

**MINUTES  
STUDY SESSION  
URBANA BOARD OF EDUCATION  
JEAN F. BURKHOLDER  
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER  
May 6, 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: Mr. Mark Netter, President  
Mr. John Dimit, Vice-President  
Ms. Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary  
Ms. Brenda Carter, Member  
Ms. Cope Cumpston, Member  
Ms. Benita Rollins-Gay, Secretary Pro Tem

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: Mr. Steve Summers, Member

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

**4.0 CITIZENS STATEMENTS**

Lawyer David Strube from Chicago spoke to the board on behalf of his client, Illinois Central School Bus, in regard to the District 116 transportation bid process. Reverend Doctor Evelyn Underwood of Urbana also addressed the Board of Education regarding the High School Restructuring plan.

**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 Cumpston. Motion passed.*

**7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFINGS AND REPORTS**

**7.01 Presentation of Champaign Urbana Schools Foundation Grant Recipients**

Representatives from the Champaign Urbana Schools Foundation presented the grant recipients for the Spring of 2008.

**Lily Jimenez - Celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month (\$3,963)**

**Carol Godoy and Carol Buriak - UHS Global Learning Project(\$2,250)**

**Ellen Elrick - Achievement in Music (AIM): Excellence for all Students (\$4,000)**

**Jennifer Rohn - Rewards Plus for UMS (\$3,365.61)**

**Betty Allen - Balinese Gamelan and Dance (\$2,025.19)**

**8.0 POLICY REVIEW**

**9.0 PUBLIC HEARING**

**10.0 ACTION ITEMS (Consent/Individual)**

**CONSENT:**

*Vice-President Dimit moved to approve the following consent items, seconded by Secretary Fisher. On a roll call, all members present voted "aye." Motion passed unanimously.*

**10.01 Approval of Life Safety Amendments Summer 2008**

Board approval was requested for staff recommendation to award the contract for the 2008 Life Safety Work to Commercial Builders, Inc. in the amount of One Hundred Thirty One Thousand Nine Hundred dollars (\$131,900.00).

**10.02 Approval of Board Building Improvements for 2008**

Administration requested the Board award a contract for the 2008 Building Improvements to Barber & DeAtley Inc. in the amount of Fifty Three Thousand Two Hundred Sixty dollars (\$53,260.00).

**10.03 Request of Emergency Funds**

Declare the UHS Auditorium ceiling failure as an emergency and authorize Ota Dossett and Carol Baker to expend emergency funds for clean-up and repairs. Approval was requested for any emergency items related to the UHS Auditorium ceiling failure that may exceed \$20,000.

**10.04 Authorize Auditorium Remodel Consultant Search**

Approval was requested to authorize Ota Dossett, Director of Facilities and Grounds, to seek consultant candidates to remodel UHS Auditorium and a recommendation will be brought to the Board at a later date.

**10.05 Personnel Items**

Approval of various personnel items was requested.

**10.06 Appointment of Attorney**

Board approval was requested to appoint Jill B. Berkeley, Howrey LLP, as counsel to render an opinion on the District's insurance coverage.

**INDIVIDUAL**

**10.07 Resolution Authorizing Second Notice to Remedy**

Approval was requested to authorize second notice to remedy.

*Secretary Fisher moved to approve item #10.07, seconded by Member Carter. Motion passed.*

**10.08 Approval of Resolution on the Use of Revenue From the County School Facility Occupation Tax**

The Urbana Board of Education pledged their commitment for use of the annual sales tax revenue.

*Vice-President Dimit moved to approve item #10.08, seconded by Member Rollins-Gay. On a roll call, all members present voted "aye." Motion passed unanimously.*

**10.09 Approval of Resolution Requesting Champaign County Board to Impose 1% Sales Tax for School Facility Purposes**

Approval of a resolution requesting the County Board to certify to the County Clerk the question of imposing a 1% sales tax for school facility purposes for submission at the general election to be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008.

*Vice-President Dimit moved to approve item #10.09, seconded by member Carter. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye." Motion passed unanimously.*

**10.10 Consideration of Transportation Contract Bids and Selection of  
Transportation Contractor**

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Carol Baker presented the transportation bid results and make a recommendation to the board.

*Vice-President Dimit moved to approve item #10.10, seconded by Secretary Fisher. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye."*

**11.0 STUDY TOPIC(S)**

**Each Elementary School presented their School Improvement Plans:**

Yankee Ridge Elementary School – Ms. Mary Beth Norris  
Wiley Elementary School – Ms. Barbara Sartain  
Washington Childhood – Ms. Crystal Vowels  
Thomas Paine Elementary School – Ms. Sandra Cooper  
Prairie Elementary School – Ms. Yavonnda Smith  
Leal Elementary School – Mr. Spencer Landsman  
King Elementary School – Dr. Jennifer Ivory-Tatum

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

**13.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Carol Baker reported to the school board about the passing of Harold Miller. Miller was affiliated with District 116 for over 50 years, including time serving as a school board member and as District 116 counsel. Miller's service will be this Thursday afternoon at 4:00 at the Presbyterian Church in Urbana.

**14.0 BOARD REPORT**

Cope Cumpston said that she is involved in the Dual Language Task Force and studying the implications of dual language. She also reported that she and Mark Netter recently attended a meeting at Leal Elementary with the student group Health School Lunch.

Mark Netter reported to the board that he and John Dimit will be attending the Champaign County Board Policy Committee Meeting as it considers the County Sales Tax question.

**15.0 ADJOURNMENT**

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

*President Netter declared the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.*

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President

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Secretary