

**Urbana School District #116 Board of Education Synopsis  
October 21, 2008**

The Urbana School District #116 Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., by Board President Mark Netter. There was a quorum present; with members Benita Rollins-Gay and John Dimit arriving a few minutes after the roll call was taken.

The board received an audit report from Heather Powell of BKD, LLP. The audit found no material weaknesses or material deficiencies in District 116. For more information about the audit report, please contact Carol Baker at Central Office.

The board then approved the consent agenda including:

- Minutes of the September 16, and October 8, 2008 board meetings
- October Bills and Checks
- Interfund Loans
- Various Personnel Items
- Approval of Hazardous Areas or order to receive continuing funding from the state
- Resolution supporting the extension of the City of Urbana's "Build Urbana" program

Board members then accepted the following gifts:

PDQ Printing, Urbana, produced the "2008 Teacher Appreciation Coupon Book" for all District 116 teachers. (valued at \$2,700)

William Gingold, Urbana, donated a 4/4 violin, bow, and case to the Urbana High School Orchestra Department. (valued at \$200)

Jim Blaney, Urbana, donated FFA officer station placing for official FFA meetings. (valued \$100)

Meijer's, Urbana, made a monetary donation in the amount of \$19,800, to Urbana High School. This donation will be used to purchase a new marquee at Urbana High School.

Pat Ege and Angela Powers, Urbana, donated \$100 to Washington Early Childhood's general account.

Champaign-Urbana Optimist Club, donated \$2,000 to Urbana Middle School. The donation will be used to support UMS Character Education and Student of the Month programs.

Walmart, Urbana, donated five dozen donuts and 5 gallons of juice for Team 1 Halloween breakfast at Urbana High School. This donation was valued at \$100.

Elizabeth L. Hendrick-Barstead, Champaign, donated \$250 to Urbana School District. This donation will be used to purchase winter coats,

boots, and shoes for students in need.

In the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Preston Williams announced that several middle and high school students successfully auditioned for the Illinois Music Educators Association District III Auditions on October 13. Public Relations Specialist Mark Schultz reported that UHS Soccer will host the regional championships in the IHSA Tournament on Saturday, October 25, at 1:00 p.m. He also announced that the UHS Football team will have it's Senior Night this Friday, the Academic Monogram Program will be at UHS Monday night at 7:00 p.m., the UHS Fall Concert will be Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 p.m., UHS will stage a mock election October 29, the Raminator Monster Truck entertained the after school program this past week, and Martin Luther King Elementary will have its United Nations Day Assembly on Friday.

In the board report, member Cope Cumpston said that she wished to have the board get together for a retreat before the end of the year. Lori Johnson, board secretary, will coordinate a date and time. Mark Netter reported that petitions can be taken out for the April School Board elections in District 3, 4, and 5. John Dimit announced that the Facilities Committee has finished its tour and is gathering information on enrollment trends. The committee will meet this Thursday at 7:00 p.m., at Central Office. Dimit also gave an update on the 1% Sales Tax Referendum campaign committee.

The Board of Education adjourned at 8:07 p.m. The next meeting of the Urbana School District #116 Board of Education will be November 4, 2008, at 7:30 p.m., at 205 N. Race Street, Urbana.