

**MINUTES
STUDY SESSION
URBANA BOARD OF EDUCATION
JEAN F. BURKHOLDER
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER
April 3, 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 MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

4.0 CITIZENS STATEMENTS

Ross McNeil, Urbana, spoke to the board on behalf of the softball boosters. He expressed their concern of the softball field being relocated to the old baseball field site. They would like to have some input as to the new location of the softball field.

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

There will be an executive session after the current meeting for the purpose of appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, including hearing, testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120(c)(1)

Also for the purpose of collective bargaining matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2)

6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice-President Dimit moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Member Netter. Motion passed.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFINGS AND REPORTS

7.01 Recognition of Urbana High School Students

Alex Chin, UHS Senior, has placed in the top 10% of the nationally recognized National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts' (NFAA) youngARTS program. He was selected from over 7,306 registrants to the program for his exceptional artistic accomplishment, and was among 648 award recipients nationwide. His art form and award level was: music/instrumental/French horn - merit.

Taneya Tuell and Christina Rinkenberger, UHS Seniors, were selected as Golden Apple Scholars. They were nominated by a teacher/administrator, went through an application process, and had to write essays. Out of 2,000 plus applicants, they are two out of 100 total recipients. They were inducted at an awards banquet held at The Field Museum in Chicago, on March 31, 2007

Matt Rosenberger, UHS Senior, was named to the 14th IHSA All-State Academic Team, presented by Catapillar. Matt was one of twenty-six students selected out of 400. He will be recognized at a banquet in Bloomington on April 23, 2007.

7.02 Presentation of Urbana Alumni Association Grant Recipients

C.K. Gunsalus and Jerry Ragle, representatives of the Urbana Alumni Association presented checks to the following staff/clubs for equipment/supplies that were requested: Gary Appelfstadt - UMS; Leslie McClintock - UMS; UHS Track Dept. - UHS; UHS Math Club; UHS swim boosters. These gifts totaled: \$2,850.

8.0 POLICY REVIEW

9.0 PUBLIC HEARING

10.0 ACTION ITEMS (Consent)

10.01 Illinois High School Association Resolution

Board approval was requested to renew the district's membership with the Illinois High School Association (IHSA).

Member Cumpston moved to approve item #10.01, seconded by Member Summers. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye". Motion passed unanimously.

11.0 STUDY TOPIC(S)

11.01 District Technology Phase II Report

John Morrow, Director of Instructional Technology, discussed the district technology phase II with the Board of Education.

John spoke about being in phase two of three. A handout (attached) was given to the board members showing what has been completed and what still needs attention. Bottom line comes down to finances. There were some questions asked as to what certain amounts of money would fund. Staffing is another one of the technology department's concerns and hopes for future budget add-ons. The plan was required for NCLB, Fed and State grants, and the eRate program. This expires June 30, 2008.

11.02 Campus Land Use Committee Report

Vic Isaksen, architect, spoke to the board about the campus land use plan. The areas of discussion were: planning issues, proposed improvements, academic functional uses, athletic functional uses, and advantages of the proposed plan. The next area of discussion was the budget and how much certain items would cost. Synthetic turf/football stadium - \$785k; girls softball field - \$20k; and soccer facilities - \$75k - \$500k. Questions were then asked. The district is currently paying \$7,000 plus mowing, labor, water use, and labor to keep the current field in the condition it is in. It would take two to three months (summer 08) to complete the stadium work. The timeframe for the baseball/softball field to be completed would be one to two weeks. If restrooms are added to the plan, this would take additional time.

12.0 CALL FOR FUTURE SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

13.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

Vice-President Dimit moved to adjourn the meeting to executive session, seconded by Secretary Netter. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye". Motion passed unanimously.

President Hudson declared the meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:50 p.m. There will be no action after the executive session.

President

Secretary