

Synopsis
Urbana School District 116
Study Session
Tuesday, April 3, 2007

Four Urbana High School Seniors were recognized by the board for outstanding achievements this spring.

Alex Chin placed in the top 10% of the nationally recognized National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts' (NFAA) youngARTS program.

Taney Tuell and **Christina Rinkenberger** were selected Golden Apple Scholars and were inducted at an awards banquet held at the Field Museum in Chicago on March 31, 2007.

Matt Rosenberger was named to the 14th IHSA All-State Academic Team, presented by Caterpillar. He will be recognized at a banquet in Bloomington on April 23, 2007.

Tina Gunsalus, Jerry Ragle and Mary Klein representing the Urbana Alumni Association presented the following grants:

\$350 to Gary Apfelstadt, Urbana Middle School Science Teacher for the Lego Robotics project

\$390 to Leslie McClintock for the Urbana Middle School Reading Dimensions Program

\$1,000 toward the purchase of Urbana High School track equipment

\$750 to the Urbana High School Math Club and Math Team

\$315 toward the purchase of timing equipment for the Aquatic Center

Membership in the Alumni Association is open to all who have an interest in supporting the children and schools of Urbana District #116. Since its inception in 1995, the Alumni Association has awarded \$570,000 dollars to district programs supporting our children.

The Board then heard two study session reports.

The first was an update on the District's Technology plan. John Morrow, Director of Instructional Technology, outlined progress that has been made in implementing the district's three year plan for technology. We are completing year two of the plan this year. Mr. Morrow highlighted the Community Involvement, Curriculum and Instruction, and Professional Development aspects of the plan.

In the second study topic, Vic Isaksen, gave the report for the Campus Land Use Committee. This report focused on the Urbana High School/Urbana Middle School Campus. Primary concerns have focused on the loss of Physical Education and Athletic field space on the joint campus. This loss of space is a result of the additions at both the

High School and Middle School including the Aquatic Center. Among the suggestions for consideration of the board is the idea of using a permanent synthetic surface on the football field. The field is used only 12-15 times per year yet represents 25% of the available outdoor space on the campus. An estimated cost of making this change is \$785,000. The space recouped could be used for Physical Education and other activities including Marching Band practice. The plan also gives consideration to moving the Softball field to the area last used by the Baseball team and creating a Baseball field where the current Softball field is located.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of personnel items and collective bargaining issues. With no additional board business to be conducted after the executive session, the public meeting concluded at 8:51 p.m.