

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**JEAN F. BURKHOLDER**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER**  
**February 19, 2008**  
**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: Mark Netter, President  
John Dimit, Vice-President  
Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary  
Benita Rollins-Gay, Secretary Pro Tem  
Brenda Carter, Member  
Cope Cumpston, Member  
Steve Summers, Member

Others Present: Preston L. Williams, Jr., Superintendent  
Don Owen, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum/Instruction  
Gayle Jeffries, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources  
Carol Baker, Director of Business

**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**

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

**7.0 COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

The following students attended the Illinois Music Educators Association (IMEA) All-State Conference. All State Choir - Liesel Booth; Honors Choir - Timothy Sands; Honors Orchestra (Piccolo) - Samantha Schwartz, All-State Orchestra (Violin I) - Aaron Schwartz; Honors Band (Trombone) - Peter Deal; All-State Band (Clarinet) - Julie Weatherhead.

**8.0 SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**

**9.0 COMMUNICATIONS**

**10.0 REPORTS**

**10.01 County School Facility Sales Tax**

Mary Kane, Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., provided the Board of Education with information on the new County School Facility Sales Tax.

Mary spoke about the state law entitled the County School Facility Sales Tax. The state law, passed in October of 2007, allows a county to levy up to a 1% sales tax (except for cars, boats, RVs, mobile homes, food, drugs, farm equipment, and farm parts). The revenue from the tax would be proportionally distributed to all public schools in the county to be used for school district land, buildings, structures, and durable equipment. Kane says if a 1% sales tax is levied, District 116 could see \$3.1 million per year. The money could be used for “pay as you go” projects, to leverage revenue for current needs, to retire existing debt, or for any combination of the former. The County School Facility Sales Tax would have to be approved in a referendum by county voters and it would require cooperation between all county public school districts. The school board heard the presentation and plans to continue researching the issue.

**11.0 ACTION ITEMS (Consent)**

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

**11.01 Minutes**

January 15, 2008, Business Meeting  
February 5, 2008, Study Session

**11.02 February Bills/Checks**

Education Fund bill.....	\$1,460,718.21
Operating & Maintenance Fund bills.....	\$ 137,231.90
Bond & Interest Fund bills.....	\$ 1,022.50
Transportation Fund bills.....	\$ 438,159.95
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund bills.....	\$ 67,093.94
Construction Fund bills.....	\$ 0.00
Construction Fund bills (w/c).....	\$ 82,245.30
Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds.....	\$ 0.00
Fire Prevention and Safety (Levy).....	\$ 1,367.50
Payroll.....	\$2,296,404.75
Adult Education Bills.....	\$ 127,003.88

**11.03 Interfund Loans**

The following interfund loans will be 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	Oper/Maint Fund	\$ 200,000

**11.04 Personnel Items**

Approval of various personnel items, were requested.

**11.05 Approval of the March 30<sup>th</sup> Bills for Payment**

Approval was requested, in advance, for the March 30<sup>th</sup> bills payable. Copies of these bills will be included with the April board agenda materials.

**12.0 ACTION ITEMS (Individual)**

**12.01 Gifts**

*Vice-President Dimit moved to accept/approve the following gifts, seconded by Secretary Fisher. Motion passed.*

Anastasia Dillman, Champaign, donated a 3/4 cello, 3/4 bow and case, and a copy of Faciebat Anno (1719) made in USA 1996 #4R470 to the Urbana High School Band Department This donation was valued at \$800.00.

John Dimit, Urbana, donated three books to the Urbana High School Library, valued at \$50.00.

The Evelyn Burnett Underwood Instrumental Music Assistance Program at Urbana Middle School has received the following donations: Deborah Katz-Downie, Urbana - Saxaphone (\$600); Jan Grace, Urbana - Clarinet (\$300); and an anonymous donation - New Alto Saxaphone (\$1,300).

Patterson Office Supply, Helen, Stauffer, Champaign, donated paper products and other miscellaneous give away's to Yankee Ridge Elementary School. This donation was valued at \$281.00

Meijer, Champaign, donated a \$100 gift card to the Yankee Ridge EBD Resource Room to purchase educational items for the classroom.

Deborah and Steven Katz-Downie, Urbana, donated a stereo system to Urbana Middle School Band Program, with an estimated value of \$1,000 or more.

Steve Ruhlig, Human Kinetics Publishers, donated ten classroom sets of health books (K-5 and spec. ed.). This donation was valued at \$5,000.

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

**14.0 SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Mark Schultz told the school board of the upcoming Black History Month “Cultural Fest 2008” and the UHS Guest Artist Concert both being held February 22. He also informed the school board that he is working on a promotional brochure to be used in the community.

**15.0 BOARD REPORT**

Member Rollins-Gay complimented the NAAPID programs as well as Dr. Williams’ NAAPID speech. Member Carter complimented the UHS Choir for an excellent performance during the Urbana 175th Anniversary kick-off at Urbana City Hall. Member Cumpston was a guest at the Urbana Rotary Club and she reported that the UHS Interact Club had a very nice presentation.

**16.0 ADJOURNMENT**

*Vice-President Dimit moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Secretary Fisher. Motion passed.*

*President Netter declared the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.*

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President

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Secretary