

MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
JEAN F. BURKHOLDER
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER
January 15, 2008
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, 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

Absent: Ms. Cope Cumpston, Member
Mr. Steve Summers, Member

3.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA

4.0 CITIZENS STATEMENTS - None

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

There was an executive session for the purpose of: setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(6), and litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent. The basis for such "probably or imminent" finding has to be stated in the closed meeting minutes.
5 ILCS 120/2(2)(11)

6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

7.0 COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

8.0 SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

9.0 COMMUNICATIONS

10.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

10.01 Fingerprinting Proposal

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Gayle Jeffries presented a proposal to have district personnel perform fingerprinting services within the district. Approval for this proposal will be requested at the February 5, 2008 Study Session.

11.0 ACTION ITEMS (Consent)

Vice-President Dimit moved to approve the following consent action items, seconded by Member Rollins-Gay. On a roll call all members present voted "aye". Motion passed. Absent: C.Cumpston, S.Summers.

11.01 Minutes

Business Meeting, December 18, 2007
Special Meeting, January 8, 2008

11.02 January Bills/Checks

Education Fund bills.....	\$1,566,544.18
Operating & Maintenance Fund bills.....	\$ 297,900.87
Bond & Interest Fund bills.....	\$2,776,670.01
Transportation Fund bills.....	\$ 171,495.24
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund bills.....	\$ 69,325.79
Construction Fund bills.....	\$ 0.00
Construction Fund bills W/C	\$ 3,438.32
Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds.....	\$ 0.00
Fire Prevention and Safety (Levy).....	\$ 680.00
Payroll.....	\$2,353,568.78
Adult Education Bills.....	\$ 151,503.75

11.03 Interfund Loans

The following interfund loan will be required to cover the necessary operating costs of the school district until the next meeting of the Board of Education.

From Working Cash Fund to Transportation Fund	\$ 200,000
From Working Cash Fund to Oper./Maint. Fund	\$ 200,000

11.04 Personnel Items

Approval of various personnel items were requested.

12.0 ACTION ITEMS (Individual)

12.01 Gifts

Dr. Samir Sayegh, Champaign, provided eye exams for fifteen students from Urbana Middle School and Wiley Elementary. This donation of time was valued at \$500.

Barbara Huffman, Carle Hospital, Urbana, donated thirty pedometers to be used by students and staff during their exercise/walking routines. This donation was valued at \$200.

Victor Treat and Sons, Inc., donated \$100 to the Urbana FFA at Urbana High School.

Deborah Katz-Downie, Urbana, donated a variety of board games to the 1st and 3rd grade classrooms at Leal Elementary School. This donation was valued at \$50.

Vice-President Dimit moved to approve and accept the above gifts (item #12.01), seconded by Member Rollins-Gay. Motion passed.

12.02 Approval for an Easement at Prairie Elementary School for Storm Sewer Extension

Approval was requested for an easement of a storm sewer extension for Prairie Elementary School. This extension is for future community development in the area.

Vice-President Dimit moved to approve item #12.02, seconded by Secretary Fisher. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye". Motion passed. Absent: C.Cumpston, S.Summers.

12.03 Approval of the Urbana Middle School - School Improvement Plan

Approval of the Urbana Middle School - School Improvement Plan was requested.

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

13.0 POLICY REVIEW

14.0 CALL FOR FUTURE SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

15.0 SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Don Owen, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, gave a review of the Title I School Improvement Plan. Approval of the plan will be requested at a future meeting.

Mark Schultz, Public Relations Specialist, spoke to the Board of Education about the Yankee Ridge Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. He also announced that the district is now publishing a monthly online newsletter.

16.0 BOARD REPORT

17.0 ADJOURNMENT

Vice-President Dimit moved to adjourn the meeting to go into executive session, seconded by Secretary Fisher. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “aye”. Motion passed. Absent: C.Cumpston, S.Summers.

President Netter declared the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m. There will be no action following the executive session.

President

Secretary