

MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
JEAN F. BURKHOLDER
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER
October 16, 2007
7:30 P.M.

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
 Ms. Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary
 Ms. Benita Rollins-Gay, Secretary Pro Tem
 Ms. Brenda Carter, Member
 Ms. Cope Cumpston, Board Member
 Mr. Steve Summers, Member

Others Present: Dr. Preston L. Williams, Jr., Superintendent
 Mr. Don Owen, Assistant Superintendent
 Ms. Gayle Jeffries, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources
 Ms. Carol Baker, Director of Business
 Ms. Susan Baker-Ory, Assistant Superintendent Special Services
 Mr. Ota Dossett, Director of Grounds and Facilities

3.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA

4.0 CITIZENS STATEMENTS

Joni Markel, Siddell, IL, requested that the Board of Education make a firm commitment to Shaken Baby Syndrome awareness and prevention. She asked that the curriculum be developed for all students, both male and female, beginning in jr. high. This is to educate student about the disastrous results of shaking a baby. She feels that it is important that this life-saving topic be taught in a required course, such as science or health, so that all student will be made aware of its consequences. Representative Chapin Rose

introduced HB228 before the House Education Committee which urges the State Board of Education to develop a curriculum for implementing Shaken Baby Syndrome prevention and awareness programs for all middle and high school students. The bill was unanimously approved and adopted by the House of Representatives on June 13, 2007. A similar resolution was considered and passed by Congress which may be cited as the “Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention Act of 2007.”

Terry Townsend, Champaign, expressed his appreciation to the teachers and administration at Urbana High School for the kind of emotion shown after his niece fell from the third floor, hitting a water fountain. Mr. Townsend would like to request to have the water fountain relocated from that location.

Elsa Gunter, Urbana, spoke to the Board of Education about her understanding, yet concern about the volunteer finger printing policy to be approved during this meeting. She feels that volunteers and all affected by the policy have a right to privacy. The Illinois State Police and Federal Bureau of Investigation will have this information to use beyond the purpose of the prints taken. Also, there is such a back log of those wanting to be in the schools to mentor or volunteer. The District may see a decline in the number of volunteers.

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

6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice-President Dimit moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Member Carter. Motion passed.

7.0 COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

8.0 POLICY REVIEW

9.0 COMMUNICATIONS

10.0 REPORTS

10.01 2006-2007 Auditors Report

Heather Powell, BKD, LLP, will present the 2006-2007 audit report.

11.0 ACTION ITEMS (Consent)

Vice-President Dimit moved to approve the following action consent items, seconded by Member Rollins-Gay. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “aye”. Motion passed unanimously.

11.01 Minutes

September 18, 2007, Business Meeting

October 2, 2007, Study Session

11.02	<u>October 30th Bills/Checks</u>	
	Education Fund bill.....	\$1,976,926.38
	Operating & Maintenance Fund bills.....	\$ 343,742.03
	Bond & Interest Fund bills.....	\$ 0.00
	Transportation Fund bills.....	\$ 42,479.46
	Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund bills.....	\$ 68,374.76
	Construction Fund bills.....	\$ 0.00
	Construction Fund bills W/C.	\$ 10,478.00
	Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds.....	\$ 0.00
	Fire Prevention and Safety (Levy)	\$ 52,063.19
	Payroll.....	\$2,298,368.31
	Adult Education bills.....	\$ 143,271.53

11.03 **Interfund Loans**

The following interfund loans can be repaid to the Working Cash Fund:

Loan from Working Cash Fund to the Tort Fund	\$ 200,000
Loan from Working Cash Fund to the Transportation Fund	\$ 200,000

11.04 **Personnel Items**

Approval of various personnel items were requested.

11.05 **Approval of Hazardous Areas**

Approval was requested to renew the declaration of hazardous areas in order to continue to receive funding from the state.

12.0 ACTION ITEMS (Individual)

12.01 **Gifts**

Member Summers moved to approve and accept the following gifts, seconded by Secretary Fisher. Motion passed.

Marcia Lerner, Dewey, donated office supplies and furniture from her late husband's office to Thomas Paine Elementary School. This donation is valued at \$7,500.

Sara Welch, Urbana, donated \$160 to the Urbana Middle School Treatment and Education of Autistic and Related Communication Handicapped Children TEACCH) class.

Chris Filler, Musical Instrument Repair, Champaign, donated \$368.00 worth of labor repairing Urbana Middle School instruments.

Carolyn Baxley, Cinema Gallery, Urbana, donated \$100 to purchase sketchpads for students that take art class at Leal Elementary School.

Angela Codd, Community Relations, Office Depot, Delray, Florida, donated 40 - 1GB USB flash drives to Urbana Adult Education. This donation is valued at \$600.

Linda Coleman, Champaign, donated a new Canon Pixma MP160 and a new Canon Pixma iP1800 printer to the Prairie Elementary Library. This donation is valued at \$150.

The Class of 1957, presented Dan Perrino a check representing just over \$1,650 in donations to the Champaign Urbana Schools Foundation Dan Perrino Urbana Bands Endowment Fund which provide scholarships to UHS band students every year.

12.02 Approval of New Board Policy # 2.810 - Screening Volunteers

Approval of a new board policy, 2.810 - Screening Volunteers was requested

Gayle Jeffries, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, told the Board of Education that the finger prints are archived with the Illinois State Police (ISP) for five years. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) does not keep the prints on file per the Illinois State Police. The form includes the person's name and social security number. This then goes to the ISP and FBI. It was then asked by the Board of Education to have staff that deal with this report sign an agreement to keep all information confidential. If the staff person does not honor this agreement, they would be immediately fired.

Vice-President Dimit moved to approve item #12.02, seconded by Secretary Fisher. Motion passed.

13.0 CALL FOR FUTURE SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

14.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Fisher moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Cumpston. On a roll call vote, all members voted "aye". Motion passed unanimously.

President Netter declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

President

Secretary