

Urbana School District #116 Board of Education Synopsis
May 20, 2008

The Urbana School District #116 Board of Education Meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m., by Mark Netter. The board had met in executive session prior to the open meeting; however the board did not have any announcements or votes on any matters discussed in executive session.

There was one citizen statement. Rev. Troy A. Burke of the Champaign-Urbana Ministerial Alliance spoke to the board regarding restructuring at Urbana High School.

The board of education then received art projects from District 116 elementary students. These art projects will be displayed at the Urbana School District's central office for the coming year. The students who were chosen are:

- Micah Stearns – 2nd Wiley
- Ndidi Ifearulundu – 5th TP
- Emma Harris – 2nd Leal
- Cara Munro – 1st Yankee Ridge
- Kierstyn Wilske – 1st King
- Gentre Ross – 5th Prairie

Board members praised all the works of art from these students as well as the teachers and the USD art program.

District 116 Library Coordinator Debra Newell and her colleagues presented the annual report on the status of the district's library program. The report mainly consisted of the account of Urbana School District Libraries adopting Destiny Library Manager earlier this school year. The software allows central management of all library functions - including cataloging, circulation, searching, and reporting. The board saw a visual demonstration of the technology. Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Don Owen, praised the librarians for adopting the technology in the middle of the school year and using it so successfully. For more information about USD libraries, please contact Ms. Newell.

The board then approved the consent agenda consisting of the following items:

- Minutes of the 4-15-08 and 5-6-08 meetings
- May Bills/Checks
- Personnel Items
- Adult Education lease extension of Storefront School at 408 Kenyon Road, Champaign
- Resolution authorizing the demolition and removal of 116 W. Iowa Property
- Purchase and Replacement of Service Vehicles

The Board of Education then voted to receive the following gifts to the school district and send thank you notes to the donors:

Jerry Frye, O Pro Shop, Tuscola, donated 40 golf clubs to the Urbana Middle School PE Program. This donation is valued at \$2,000.

Dr. Sayegh of the Eye Center, Champaign, provided eye exams and eye glasses to fifteen students from Prairie and King Elementary Schools. This donation was valued \$500.

Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana, donated \$100 to the Washington Early Childhood carnival fundraiser. The money earned from the fundraiser will go towards playground equipment.

Junior League of Champaign-Urbana, Champaign, donated \$200 to Washington Early Childhood. This donation will be used to purchase mats for yoga.

Tauby Shimkin, Urbana, donated \$1,467 to Leal Elementary School Library Trust account. This money was received for her Bat Mitzvah and donated in memory of her daughter, Lisa Weichsel.

Master Namsoo Hyong, HMD Academy, Savoy, donated nine lessons of Tae Kwon Do to both EBD Self-Contained classes at Yankee Ridge Elementary School. This donation is valued at \$1,000.

New Free Will Baptist Church, Champaign, donated \$200 to the Evelyn Burnett Underwood Instrumental Music Assistance Program at Urbana Middle School.

Illinois State Council, Knights of Columbus, Kankakee, donated \$358 to the Urbana School District Special Services Program. This donation was used to purchase supplies in Frank Modica's classroom at Thomas Paine Elementary School.

Terri Kinsel, Urbana, donated a variety of photographic equipment to the Urbana High School Photo class. This donation is valued at \$600.

Vickey and Jim Blaney, Urbana, donated \$100 to the Urbana FFA activity account.

Greg Johnson, Champaign, donated a 1995 Chrysler Cirrus, LX1 (4 door sedan) to the Urbana High School automotive class. This donation was valued at \$2,255.

Elsa and Carl Gunter, Urbana, donated \$250 to the Urbana Middle School band activity account.

The District 116 Board of Education approved an extension of the food services contract with ARAMARK for an estimated \$1,074,000. The district will be required to re-bid the

contract in 2009. For more questions about the food service contract, please contact Carol Baker at the Central Office.

The board also approved the second year extension of the sanitary hauling from Allied Waste Services for an estimated \$37,000. Baker says the district is continuing to research ways to expand recycling in schools that are safe and sanitary.

The school board approved Superintendent Dr. Preston Williams' recommendation for the FY09 salary and benefit allocation for district non-union support staff and district administrators. For more information about this allocation, please contact Human Resources.

Under the Superintendent's Report, Mark Schultz, Public Relations Specialist, briefed the board on the new informational brochure promoting District 116. Schultz also told the board that the Urbana Middle School recently completed a very successful IESA State Track Meet. Cate Hummel and Nicole Choquette both won individual state championships and the 7th Grade Girls Track Team placed 4th overall in state. Schultz also announced that UPTV, the public access cable station in Urbana, will be broadcasting the Urbana High School Commencement ceremonies this year.

Superintendent Williams took a moment to salute the students and staff that participated in the recently completed high school musical *All Shook Up*. Williams also noted that UHS baseball and softball were competing in regional competition and UHS Soccer has advanced to sectionals.

Williams also reported to the board that the Illinois State Board of Education mandates that school boards officially adopt in writing its policy of educating students with disabilities, homeless students, and students of migrant workers. Williams says the school district already complies with ISBE mandates; however the regulations require these policies be written down in school board policy manuals. Williams told the board to be expecting to see written policies on these issues in the near future.

The Board of Education adjourned shortly before 9:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Urbana School District #116 Board of Education will be Tuesday, June 3, 2008, at 7:30 p.m., at 205 N. Race Street, Urbana.