



URBANA SCHOOL DISTRICT #116

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

BUSINESS MINUTES

JEAN F. BURKHOLDER

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER

205 North Race St. Urbana, IL 61801

Tuesday, December 16, 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 7:32 p.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL

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

Also Present: Dr. Preston L. Williams, Jr., Superintendent
Mr. Don Owen, Asst Supt of Curriculum & Instruction
Ms. Gayle Jeffries, Asst. Supt. of Human Resources
Ms. Susan Baker-Ory, Asst. Supt of Special Services
Ms. Carol Baker, Director of Business/Finance
Mr. Ota Dossett, Director of Facilities & Grounds

3.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA

4.0 CITIZENS STATEMENTS

Rev. Troy A. Burks, 809 East Park St., #A, complained to the board that it was meeting during inclement weather when there was important business on the agenda. President Netter explained that if school is open the board tries to meet. President Netter also stated that the meeting is necessary because members need to authorize the payment of bills and checks.

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

6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

7.0 COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

8.0 PUBLIC HEARING

8.01 Public Hearing on Estimated Tax Levy

As required by the "Truth in Taxation Act" a hearing was held to allow for public comment on the 2008 tax levy.

The public hearing was opened at 7:35 p.m. President Netter closed the hearing at 7:36 with no public comment. There were eight people in the audience.

9.0 COMMUNICATIONS

President Netter passed around a thank you from Hope Morrison, King Elementary Librarian for the work that was recently done to bring the library at King up to date.

10.0 REPORTS

11.0 ACTION ITEMS (Consent)

Vice-President Dimit moved to approve the following consent action items, seconded by Member Rollins-Gay. On a roll call, all members present voted "aye." Motion passed.

11.01 Minutes

Business Meeting, November 4, 2008
Study Session, December 2, 2008

11.02 November Bills/Checks

Education Fund Bills	\$1,656,452.02
Operations & Maintenance Fund Bills	\$ 117,049.63
Bond & Interest Fund Bills	\$ 0.00
Transportation Fund Bills	\$ 218,311.61

November Bills/Checks cont'd

Il Municipal Retirement Fund	\$	74,614.00
Construction Fund Bills	\$	0.00
Construction Fund Bills (w/c)	\$	1,928.55
Fire Prevention & Safety Bonds	\$	0.00
Fire Prevention & Safety (Levy)	\$	255.00
Payroll	\$	2,523,657.33
Adult Education	\$	170,921.40

11.03 Interfund Loans

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

<u>Loan From</u>	<u>Loan To</u>	<u>Amount of Loan</u>
Working Cash Fund	Transportation Fund	\$300,000
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11.04 Personnel Items

Approval of various personnel items were requested.

11.05 Approval of Sale of 1995 GMC G3500 Van

A recommendation to award bid sale of 1995 GMC G3500 van to William Shafer for \$513.

11.06 Approval of the 2009-2010 School Calendar

Approval of the 2009-2010 school calendar was requested.

11.07 UHS School Improvement Plan

Approval of the Urbana High School Improvement Plan was requested.

11.08 District School Improvement Plan

Approval of the District School Improvement Plan was requested.

12.0 ACTION ITEMS (Individual)

12.01 Gifts

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

Kathy McCraigh, Camargo, donated three violins, bows, and cases to Urbana High School. This donation is valued at \$1,200.

Linda Gibbens, Urbana, donated \$35 towards the purchase of fiction books about extreme sports to Urbana High School Library.

Clark Cunningham, Urbana, donated a 35" Sony TV to Prairie Elementary

School. This donation is valued at \$300.

Gerald Dejong and Renee Baillargeon, Urbana, donated \$1,000 to Leal Elementary Trust Account.

Champaign County Farm Bureau, Champaign, donated \$700 to Urbana High School. These funds are to purchase instructional materials for the FFA and agriculture classroom.

John Bloom, Champaign, donated five boxes of miscellaneous technology items and computer parts. This includes fiber optic network extender, multiple desktop and laptop hard drives. This donation is valued at \$1,000.

Molly Pollard, Champaign, donated a variety of photo lab equipment to Urbana High School photo lab totaling \$1,508.

12.02 Approval of Resolution Requesting Champaign County Board to Impose 1% Sales Tax for School Facility Purposes

Approval of a resolution requesting the County Board to certify to the County Clerk the question of imposing a 1% sales tax for school facility purposes for submission at the election to be held on the 7th day of April 2009.

Vice-President Dimit moved to approve item #12.02, seconded by Member Summers. On a roll call vote, all members voted "aye." Motion passed.

12.03 Approval of the Tax Levy Resolution

Board adoption of the 2008 Tax Levy was requested

Member Summers moved to approve item #12.03, seconded by Member Cumpston. On a roll call vote, all members voted "aye." Motion passed.

12.04 Approval of Board Funded Improvements to Elementary Schools during the Summer of 2009

Ota Dossett, Director of Facilities and Grounds, requested approval to proceed forward by completing the bid documents and place early bid for the summer of 2009 work. These projects will be funded by working cash bonds.

Vice-President Dimit moved to approve item #12.04, seconded by Secretary Fisher. On a roll call vote, all members voted "aye." Motion passed.

12.05 Request for Life Safety Amendment Application for 2009

Ota Dossett, Director of Facilities and Grounds, requested approval of 2009 Life Safety Amendments.

Vice-President Dimit moved to approve item #12.05, seconded by Secretary Fisher. On a roll call vote, all members voted "aye." Motion passed.

12.06 Approval of Settlement Agreement

Board sought authorization to approve a settlement agreement.

Member Summers moved to approve item #12.06, seconded by Secretary Fisher. On a roll call vote, all members voted "aye." Motion passed.

13.0 CALL FOR FUTURE SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

14.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S 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 8:13 p.m.

President

Secretary