

**MINUTES  
STUDY SESSION  
URBANA BOARD OF EDUCATION  
JEAN F. BURKHOLDER  
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER  
205 NORTH RACE STREET  
URBANA, IL 61801  
June 5, 2007  
7:30 p.m.**

\* Prior to the meeting (7:15 p.m.), a reception was held for the retirees \*

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

President Netter called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**2.0 ROLL CALL**

Present: Mr. Mark Netter, President  
Mr. John Dimit, Vice-President (7:38 p.m.)  
Ms. Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary  
Ms. Benita Rollins-Gay, Secretary Pro Tem  
Ms. Brenda Carter, Board Member  
Ms. Cope Cumpston, Board Member  
Mr. Steve Summers, Board Member (left @ 7:55 p.m.)

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 MODIFICATION OF AGENDA**

*The retirees below were recognized before the meeting opened. Item 8.0 was postponed and will take place during the June 19, 2007, business meeting. Item 9.11 was moved before Item 9.01.*

**4.0 CITIZEN STATEMENTS**

Judy Powell, Urbana, spoke to the Board of Education about her reflections of the time spent working in the Urbana School District 116. Statement is attached.

Evelyn Underwood, Urbana, asked the Board of Education and administrators for some clarification on one of the board manual policies that was on the agenda for approval. Mainly, Item 9.05, student residency. She had a problem with page 1, paragraph 4, this being transportation to school of a military student if living outside the Unit 116 boundaries.

**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 Fisher. Motion passed.*

**7.0 RECOGNITIONS**

The board recognized the teachers/staff that retired from the district prior to the meeting.

*Cathy Allen-Simon, Gene Amberg, Jennifer Bell, Janice Bradley, Joan Fortschneider, Phyllis Gingold, Katherine Gorski, Penny Hanna, Jonell Hastings, Larry Johnson, Waunita Kinoshita, Christina Locher, Jane Marriott, Judy Powell, Barb Thoma, Carmelita Thomas, Pamela VanWalleghen, Ann West, and Jim Zimmerman.*

**8.0 ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFINGS AND REPORTS**

Gail Rost, Executive Director of Champaign-Urbana Schools Foundation, will  
~~POSTPONED~~

**9.0 ACTION ITEMS (If necessary, consent/individual)**

**9.01 Personnel Items**

Approval of various personnel items were requested.

*Member Carter moved to approve item #9.01, seconded by Member Rollins-Gay. Motion passed.*

*Vice-President Dimit moved to approve Items: 9.02, 9.03, 9.04, 9.07, 9.08, 9.09, 9.10, as action consent items, seconded by Member Cumpston. Motion passed.*

**9.02 Approval of Board Policy #2.421 Medical Emergency Plan**

Approval of Board Policy #2.421, Medical Emergency Plan was requested.

**9.03 Approval of Revised Board Policy #4.290 Staff Development - Board Credit - Certified Staff Policy**

Approval of revised Board Policy #4.290 Staff Development - Board Credit - Certified Staff policy was requested.

**9.04 Approval of Revised Board Policy #6.110 Compulsory Attendance Policy**

Approval of revised Board Policy #6.110 Compulsory Attendance policy was requested.

*Member Rollins-Gay moved to postpone items: 9.05 and 9.06 until the next board meeting, June 19, 2007.*

**9.05 Approval of Revised Board Policy #6.123 Student Residency Policy**

Approval of revised Board Policy #6.123 Student Residency policy was requested.

**9.06**

**postponed**  
Approval of revised Board Policy #6.133 Attendance and Truancy policy will be requested.

**9.07 Approval of Revised Board Policy #6.222 Misconduct or Disobedience Policy**

Approval of revised Board Policy #6.222 Misconduct or Disobedience policy was requested.

**9.08 Approval of Board Policy #6.351 High School Credit for Proficiency Policy**

Approval of revised Board Policy #6.351 High School Credit for Proficiency policy was requested.

**9.09 Approval of Board Policy #7.434 Home and Hospital Instruction Policy**

Approval of revised Board Policy #7.434 Home and Hospital Instruction policy was requested..

**9.10 Approval to Sell Surplus Equipment**

Ria Merriman, Director of ASSIST Program, requested approval to sell two 3-wheel adult bicycles.

**9.11 Ratification of Contract With Urbana Education Association for 2007-2010**

Ratification of the three year (FY08, FY09, FY10) Professional Negotiations Agreement with the Urbana Education Association will be requested.

*This item was moved before Item 9.01. Vice-President Dimit moved to approve item #9.11, seconded by Member Rollins-Gay. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye". Motion passed. No members were absent.*

*Member Cumpston moved to postpone Item #9.12 until the next board meeting, June 19<sup>th</sup>, seconded my Member Rollins-Gay. Motion passed.*

**9.12 District Improvement Plan**

Don Owen, Coordinator of the Curriculum Program, requested approval of the District Improvement Plan. The plan has to be approved before submitting to Illinois State Board of Education.

**9.13 Urbana High School Improvement Plan**

Don Owen, Coordinator of the Curriculum Program, requested approval of the Urbana High School Improvement Plan. The plan has to be approved before submitting to Illinois State Board of Education.

*Vice-President Dimit moved to approve Item 9.13, seconded by Member Rollins-Gay. Motion passed.*

**9.14 Approval of a Life Safety Bid - 2007 Summer Work**

Ota Dossett, Director of Facilities, recommended the Board award the Life Safety - 2007 Summer work bid to Roessler Construction for \$230,700. The bid opening was held May 31, 2007.

Vice-President Dimit moved to approve Item #9.14, seconded by Secretary Fisher. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “aye”. Motion passed.  
Absent: S.Summers

**10.0 STUDY TOPIC(S)**

**10.01 Building and Grounds Summer District Work**

Ota Dossett, Director of Facilities, gave the Board of Education an update about the summer work schedule for the district buildings and grounds. (attached)

**10.02 School Improvement Plans**

The following district schools presented their individual school improvement plans to the board. (attached)

- Yankee Ridge Elementary School - Mary Beth Norris
- Thomas Paine Elementary School - Kenneth Paxton
- King Elementary School - Jennifer Ivory-Tatum
- Washington Early Childhood - Crystal Vowels

**10.03 FY08 Budget Update**

Carol Baker, Director of Business, updated the Board of Education about the FY08 budget. The district has yet to receive state information.

**11.0 POLICY REVIEW**

**11.01 First Reading of Board Policy 6.211 - Unsafe School Choice Option**

First reading of new Board Policy #6.211 Unsafe School Choice Option policy was given to the board. Approval will be requested at the June 19<sup>th</sup> Board of Education business session.

**11.02 First Reading of Board Policy 6.212 - Military Recruiter Access to Records**

First reading of new Board Policy #6.212 Military Recruiter Access to Records policy was given to the board. Approval will be requested at the June 19<sup>th</sup> Board of Education business session.

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

**13.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**14.0 ADJOURNMENT**

*Member Cumpston moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Rollins-Gay. Motion passed.*

*President Netter declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.*

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President

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Secretary