



URBANA SCHOOL DISTRICT #116

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

JEAN F. BURKHOLDER

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER

205 North Race St. Urbana, IL 61801

Tuesday, November 18, 2008

7:30 p.m.

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Our mission is the Urbana School District #116, through the active engagement of the community, is to provide a quality education by vigorously fostering high expectations for individual growth within a nurturing and just environment, enabling each student to become a self-sufficient, productive, caring, and responsible member of a changing world society.

Mr. Mark Netter, President
Mr. John Dimit, Vice-President
Ms. Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary
Ms. Brenda Carter, Member
Ms. Cope Cumpston, Member
Ms. Benita Rollins-Gay, Member
Mr. Steve Summers, Member
Dr. Preston L. Williams, Jr., Superintendent
Ms. Lori Johnson, Board Secretary

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Netter called the meeting to order at 7:35 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

Absent: Benita Rollins-Gay, Board Member

Also Present: Don Owen, Asst Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction
Susan Baker-Ory, Asst. Superintendent of Special Services
Carol Baker, Director of Business
Ota Dossett, Director of Facilities and Grounds

3.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA

4.0 CITIZENS STATEMENTS

5.0 CALL FOR EXECUTIVE MEETING/SESSION (After current meeting)

6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

7.0 COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

Urbana Alumni Association will present the recipients for Fall 2008 grants. Martha Rinne, Sandy Melvin, Karen Hollett, Bethany Schmitt, Barb Linder, Ellen Elrick, Priscilla Kron, Matt Sly, Junli Wei, Gerasimoula Kokkosis, Steve Waller, and Willie Taylor.

8.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

9.0 COMMUNICATIONS

10.0 POLICY REVIEW

11.0 ACTION ITEMS (Consent)

Member Cumpston move to approve the following consent action items, seconded by Member Summers. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye." Absent: B.Rollins-Gay

11.01 Minutes

Business Meeting, October 21, 2008
Study Session, November 4, 2008

11.02 October Bills/Checks

Education Fund Bills	\$1,713,057.76
Operations & Maintenance Fund Bills	\$ 167,005.07
Bond & Interest Fund Bills	\$ 0.00
Transportation Fund Bills	\$ 415,544.58
II Municipal Retirement Fund	\$ 74,845.82
Construction Fund Bills	\$ 0.00
Construction Fund Bills (w/c)	\$ 27,813.85
Fire Prevention & Safety Bonds	\$ 0.00
Fire Prevention & Safety (Levy)	\$ 370.00
Payroll	\$2,523,912.71
Adult Education	\$ 171,344.53

11.03 Interfund Loans

The following interfund loans will be required to cover the necessary operating costs of the school district until the next Board of Education Meeting:

<u>Amount of Loan</u>	<u>Loan From</u>	<u>Loan To</u>
\$ 200,000	Working Cash Fund	Trans. Fund
\$ 500,000	Working Cash Fund	Oper/Maint Fund

11.04 Personnel Items

Approval of various personnel items were requested.

11.05 Appointment of Bank Depository for 2009

Each year the Board of Education appoints a bank depository for the school district for the next calendar year. It was recommended that Busey Bank be re-appointed as the district's bank depository for 2009.

11.06 Application for FY09 School Library Grant

Approval for the intent to apply for the FY09 School Library Grant was requested.

11.07 403B Plan Resolution

Approval of the 403B plan was requested.

11.08 Revision of Board Policy 5.312 – Bidding Procedures

Approval of revisions made to board policy 5.312 – Bidding Procedures were requested. New law effective October 3, 2008 increases the threshold for competitive bidding process. These revisions bring our policy in line with the new legislation.

12.0 ACTION ITEMS (Individual)

12.01 Gifts

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

Urbana Rotary Club donated \$2,578 to purchase adaptive chairs for students in the ASSIST classroom at Prairie Elementary School.

Exxon Mobil, Houston, Texas, donated \$500 to Urbana High School for school improvement.

Susan K. Keller, Urbana, donated \$100 to Urbana High School. This donation will be used to purchase books (novels) for free/reduced lunch students.

Miriam Landsman, Wilmette, IL, donated a DELL Dimension 2350 computer with flat panel monitor and keyboard to Leal Elementary School office.

Ford Asset Program/Parkland College donated a 2003 E-250 Ford Cargo Van to Urbana High School Automotive Program. This donation is valued at \$15,000.

12.02 Approval of Renewal of the Mass-Transit District Contract for 2008-2009

Approval was requested to renew the 2008-2009 Mass Transit District contract at a cost of approximately \$147,062.

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

12.03 Approval for Asbestos Abatement Bid

On October 27, 2008 the bids for Asbestos Abatement prior to demolition were opened. Approval was recommended that the bid of \$12, 480 be awarded to DEM Services.

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

12.04 Approval of Paper Bid

On November 12, 2008 there was a paper bid opening. Approval was recommended that the bid of \$23,760 be awarded to Midland Paper.

Vice-President Dimit moved to approve item #12.04, seconded by Member Carter. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye." Absent: B.Rollins-Gay

12.05 2008 Tax Levy

Information has been provided to the Board of Education regarding the proposed 2008 tax levy. Approval was requested.

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

13.0 CALL FOR FUTURE SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

14.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mark Schultz, Public Relations Specialist, announced that the Urbana Read Across America event won the national "Best Co-Sponsored Event" from the National Education Association. He also announced that the Board of Education Facilities Committee will hold two public input sessions regarding the future of District 116 buildings on November 20 and December 4. Assistant Superintendent Don Owen announced that he will present the revised 2008 District Improvement Plan and the 2008 UHS School Improvement plan at the next board meeting. Mr. Owen also announced that the school improvement plans are also available online at <http://www.usd116.org/home/schools/improvement.html>.

15.0 BOARD REPORT

15.01 Sales Tax for School Facilities

The Board of Education had discussion as it pertains to the sales tax for school facilities.

The board of education discussed the possibility of putting the 1% Sales Tax Referendum back on the ballot for the April 2009 school board and municipal elections after the measure failed by 262 votes earlier this month. Vice-President Dimit reported that he went to a Regional Office of Education meeting and there was a feeling among Champaign County school districts that this question should be put on the April ballot. There was a consensus among the District 116 Board of Education to vote on a resolution to put this question back on the ballot. The board hopes to take action on the issue at its December 16, 2008 meeting.

Other discussion:

Vice-President Dimit also noted that there will be a proposal put forward to work with an architect to remodel Cobb Auditorium at UHS. The auditorium was built in 1914 and has not received any significant remodeling, ever. Hiring a consultant to come up with a renovation plan would cost around \$30,000, which he envisions would be paid through working cash bonds. He also said it is possible that any renovation project could be donor funded.

President Netter reported that a board retreat will take place sometime in January as members can't find a common date in December. He also encouraged members of the public to pick up nominating packets for school board districts three, four, and five that are up in April 2009. President Netter announced that he will not be running for school board in 2009.

16.0 ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Fisher moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Carter. Motion passed.

President Netter declared the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

President

Secretary