

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**JEAN F. BURKHOLDER**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER**  
**May 15, 2007**  
**7:30 P.M.**

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

President Netter called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

**2.0 ROLL CALL**

Present: Mr. Mark Netter, President  
Mr. John Dimit, Vice-President  
Ms. Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary  
Ms. Benita Rollins-Gay, Secretary Pro Tem  
Ms. Brenda Carter, Board Member  
Ms. Cope Cumpston, Board Member

Absent: 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 and Grounds  
Ms. Carmelita Thomas, Director of Human Resources

**3.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA**

It was requested to move the artwork presentation/update (10.01) and the CUSF presentation (7.0) before the citizen's statements.

*Member Fisher moved to approve this modification, seconded by Member Rollins-Gay. Motion passed.*

**4.0 CITIZENS STATEMENTS**

Rachel Carter, 812 East California, Urbana, spoke to the Board of Education as a parent, USD employee, and part of Leal Elementary PTA. Her concern is how the district handles the knowledge of a sexual predator on the grounds of a school. If the school

officials would tell parents of any concerns of a questionable person hanging around the school, parents would be able to be more alert and explain to the children what to do and not to do. She doesn't feel there is enough being done to protect the students. She is very disturbed by what she has seen at the schools.

**5.0 CALL FOR EXECUTIVE MEETING/SESSION (AFTER CURRENT MEETING)**

**6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**7.0 COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

Betty Allen - Elementary Fine Arts Coordinator and students, will present the Board of Education with artwork completed by the students. *This item was moved before the citizens statements.*

Champaign-Urbana Schools Foundation representatives will be present to recognize Urbana teachers that have been awarded a FY08 grant: Debbie Smith-Leal; Sara Goldschlack-UMS; Leslie McClintock-UMS; Debra Montgerard-Prairie; Judy Powell-Yankee Ridge; Mark Foley-UMS; Kathy Cearlock-UMS; Deborah Fell-UHS; Michael Pollock-UHS; Corrine Griest-Washington Early Childhood; Meghan Miller-UMS. The total of these grants: \$13,743.50. *This item was moved before the citizens statements.*

During a recent meeting, the following received the "Youth of the Month Award" presented by the Exchange Club of Urbana: Erik Allgood, Ornella Hgamboma, Stefone McDonald, Taneya Tuell, Robert Walker, Lucenda Barnes. The "Youth of the Year" award was given to Lucenda Barnes.

Joshua Stone and Maribeth Holhubner, Seniors at Urbana High School, have received a Parkland Community College Scholarship Award. This is a two-year scholarship of \$750 per semester sponsored by the Exchange Club of Urbana.

The WYSE state physics competition was held on Tuesday, April 17, 2007. Winner of first place and a \$2,000 scholarship to the University of Illinois was Urbana High School Senior Artem Rogachev.

Alexa Wirth, an Urbana High School graduate and University of Illinois student, was one of two persons selected as the 2006-2007 Tutor of the Year by the University of Illinois at a special event held on April 11, 2007. She was selected from over 400 U of I students who work as America Reads Tutors in the Urbana and Champaign School Districts. She served as a tutor at Leal Elementary where she was nominated by Cathy Simon and Diane Goodwine.

## 8.0 POLICY REVIEW

- 8.01 **First Reading of Board Policy #2.421 Medical Emergency Plan**  
First reading of Board Policy #2.421, Medical Emergency Plan was given to the board. Approval will be requested at the June 5<sup>th</sup>, Board of Education study session.
- 8.02 **First Reading of Revised Board Policy #4.290 Staff Development - Board Credit - Certified Staff Policy**  
First reading of revised Board Policy #4.290 Staff Development - Board Credit - Certified Staff policy was given to the board. Approval will be requested at the June 5<sup>th</sup>, Board of Education study session.
- 8.03 **First Reading of Revised Board Policy #6.110 Compulsory Attendance Policy**  
First reading of revised Board Policy #6.110 Compulsory Attendance policy was given to the board. Approval will be requested at the June 5<sup>th</sup>, Board of Education study session.
- 8.04 **First Reading of Revised Board Policy #6.123 Student Residency Policy**  
First reading of revised Board Policy #6.123 Student Residency policy was given to the board. Approval will be requested at the June 5<sup>th</sup>, Board of Education study session.
- 8.05 **First Reading of Revised Board Policy #6.133 Attendance and Truancy Policy**  
First reading of revised Board Policy #6.133 Attendance and Truancy policy was given to the board. Approval will be requested at the June 5<sup>th</sup>, Board of Education study session.
- 8.06 **First Reading of Revised Board Policy #6.222 Misconduct or Disobedience Policy**  
First reading of revised Board Policy #6.222 Misconduct or Disobedience policy was given to the board. Approval will be requested at the June 5<sup>th</sup>, Board of Education study session.
- 8.07 **First Reading of Board Policy #6.351 High School Credit for Proficiency Policy**  
First reading of revised Board Policy #6.351 High School Credit for Proficiency policy was given to the board. Approval will be requested at the June 5<sup>th</sup>, Board of Education study session.
- 8.08 **First Reading of Board Policy #7.434 Home and Hospital Instruction Policy**  
First reading of revised Board Policy #7.434 Home and Hospital Instruction policy was given to the board. Approval will be requested at the June 5<sup>th</sup>, Board of Education study session.

