

MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
JEAN F. BURKHOLDER
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER
December 18, 2007
6:30 P.M.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Netter called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Present: Mark Netter, President
John Dimit, Vice-President
Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary
Benita Rollins-Gay, Secretary Pro Tem
Brenda Carter, Member
Steve Summers, Member

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

Absent: Cope Cumpston, Board Member

3.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA

Due to the notification in the newspaper and the earlier start time for the meeting (regular time 7:30 p.m.), item #8.01 was delayed until 7:30 p.m. This meant that item #8.01 took place at 7:30 p.m. with the approval of item #12.02 taken after the public hearing.

4.0 CITIZENS STATEMENTS

Brian Adams, 412 West Elm, Urbana, spoke to the Board of Education about his concerns about the demolition of 908 South Race Street property without checking to see if there is of anything can be preserved as historical.

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

6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice-President Dimit moved to approve the agenda as modified, seconded by Secretary Fisher. Motion passed.

7.0 COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

C.K. Gunsalus and Mary Klein, from the Urbana Alumni Association presented the grant recipients for the Fall of 2007. They were: Martha Rinne (UMS) \$865 for a Spanish Language Collection; Kevin Erlinger (UMS) \$3,300 to replace mobile laptop batteries; Ellen Ullrick (UMS) \$2,000 for new instruments and the repair of old instruments; Carol Hollett (UMS) \$500 for a Sensory Cart, and Tracy Welch (UMS) \$3,000 for a 6th Literacy Collection.

Several UHS music student were selected and participated in the IMEA District III Jazz and Concert Festivals. Their participation was determine by an audition completed in October. Upon completion of the IEMA District III Concert Festival, the highest ranking students were selected to participate in the IMEA All-State Festival. This Festival will be held in Peoria in January of 2008.

Julie Weatherhead - Concert Band, Clarinet
Peter Deal - Concert Band, Trombone
Samantha Schwartz - Orchestra, Flute/Piccolo
Aaron Schwartz - Orchestra, Violin I
Liesel Booth - All-State Alto I
Timothy Sands - All-State Honors Choir, Tenor I

8.0 PUBLIC HEARING

8.01 Public Hearing on Estimated Tax Levy

As required by the "Truth in Taxation Act" a hearing was held on the 2007 tax levy.

This public hearing was held at 7:30. The public hearing was opened at 7:31 p.m. With no public comment, the hearing was closed at 7:32 p.m.

9.0 COMMUNICATIONS

10.0 REPORTS

10.01 First Reading of the Urbana Middle School - School Improvement Plan

The Board of Education received as a first reading the School Improvement Plan for the Urbana Middle School. Approval will be requested at the January 15, 2008, business meeting.

11.0 ACTION ITEMS (Consent)

Vice-President Dimit moved to approve the following items, moving item 11.07 to the individual action item #12.04. This motion was seconded by Member Carter. On a roll call vote, all members voted “aye”. Motion passed. Absent: Member Cumpston

11.01 Minutes

Business Meeting, November 20, 2007

Study Session, December 4, 2007

11.02 November 30th Bills/Checks

Education Fund bill.....	\$1,545,552.98
Operating & Maintenance Fund bills.....	\$ 160,719.32
Bond & Interest Fund bills.....	\$ 0.00
Transportation Fund bills.....	\$ 353,984.83
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund bills.....	\$ 72,867.35
Construction Fund bills	\$ 0.00
Construction Fund bills	\$ 66,437.22
Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds.....	\$ 0.00
Fire Prevention and Safety (Levy)	\$ 29,110.50
Payroll.....	\$2,406,085.75
Adult Education bills.....	\$ 154,271.90

11.03 Interfund Loans

The following infterfund loans were required to cover the necessary operating costs of the school district until the next meeting of the Board of Education.

<u>Loan From</u>	<u>Loan To</u>	<u>Amount of Loan</u>
Working Cash Fund	Transportation Fund	\$200,000

11.04 Personnel Items

Approval of various personnel items were requested.

11.05 Xerographic Paper Bid

Carol Baker, Director of Business, made an administrative recommendation to award the bid to Xerox Corporation for the amount of \$21,648.

11.06 Copier Equipment and Printshop Management Services Bid

Carol Baker, Director of Business, made an administrative recommendation to award the bid to IKON Office Solutions for the amount of \$11,024 per month.

11.07 Resolution Authorizing Demolition and Removal of 908 South Race Street Property

Approval ~~Moved to #12.04~~ and removal of 908 South Race Street district property.

11.08 Approval of Washington Early Childhood Curriculum

An administrative recommendation to approve the Washington Early Childhood Curriculum (Creative Curriculum) was requested.

12.0 ACTION ITEMS (Individual)

12.01 Gifts

Tri-Star Marketing, Inc., Super Pantry 06, Urbana, donated \$500 to the Leal Elementary School.

Evelyn Kesler, Urbana, donated two winter coats and a wool sweater to the Urbana School District. They were given to the Urbana High School for a student that may need a winter coat.

The Urbana Middle School received an anonymous donation of \$1,000. This donation will be used for academic purposes to strengthen the educational programs for all students at Urbana Middle School.

On behalf of the Urbana American Legion Auxiliary Unit 71, Starr Dalton, donated \$50 worth of gloves and mittens to be distributed throughout the Urbana School District.

C-U Optimist Club, donated \$1,500 to the Urbana Middle School. This donation will be used for character Education/Student of the Month programs at Urbana Middle School.

Kristi Davin, Tennessee, donated \$1,115.46 worth of board games (64) for the Before and After School Child Care Program. This is the fifth year she has given this type of donation to this program.

Champaign County Farm Bureau, Champaign, donated \$1,000 to the Urbana Ag and FFA account at Urbana High School.

Vice-President Dimit moved to accept the above gifts, seconded by Member Carter. Motion passed.

12.02 Approval of the Tax Levy Resolution

Board adoption of the 2007 Tax Levy was requested.

This was voted on at 7:32 p.m. after the public hearing. Vice-President Dimit moved to approve item #12.02, seconded by Member Summers. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye". Motion passed. Absent: Member Cumpston

12.03 Approval of Board Funded Improvements to Elementary Schools during the Summer of 2008

Ota Dossett, Director of Facilities, requested approval to proceed forward by completing the bid documents and place early bid for the summer of 2008 work.

Vice-President Dimit moved to approve item #12.03, seconded by Secretary Fisher. Motion passed.

12.04 Resolution Authorizing Demolition and Removal of 908 South Race Street Property

Approval was requested for demolition and removal of 908 South Race Street district property.

Vice-President Dimit moved to approve item #12.04, seconded by Member Carter. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye". Motion passed. Absent: Member Cumpston.

At 7:12 p.m., Secretary Fisher moved to take a recess until 7:30 p.m. to hold the public hearing and then vote on the Tax Levy Resolution, seconded by Member Carter. Motion passed.

President Netter reconvened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

13.0 CALL FOR FUTURE SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

14.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Williams spoke about the following:

12/21 - Urbana School District's Winter Break will begin at the close of school
Expressed on behalf of the school district, condolences to the family of Sarah E-C Reed.

Ms. Reed was a first year teacher at Urbana High School. Ms. Reed and her 14 month old daughter passed away. There will be a tribute ceremony held on December 20th, at 3:30 p.m. in the Urbana High School Auditorium.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

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

President Netter declared the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

President

Secretary