

**MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
JEAN F. BURKHOLDER
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER
August 19, 2008
7:30 P.M.**

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
Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary
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
Ota Dossett, Director of Facilities and Grounds

Absent: Benita Rollins-Gay, Board Member

3.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA

4.0 CITIZENS STATEMENTS

Reverend Dr. Evelyn Underwood, Urbana, congratulated UHS on making Adequate Yearly Progress; however she was "saddened" that there is still a disparity between African-American students and Caucasian students. She encouraged the school district to continue its efforts to close the achievement gap.

Terry Townsend spoke to the board about substitute pay. He supported the increase in substitute pay but was critical of the two-tiered system that pays more money to retired District 116 teachers who return to substitute.

5.0 CALL FOR EXECUTIVE MEETING/SESSION (AFTER CURRENT MEETING)

There was an executive session after the meeting for the purpose of: purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5) and litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent. The basis for any such "probably or imminent" finding has to be stated in the closed meeting minutes. 5 ILSC 120/2 (2)(11).

6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Summers moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Vice-President Dimit. Motion passed.

7.0 COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

8.0 PUBLIC HEARING

9.0 COMMUNICATIONS

10.0 REPORTS

11.0 ACTION ITEMS (Consent)

Vice-President Dimit moved to approve the following consent action items, seconded by Member Carter. All members present voted "aye." Motion passed. Absent: Member Rollins-Gay

11.01 Minutes

Business Meeting, June 17, 2008
Study Session, August 5, 2008

11.02 June Bills/Checks (advanced approval granted during June 17th mtg)

Education Fund bill.....	\$ 428,822.75
Operating & Maintenance Fund bills.....	\$ 83,015.76
Bond & Interest Fund bills.....	\$ 574.75
Transportation Fund bills.....	\$ 231,098.24
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund bills.....	\$ 0.00
Construction Fund bills W/C	\$ 10,188.61
Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds.....	\$ 0.00
Fire Prevention and Safety (Levy).....	\$ 8,906.10

July Bills/Checks (advanced approval granted during June 17th mtg)

Education Fund bill.....	\$1,902,345.35
Operating & Maintenance Fund bills.....	\$ 176,884.94
Bond & Interest Fund bills.....	\$ 639,237.26
Transportation Fund bills.....	\$ 50,945.58
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund bills.....	\$ 66,357.74

July Bills/Checks (advanced approval granted during June 17th mtg) cont'd

Construction Fund bills	\$	0.00
Construction Fund bills W/C	\$	75,512.98
Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds.....	\$	0.00
Fire Prevention and Safety (Levy).....	\$	0.00
Payroll.....	\$	2,304,157.16

August Bills/Checks

Education Fund bill.....	\$	1,632,910.97
Operating & Maintenance Fund bills.....	\$	317,211.37
Bond & Interest Fund bills.....	\$	0.00
Transportation Fund bills.....	\$	53,800.06
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund bills.....	\$	65,213.57
Construction Fund bills	\$	0.00
Construction Fund bills W/C	\$	215,569.64
Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds.....	\$	0.00
Fire Prevention and Safety (Levy).....	\$	94,542.34
Payroll.....	\$	2,244,536.77
Adult Education.....	\$	206,216.73

11.03 Interfund Loans

The following interfund loans were repaid to the Working Cash Fund as of June 30, 2008:

Amount of Loan	Loan From	Loan To
\$2,000,000	Working Cash Fund	Education Fund
\$ 400,000	Working Cash Fund	Oper & Maint
\$ 200,000	Working Cash Fund	Trans. Fund

11.04 Personnel Items

Approval of various personnel items were requested.

11.05 Authorization to Hire New Attorney

Carol Baker, Director of Business, requested approval to hire Steve Sheffler, as the new district attorney to handle wage garnishments.

12.0 ACTION ITEMS (Individual)

12.01 Gifts

Vice-President Dimit moved to approve and accept the following gifts, seconded by Member Cumpston. Motion passed.

Jeff Facer, Area-Wide Technologies, donated \$1,000 to the Urbana High School for professional learning.

Fair Oaks Ford, Naperville, donated a Ford World Wide Diagnosis System Analyzer to the Urbana High School Automotive Lab. This donation was valued at \$10,000.

Jennifer Frerichs, Gifford, donated a portable nebulizer and tubes to the District to be used in an elementary school as needed. This donation was valued at \$50.00.

Barbara Sartain, Principal at Wiley Elementary, donated materials to remodel her office. The office now matches the outer office that was recently remodeled by Techline. This donation was valued at \$3,249.80.

C-U Elks Club, Savoy, donated a Lapel Inspiro Transmitter, MLXI Receivers, and audio shoes to the CASE (Central Affiliation for Special Education). This donation was valued at \$2,467.95.

12.02 Substitute Teacher Pay Increase Request

Gayle Jeffries, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources requested approval to increase the substitute teacher pay.

Vice-President Dimit moved to approve item #12.02, seconded by Member Carter. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye." Motion passed. Absent: Member Rollins-Gay.

12.03 Renewal of District Property and Liability Insurance Rates

Carol Baker, Director of Business, recommended renewal of district insurance rates through Indiana Insurance as presented to the Board of Education.

Vice-President Dimit moved to approve item #12.03, seconded by Member Summers. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye." Motion passed. Absent: Member Rollins-Gay.

13.0 CALL FOR FUTURE SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

14.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

After adjournment, the Board of Education took a tour of two elementary schools: King and Prairie. There was no action taken.

15.0 BOARD REPORT

16.0 ADJOURNMENT

Vice-President Dimit moved to adjourn the meeting to take the tour, seconded by Member Carter. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye." Motion passed. Absent: Member Rollins-Gay.

President Netter declared the meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

President

Secretary