**9.0 COMMUNICATIONS**

**10.0 REPORTS**

**10.01 Fine Arts Presentation**

Betty Allen made a short Fine Arts Department presentation. *This was move to before the citizen statements.*

**10.02 District Library Program Annual Report**

Martha Rinne, district library coordinator, presented the annual report on the status of the district library program. Ms. Rinne pleaded to the Board of Education about supporting and funding of the new software John Morrow, Director of Instructional Technology requested. Ms. Rinne then went on to describe the website, digital info resources, and how they developed new standards based on model and aligned with NCLB. She then closed with a PowerPoint spotlighting all the district library's.

**11.0 ACTION ITEMS (Consent)**

*Vice-President Dimit moved to approve the action consent items that follow, seconded by Member Carter. On a roll call, all member present voted "aye". Motion passed. Absent: S.Summers*

**11.01 Minutes**

Study Session, April 3, 2007  
Business Meeting, April 17, 2007  
Study Session, May 1, 2007

**11.02 May Bills/Checks**

Education Fund bill.....	\$1,531,562.60
Operating & Maintenance Fund bills.....	\$ 126,603.22
Bond & Interest Fund bills.....	\$ 131,342.72
Transportation Fund bills.....	\$ 28,077.09
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund bills.....	\$ 69,629.74
Construction Fund bills.....	\$ 0.00
Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds.....	\$ 135,135.17
Fire Prevention and Safety (Levy).....	\$ 0.00
Payroll.....	\$2,271,827.97
Adult Education Bills.....	\$ 129,563.04

**11.03 Interfund Loans**

None

**11.04 Personnel Items**

Approval of various personnel items were requested.

**11.05 Approval to Sell Surplus Vehicles**

David Adcock, Director of Urbana Adult Education, requested approval to sell three surplus vehicles on eBay or by public bid at a later date.

**11.06 Endorsement of the School Travel Plan**

Carol Baker, Director of Business, requested Board of Education to endorse the School Travel Plan.

**11.07 Extension of 408 Kenwood Road, Champaign, Lease**

David Adcock, Director of Urbana Adult Education, requested approval to extend the lease of 408 Kenwood Road (Storefront). This lease would be valid June 1, 2007 to May 31, 2008.

**12.0 ACTION ITEMS (Individual)**

**12.01 Gifts**

City of Urbana - Landscape Recycling Center donated \$80 worth of chip mulch and leaf compost to Leal Elementary School for the Leal garden.

Paula Blakely - Illini FS, donated a garden shed for the Leal garden. This gift is valued at \$624.

Richard and Renee Clift, Urbana, donated a Leblanc Concerto Clarinet (professional) to the middle and high school band program. This gift is valued at \$2,000.

*Member Fisher moved to accept the above gifts, seconded by Member Rollins-Gay. Motion passed.*

**12.02 Approval of Food Service Contract Renewal**

Carol Baker, Director of Business, recommended the Board renew the district contract with ARAMARK. ARAMARK requested an increase in the rates for our food service management contract for the 2007-2008 school year. They requested an overall estimated increase of 3.2% (CPI is 3.3%) in our contract. This is our third renewal of our contract with ARAMARK, which was bid out in 2004.

*Vice-President Dimit moved to approve item #12.02, seconded by Member Fisher. Discussion: It was stated to be sure that the District implements a committee next year. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye". Motion passed. Absent: S.Summers*

**12.03 Approval of Bids Received for Sanitary Hauling and Recycling**

Carol Baker, Director of Business, recommended that the board accept the 1<sup>st</sup> year extension for sanitary hauling from Allied Waste Services. Allied Waste Services has two one year extensions available of their contract.

*Vice-President Dimit moved to approve item #12.03, seconded by Member Carter. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye". Motion passed.*

**13.0 POLICY REVIEW**

**14.0 CALL FOR FUTURE SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETINGS**

There was a call for an executive session on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007. This will be 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)

**15.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Amberg reminded the Board of Education a couple calendar items: May 27<sup>th</sup> - Commencement, and June 1<sup>st</sup> - last day of school.

**16.0 ADJOURNMENT**

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

*President Netter declared the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.*

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President

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Secretary