

**MINUTES
STUDY SESSION
URBANA BOARD OF EDUCATION
JEAN F. BURKHOLDER
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER
205 NORTH RACE STREET
URBANA, IL 61801
June 3, 2008
7:30 p.m.**

* Prior to the meeting (7:15 p.m.), a reception was held for the retirees *

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Netter called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Present: Mark Netter, President
John Dimit, Vice-President (8:02 p.m.)
Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary
Benita Rollins-Gay, Secretary Pro Tem
Brenda Carter, Member
Cope Cumpston, Member

Absent: 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
Susan Baker-Ory, Assistant Superintendent Special Services
Ota Dossett, Director of Grounds and Facilities

3.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

4.0 CITIZEN STATEMENTS

Devin Chambers, 714 West Urbana, Urbana, asked the board about teacher qualifications. Superintendent Dr. Preston Williams, Jr., told Chambers that he would mail the material to his address.

5.0 CALL FOR EXECUTIVE MEETING/SESSION (After Current Meeting)

6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Secretary Fisher moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Member Cumpston. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye." Motion passed. Absent: J.Dimit, and S.Summers

7.0 RECOGNITIONS

The board recognized the teachers/staff that will retire from the district.

Mary Beth, Cecilia Bridges, Mary Brooks, Carolyn Brown, Cheryl Milewski, Laura Morrison, and Marcy Vancil.

8.0 ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFINGS AND REPORTS

8.01 **First Reading of Board Policy #6.414 Internet Safety Policy for USD116**

The Board of Education was given a new board policy #6.414 – Internet Safety Policy for Urbana School District 116 for the first reading. Approval will be requested at the June 17, 2008 meeting.

9.0 ACTION ITEMS (If necessary, consent/individual)

The following actions items were all voted on as consent.

Secretary Fisher moved to approve the following items as consent, seconded by Member Carter. On a roll call vote, all members voted "aye." Motion passed. Absent: J.Dimit and S.Summers.

9.01 **Personnel Items**

Approval of various personnel items were requested.

9.02 **Approval of Board Policy #6.213 Education of Children with Disabilities**

Approval of a new Board Policy #6.213 Education of Children with Disabilities policy was requested.

9.03 **Approval of Board Policy #6.214 Education of Homeless Children**

Approval of a new Board Policy #6.214 Education of Children with Disabilities policy was requested.

9.04 **Approval of Board Policy #6.215 Migrant Students**

Approval of a new Board Policy #6.215 Migrant Students policy was requested.

9.05 **Approval of Proposed Amendment to the Superintendent's Contract**

Approval of a proposed amendment to the Superintendent's contract was requested.

10.0 STUDY TOPIC(S)

10.01 School Improvement Plans

The following district schools presented their individual school improvement plans to the board.

- King Elementary School – Dr. Jennifer Ivory-Tatum
- Urbana Middle School – Ms. Nancy Clinton
- Urbana High School – Dr. Laura Taylor

11.0 POLICY REVIEW

12.0 CALL FOR FUTURE SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

13.0 SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Representatives from King and Thomas Paine Elementary Schools presented survey data for a balanced calendar, or year around school. Each school took this project on by themselves and not at the direction of the school board. Both schools surveyed parents in the two schools, trying to gauge interest in balanced calendar at the elementary level. Each parent group expressed interest in continuing to research the matter. Many board members—including Benita Rollins-Gay, John Dimit, Mark Netter, and Cope Cumpston spoke in favor of a balanced calendar. Having received a sense of the board, the two buildings will continue to research the concept, costs, and other issues surrounding a balanced calendar. A charge will be given at an upcoming meeting.

14.0 BOARD REPORT

14.01 Charge for 2008-2009 USD 116 Facilities Planning Committee

The board discussed developing and charging a group to serve on a facilities planning committee.

14.02 Bilingual Committee Report

Member Cumpston gave a brief bilingual committee report.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

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

President Netter declared the meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

President

Secretary