



URBANA SCHOOL DISTRICT #116

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

STUDY SESSION MINUTES

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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER

205 North Race St. Urbana, IL 61801

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

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 7:31 p.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Mark Netter, President
Ms. Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary
Ms. Cope Cumpston, Member
Ms. Benita Rollins-Gay, Member
Mr. Steve Summers, Member

Absent: Mr. John Dimit, Vice-President
Ms. Brenda Carter, Board Member

Also Present: Dr. Preston L. Williams, Jr., Superintendent
Mr. Don Owen, Assist. Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction
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 - None

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

6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Secretary Fisher moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Member Summers. Motion passed.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFINGS AND REPORTS

7.01 C-U Safe Routes to School Project

Rose Hudson, Cynthia Hoyle, and Gabe Lewis, committee members, gave a briefing about the group's activities to promote walking and biking to school. County Regional Planning Commission conducted a survey and reported about safe walking and biking to school.

8.0 PUBLIC HEARING

9.0 ACTION ITEMS (individual/consent if needed)

9.01 Emergency Application to use Life Safety Funds

Approval for emergency applications to allow use of Life Safety Funds to replace domestic hot water heaters at Thomas Paine Elementary and Wiley Elementary.

Member Summers moved to approve item #9.01, seconded by Secretary Fisher. On a roll call, all members present voted "aye." Absent: J.Dimit, B.Carter

10.0 STUDY TOPICS

10.01 Business Software Upgrade

Carol Baker, Director of Business, discussed with the Board of Education an upgrade to the District's business software. She told the board that she would like to research new business software for the school district. Ms. Baker says the current software works well, but it is maintained by one person who is approaching retirement age. She would like to research using new business software now, so the district is not caught flat-footed and so that the District can make a good decision. The board gave its blessing for Carol to start searching.

11.0 CALL FOR FUTURE SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

There will be an executive session, Wednesday, March 4, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, including, hearing, testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity.
5 ILCS 120(c)(1)

There will be an executive session, Thursday, March 5, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of student discipline case. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9)

12.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Don Owen, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, announced that the Illinois State Board of Education has accepted the Urbana Middle School Restructuring Plan. Don also announced that five District 116 Elementary Schools received special recognition from the State Board of Education.

Carol Baker reported that the district is preparing the new Food Service bid. Carol noted that District 116 serves over 500,000 meals each year.

Superintendent Dr. Preston L. Williams, Jr., noted that ISAT testing is going on all this week.

Public Relations Specialist Mark Schultz noted that the *Urbana School District Monthly*, the District's online newsletter has been published.

13.0 BOARD'S REPORT

President Netter passed along the thanks of member Brenda Carter for being sent to the Illinois Association of School Boards meeting in Rantoul.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Fisher moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Rollins-Gay. Motion passed.

President Netter declared the meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

President

Secretary