

Synopsis
Urbana School District 116
Study Session
Tuesday, April 17, 2007

The Board of Education meeting on Tuesday evening was relatively brief with a small number of business items that followed a short period of public comment.

During the public input portion of the meeting, concerns and interests related to the campus use plan for the Urbana High and Urbana Middle School were presented. The Girl's Softball Boosters have invested many hours of time and effort in the development of the current field. Boosters request that if any changes are made to the location of the Softball field, that the board will assure that the new field will have a comparable level of quality and amenities.

The Board received the following gifts: two full sized bows for violins donated to the Urbana High School/Elementary Schools Band by Brittany Johnson; a cash donation to the Urbana School District Band Activity Account from Cora Musial; and, a cash donation from Matthew and Amy Ando to the Leal Elementary-Mary Hart Fund for the purchase of a Lego Mindstorm set for the after school enrichment program.

The Board approved a contract extension for district wide cleaning services from Environmental Solutions and Services (ESS) for the 2007-2008 school year.

A life safety asbestos removal contract was approved for DEM Services of Bellwood, Illinois for projects to be completed this summer.

The Board also approved an abatement of the Working Cash fund for a transfer of \$2,000,000 to the Operations and Maintenance Fund. This will allow the district to proceed on the \$1.1 million of approved projects and leave approximately \$800,000 for additional projects which are currently under consideration by the Board.

During his report to the Board, Dr. Amberg gave an update on the progress in hiring new principals at Wiley and Thomas Paine Elementary. He also commented on the progress in the search for a new principal at Prairie Elementary.

Dr. Amberg also announced that at the May 1st study session, public input would be taken on how we can improve walking and bicycling to school in our community.

Board Member Cope Cumpston reported to the Board on her participation at the April 4th meeting of the Bilingual Education Committee.

With there being no further business to conduct, the Board then adjourned to Executive Session for the discussion of items related to possible litigation.

The next meeting of the board will be a Board study session on Tuesday, May 1, 2007

submitted by John Muirhead