

Urbana School District #116 Board of Education Synopsis
January 6, 2009

The Urbana School District #116 Board of Education convened at 6:00 p.m., and immediately went into executive session to discuss personnel and pending litigation. The board re-convened in open session at 7:48 p.m. All seven members were present. There were no citizen statements. The board revised the agenda and removed item 9.02 – Dismissal of Employee.

The Board of Education then approved various personnel items. For more information, please contact Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Gayle Jeffries.

Under the evening's study topic, the board heard about Community Involvement in Urbana Schools. The report was delivered by Barbara Linder.

Linder thanked the board for its support of the volunteer program, which the board voted to fund after the grant expired in 2006. Linder reported that in January the District is celebrating mentors in several ways, including a January 14, 2009 Mentor Breakfast at Vineyard Church. Linder continued on to say that there are 206 mentor/student pairs this year in District 116, up from 160 two years ago. Data also supports that students in danger of dropping out have, in fact, graduated from high school and some have gone on to college.

Board members Benita Rollins-Gay, Brenda Carter, and Mark Netter all thanked Linder and the school volunteer coordinators for all the work they do in promoting volunteering in school. For more information, please see <http://www.usd116.org/home/volunteer.html>.

In the Superintendent's report, Dr. Preston Williams introduced Chris Fuller as the new Director of Instructional Technology. Fuller comes do District 116 via the University of Illinois and Maryland. Fuller was employed in Prince Georges County in Maryland, holding various instructional technology positions in a district of over 130,000 students. Mr. Fuller has a Masters Degree in Instructional Technology.

The Board of Education adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting of the Urbana School District #116 Board of Education will be Tuesday, January 20, 2009, at 7:30 p.m., at 205 N. Race Street, Urbana.