

**MINUTES
STUDY SESSION
URBANA BOARD OF EDUCATION
JEAN F. BURKHOLDER
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER
August 5, 2008
7:30 P.M.**

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Vice-President Dimit called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Present: John Dimit, Vice-President
Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary
Benita Rollins-Gay, Secretary Pro Tem
Brenda Carter, Board Member
Cope Cumpston, Board Member
Steve Summers, Board Member

Also Present: Preston L. Williams, Jr., Superintendent
Don Owen, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction
Gayle Jeffries, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Susan Baker-Ory, Assistant Superintendent of Special Services
Carol Baker, Director of Business/Finance

Absent: Mark Netter, President

3.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

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

5.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Vice-President Dimit, thanked Jason Liggett for operating the camera.

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFINGS AND REPORTS

6.01 Substitute Pay Increase

Gayle Jeffries, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources presented a recommendation to the Board of Education to increase the rate of pay for district substitutes. Approval will be requested at the August 19, 2008 business meeting.

7.0 POLICY REVIEW

8.0 ACTION ITEMS

8.01 Approval of Personnel Items

Gayle Jeffries, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources requested approval of personnel items.

Member Cumpston move to approve item #8.01, seconded by Member Rollins-Gay. On a roll call, all members voted "aye." Motion passed.

8.02 Ratification of Committee Appointments – Facilities Committee

Approval to ratify the facilities committee members were requested. The members are: Brenda Carter, Sandra Carter, Anthony Cobb, John Dimit, Mark Dixon, Ota Dossett, David Guth, Diane Marlin, Donna Rinkenberger, Paul Tatman, Libby Tyler, and Joe Vitosky

Member Rollins-Gay moved to approve item #8.02, seconded by Member Summers. Motion passed.

9.0 STUDY TOPIC(S)

9.01 SPLASH (Students Playing & Learning After School Hours) Program

Nancy Clinton, UMS Principal, Linda Gibbens, Drug Prevention Specialist, and Kathy Cearlock, SPLASH Coordinator, gave an update about the SPLASH program to the Board of Education. Last year 380 UMS students participated in SPLASH (Students Playing and Learning After School Hours). The five-year federal grant for the program will expire after this school year and it will be up to District 116 to find the funds starting in the fall of 2009. It costs approximately \$150,000 a year to fund SPLASH as is. The school district will now start soliciting funds from the community to make sure this program stays viable. Ms. Clinton says, "It would be painful to lose it." The school board expressed its support for exploring ways to raise funds for the much needed SPLASH program.

10.0 CALL FOR FUTURE SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

11.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Assistant Superintendent Don Owen reminded the school board and the public that Centralized Registration runs August 6-8, at Urbana Middle School. Mr. Owen also announced that the UHS Restructuring Plan Committee will meet August 12 and 20.

12.0 BOARD REPORT

Member Benita Rollins-Gay praised Dr. Williams for getting out in the community and meeting with various constituencies—including local churches.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Fisher moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Rollins-Gay. Motion passed.

President

Secretary