by Vice-President Dimit. Motion passed.

12.02 Sale of Farmland

After a bid opening on March 12, 2007, approval was requested to accept the highest bid. A recommendation was provided at the meeting.

Vice-President Dimit moved to approve item #12.02, accepting a bid from Menards, Inc. for the amount of \$275,999.99 (\$15,593.22 per acre), seconded by Member Rollins-Gay. On a roll call all members present voted "aye". Motion passed. Absent: S.Summers

13.0 CALL FOR FUTURE SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

14.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ota Dossett, Director of Facilities and Grounds, discussed with the Board of Education improvement options to be completed during the 2007 year.

Things he would like to see completed: replace sink bases at Wiley, Thomas Paine, Washington Early Childhood; provide AC for Thomas Paine Library, North and South hallways; pave Thomas Paine Elementary parking lot; install exterior security cameras at all USD116 schools; exterior painting at Yankee Ridge Elementary School; replacement of balcony folding doors at the Urbana Middle School; mini boiler at Urbana Middle

School; lighting improvements energy at Wiley; energy management controls at elementary buildings; technology infrastructure for all buildings; and fields improvements for education instruction. More information/discussion will take place at future meetings.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

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

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

President

Secretary