

**MINUTES
STUDY SESSION
URBANA BOARD OF EDUCATION
JEAN F. BURKHOLDER
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER
May 1, 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. Benita Rollins-Gay, Board Member
Mr. Steve Summers, Board Member

Also Present: Dr. Gene Amberg, 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: Ms. Cope Cumpston, Board Member

3.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

A modification to the agenda as follows: move items 12.0 - 22.0 to 7.0 - 17.0. Moving everything else after the canvassing.

4.0 CITIZENS STATEMENTS

Public input was requested on how we can improve walking and bicycling to school in our community. To view current School Travel Plan, please go to www.usd116.org. No public comments were made.

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

6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

7.0 (12.0) CANVASS OF BOARD OF ELECTION RESULTS OF APRIL 5, 2005

7.01 Motion to authorize the canvass of the election and to proclaim the results.

Vice-President Dimit moved to approve item #7.01, seconded by Member Rollins-Gay. Motion passed.

7.02 Resolution Canvassing Results of Election.

Secretary of the Board of Education announces results of the election as verified by the canvass, and records ballots received.

Sub-District 1:	Brenda Carter	54
Sub-District 2:	Benita A. Gay	91
Sub-District 6:	Steve Summers	347
Sub-District 7:	John Dimit	266

7.03 Resolution Declaring Election of Candidates.

President declares which three candidates were elected for a four-year terms, and which candidate was elected for a two year term.

All candidates were selected for a four year term.

7.04 Certification of Canvassing Board and Abstract of Votes.

The Board of Education Secretary is directed to complete the Certification of Canvassing Board and ask each board members to execute same, and transmit a signed copy (or duplicate of the original) of the form to the County Clerk and the State Board of Elections.

7.05 Oath of Office

by newly elected board member(s) by Secretary of Board.

All four elected board members said the oath of office.

8.0 (13.0) RECOGNITION OF RETIRING MEMBER (S)

Retiring Board President Joyce Hudson received words from all board members. Superintendent Amberg gave a gift on behalf of the staff, students, and family to Joyce. He also said some parting words for her. Joyce then gave her statement stating that she has enjoyed getting to know the board members, but she would not miss the Tuesday night meetings. Joyce then gave chair duties to Vice-President Dimit.

9.0 (14.0) MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE

Member Hudson moved to approve item #9.0, seconded by Member Netter. Motion passed.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

10.0 (15.0) CALL TO ORDER

by temporary chairperson immediately selected by the Board.

Member Summers was voted temporary chair.

11.0 (16.0) ROLL CALL BY SECRETARY PRO TEM,

who may be retiring secretary or board member selected by the board.

Present: Brenda Carter, John Dimit, Ruth Ann Fisher, Mark Netter,
Benita Rollins-Gay, Steve Summers

Absent: Cope Cumpston

12.0 (17.0) TERM OF OFFICE.

The Board may establish a one-year term of office in lieu of statutory term of two-years. A resolution to establish a term of office for one-year should be adopted.

Board established a two-year term for each office.

13.0 (18.0) ELECTION OF PERMANENT OFFICERS:

- a. President - Mark Netter
- b. Vice-President - John Dimit
- c. Secretary - Ruth Ann Fisher
- d. Secretary Pro Tem - Benita Rollins-Gay

On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye" to the slate of officers. Motion passed unanimously. Absent: Member Cumpston.

14.0 (19.0) ESTABLISH REGULAR MEETING DATE, TIME, AND PLACE

Meetings will be held on the first and third Tuesday of each month. There will be no board meetings held during the month of July. Meetings will take place at the Jean F. Burkholder Administrative Service Center, 205 North Race, Urbana, IL 61801, start time of 7:30 p.m.

15.0 (20.0) RATIFICATION OF ACTS OF RETIRING BOARD

Member Summers moved to ratify acts of retiring board, seconded by Secretary Fisher. Motion passed.

16.0 (21.0) RECESS

17.0 (22.0) REOPEN MEETING (with new board member(s))

President Netter re-opened the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

18.0 (7.0) ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFINGS AND REPORTS

18.01 Wellness Committee Update

Carol Baker, gave a wellness committee update to the Board of Education. She reviewed the results of the school wellness policy survey that was completed by all building principals.

19.0 (8.0) POLICY REVIEW

20.0 (9.0) PUBLIC HEARING

21.0 (10.0) ACTION ITEMS (Consent)

21.01 Personnel Items

Approval was requested for various personnel items.

Vice-President Dimit moved to approve item #21.0, seconded by Member Rollins-Gay. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye".
Absent: Member Cumpston

22.0 (11.0) STUDY TOPIC(S)

22.01 School Improvement Plans

The following schools presented their individual school improvement plans to the board.

- Wiley Elementary School - Joan Fortschneider
- Gerber School/Cunningham Children's Home - Sandy Cooper
- Prairie Elementary School - Gayle Jeffries
- Leal Elementary School - Spencer Landsman

23.0 CALL FOR FUTURE SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

24.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S/BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

- Negotiations
- Wednesday, UMS Band Concert @ 7:00 p.m.
- UEA/BOE Luncheon at Yankee Ridge - Thursday
- CUSF Distinguished Alumni Luncheon - Friday
- BOE Committees to be reviewed for updating
- BOE Business Mtg will have CUSF Grants handed out and Elementary Fine Arts will have artwork to present to the board

25.0 ADJOURNMENT

Vice-President Dimit moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Rollins-Gay. Motion passed.

President

Secretary