

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**JEAN F. BURKHOLDER**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER**  
**November 20, 2007**  
**7:30 P.M.**

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

*Vice-President Dimit called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.*

**2.0 ROLL CALL**

Present: John Dimit, Vice-President  
Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary  
Benita Rollins-Gay, Secretary Pro Tem \*(left at 7:45 p.m.)  
Brenda Carter, Member  
Steve Summers, Member (\*arrived at 7:45 p.m.)

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

Absent: Mark Netter, President  
Cope Cumpston, Member

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

**4.0 CITIZENS STATEMENTS**

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

**6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Secretary Fisher moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Member Rollins-Gay. Motion passed.*

**7.0 COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

The Champaign Public Library applied for and received a \$100,000 Community-Wide Reading Program Grant funded by the Illinois State Library LTSA (Library Services and Technology Act). Grant partners include the Urbana Free Library, UI Library, Parkland College Library, USD 116 libraries, CUSD 4 libraries, and the News-Gazette. As a result, the USD libraries will receive \$8,000 (\$1,000 per building) for the purchase of books.

**8.0 SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**

**9.0 COMMUNICATIONS**

**10.0 REPORTS**

**10.01 First Reading of the 2008-2009 School Calendar**

Don Owen, Assistant Superintendent, presented the 2008-2009 school calendar for the Board of Education’s first reading.

**11.0 ACTION ITEMS (Consent)**

*Member Rollins-Gay moved to approve the following consent action items, seconded by Member Carter. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “aye”. Absent: M.Netter, S.Summers and C.Cumpston. Motion passed.*

**11.01 Minutes**

October 16, 2007, Business Meeting  
November 6, 2007, Study Session

**11.02 October 30<sup>th</sup> Bills/Checks**

Education Fund bill.....	\$1,495,054.60
Operating & Maintenance Fund bills.....	\$ 252,035.63
Bond & Interest Fund bills.....	\$ 0.00
Transportation Fund bills.....	\$ 15,766.36
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund bills.....	\$ 71,608.14
Construction Fund bills.....	\$ 0.00
Construction Fund bills (W/C).....	\$ 87,766.84
Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds.....	\$ 0.00
Fire Prevention and Safety (Levy) .....	\$ 2,745.00
Payroll.....	\$2,361,351.49
Adult Education bills.....	\$ 150,857.09

**11.03 Interfund Loans**

None

**11.04 Personnel Items**

Approval of various personnel items were requested.

**11.05**     **Appointment of Bank Depository for 2008**  
Each year the Board of Education appoints a bank depository for the school district for the next calendar year. It was recommended that Busey Bank be re-appointed as the district's bank depository for 2008.

**11.06**     **Purchase of 113 West Washington Street Property**  
Approval was requested to purchase 113 West Washington Street property for the amount of \$191,500.

**11.07**     **Application for FY08 School Library Grant**  
Approval for the intent to apply for the FY08 School Library Grant was requested.

## **12.0**   **ACTION ITEMS (Individual)**

### **12.01**     **Gifts**

Champaign-Urbana Optimist Club has donated \$1,500 to the Urbana Middle School to support Character Education. This is the eighth year that the club has donated this money to the school.

Patrick Weatherhead and Karen Metz, Urbana, donated \$600 (\$300 each) to the Urbana Middle and High School Band programs.

Rosa and Ken Townsend, Urbana, donated \$125 to Thomas Paine for student field trips, class parties, and assistance with other expenses.

On behalf of the Paul Bateman Bequest, the Mansfield United Methodist Church donated 300 MTD tokens to Urbana Adult Education. This donation was valued at \$245.

Mack's Twin City Recycling, Urbana, donated twelve automatic engines and ten alternators and starters to the Urbana High School automotive program. This donation was valued at \$1,200.

Judy Blanford, Champaign Public Library, Champaign, donated an "Adult New Reader" collection to the Adult Education Resource Library. This donation was valued at \$800.

Belinda Porter, Urbana, donated theme boxes for classroom units and projects to Washington Early Childhood. This donation was valued at \$277.

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program had nineteen volunteers donate a total of 483 hours throughout the 06-07 school year.

Mayhaven Publishing donated twenty-four books to various USD libraries. This donation was valued at \$394.80.

The Illini After 5 Rotary Club has donated a student dictionary to every third grader within the Urbana School District

**12.02      2007 Tax Levy**

Information was provided to the Board of Education regarding the proposed 2007 tax levy. Approval was requested.

*Member Carter moved to approve item #12.02, seconded by Member Rollins-Gay. On a roll call, all members present voted “aye”. Absent: M.Netter, S.Summers, and C.Cumpston. Motion passed.*

\*            **Board Member Summers arrived, Board Member Rollins-Gay left.**

**12.03      Approval of Renewal of the Mass-Transit District Contract for 2007-2008**

Approval was requested to renew the 2007-2008 Mass Transit District contract at a cost of approximately \$144,652.

**Member Summers moved to approve item #12.03, seconded by Secretary Fisher. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “aye”. Absent: M.Netter, B.Rollins-Gay, and C.Cumpston. Motion passed.**

**12.04      Life Safety Amendments**

Ota Dossett, Director of Facilities Services, requested approval for life safety work to be done at the following schools: Washington Early Childhood, Prairie, King, Yankee Ridge, and Urbana High School.

**Member Summers moved to approve item #12.04, seconded by Member Carter. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “aye”. Absent: M.Netter, B.Rollins-Gay, and C.Cumpston. Motion passed.**

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

**14.0      SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Areas of interest from Mark Schultz: UHS Student Senate Thanksgiving Dinner, Thomas Paine Families Food Drive, Family Variety Show at Thomas Paine, and Yankee Ridge’s drive to collect Lego’s for the EBD program.

Superintendent Williams presented Vice-President Dimit with a crystal apple for his twenty years of service to the Board of Education, staff, students, and community.

**15.0      ADJOURNMENT**

*Secretary Fisher moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Carter.*

*Vice-President Dimit declared the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.*

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President

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Secretary