



## **URBANA SCHOOL DISTRICT #116**

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

#### **MINUTES**

**JEAN F. BURKHOLDER**

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER**

205 North Race St. Urbana, IL 61801

Tuesday, March 17, 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 7:32 p.m.

### **2.0 ROLL CALL**

Present: Mark Netter, President  
John Dimit, Vice-President  
Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary  
Brenda Carter, Board Member  
Benita Rollins-Gay, Board Member  
Steve Summers, Board Member

Absent: Cope Cumpston, Board Member

Also Present: Preston L. Williams, Jr., Superintendent  
Don Owen, Asst Supt of Curriculum and Instruction  
Gayle Jeffries, Asst Supt of Human Resources  
Susan Baker-Ory, Asst Supt 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**

Ms. Carlita Donaldson, 406 Brookens Dr. made a statement to the board thanking them and UHS for the way they handled discipline during an incident at the Urbana Indoor Aquatic Center.

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

There will be an executive session after the current meeting to discuss a student discipline case.

**6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Vice-President Dimit moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Member Summers. Motion passed.*

**7.0 COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

**8.0 SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**

**9.0 COMMUNICATIONS**

**10.0 REPORTS/DISCUSSION**

**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 vote, all members present voted "aye." Absent: C.Cumpston*

**11.01 Minutes**

February 17, 2009, Business Meeting

March 3, 2009, Study Session

**11.02 March Bills/Checks**

Education Fund Bills	\$1,628,216.96
Operations & Maintenance Fund Bills	\$ 180,943.63
Bond & Interest Fund Bills	\$ 0.00
Transportation Fund Bills	\$ 186,770.40
II Municipal Retirement Fund	\$ 66,511.96
Construction Fund Bills	\$ 8,187.20
Construction Fund Bills (w/c)	\$ 28,009.64
Fire Prevention & Safety Bonds	\$ 0.00
Fire Prevention & Safety (Levy)	\$ 5,455.00
Payroll	\$2,503,340.08
Adult Education	\$ 154,966.07

### 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	Operations & Maint.	\$ 300,000

### 11.04 Personnel Items

Approval of various personnel items were requested.

## 12.0 ACTION ITEMS (Individual)

### 12.01 Gifts

Junior Women's League, donated \$4,000 to the Drama Club at Urbana High School.

Adam Cook, Bloomington, IL, donated \$425 to Prairie Elementary School. Mr. Cook is a former America Reads tutor and wanted to donate money for students to purchase books in Ms. Wingler's class and other 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms.

Michele and Gary Olsen, Urbana, donated 66 sonic Acoustic Foam Panels and 6 Sound Attenuation Blankets to Washington Early Childhood. This donation is valued at \$3,414.00

***Member Carter moved to approve and accept the above gifts, seconded by Secretary Fisher. Motion passed.***

### 12.02 Resolution Authorizing Notice to Remedy

Approval was requested to authorize notice to remedy. (Tracy Luchik)

***Secretary Fisher moved to approve item #12.02, seconded by Member Summers. On a roll call vote, motion passed, 4 – "ayes", 2 – "abstained." Absent: C.Cumpston.***

### 12.03 Asbestos Bid Summer Work 2009 (Life Safety)

Ota Dossett, Director of Facilities, requested approval to accept asbestos removal bid from Ironwood Environmental Services, Rockford, IL for a total of \$50,620 and engineering, supervision, testing fees of \$21,000 totaling \$71,620.

***Member Summers moved to approve item #12.03, seconded by Member Rollins-Gay. On a roll call, all members present voted "aye." Absent: C.Cumpston.***

**12.04 U of I Amended Cooperative Agreement**

It was requested of the Board of Education to approve an amended cooperative agreement between the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois and the Urbana School District for the period of July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010.

***Vice-President Dimit, moved to approve item #12.04, seconded by Member Carter. On a roll call, all members present voted “aye.” Absent: C.Cumpston***

**12.05 Superintendent’s Contract**

The Board of Education conducted the Superintendent’s evaluation on February 18, 2009 and March 4, 2009. The Board of Education took action on his contract.

***Vice-President Dimit, moved to approve item #12.05, seconded by Member Carter. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “aye.” Absent: C.Cumpston***

**13.0 CALL FOR FUTURE SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETINGS**

**14.0 SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Dr. Williams noted that he has met with President Netter and Member Cumpston about hiring a Community Engagement Facilitator for District 116. The purpose of this position is to gain community input for the purpose of strategic planning. The compensation for this position would not exceed \$17,000. The board of education indicated that they will be interested in considering this next month.

He also noted that there will have to be a special meeting before the end of March in order to approve the sending of Reduction in Force (RIF) notices.

**15.0 BOARD REPORT**

Vice-President Dimit noted that there are informational materials regarding the 1% Sales Tax Referendum.

**16.0 ADJOURNMENT**

***Secretary Fisher moved to adjourn the meeting to go into executive session for the purpose of: student discipline case, seconded by Vice-President Dimit. On a roll call, all members present voted “aye.” Absent: C.Cumpston***

***President Netter declared the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.***

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President

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Secretary