

Urbana School District #116 Board of Education Synopsis
March 17, 2009

The Urbana School District #116 Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., by board president Mark Netter. Member Cope Cumpston was absent.

Citizen Carlita Donaldson 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.

The school board approved the consent agenda. The consent agenda consisted of:

- Minutes of the February 17, and March 3, board meetings
- March bills and checks
- Interfund loans
- Personnel items

Mark Netter noted that Junli Wei, Mandarin Chinese Teacher, has to resign do to her visa expiring.

The board voted to accept the following gifts:

- The Junior Women's League donated \$4,000 to the UHS Drama Club.
- 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 4th grade classrooms.
- Michelle and Gary Olsen, Urbana, donated 66 sonic Acoustic Foam Panels and 6 Sound Attenuation Blankets to Washington Early Childhood School. This donation is valued at \$3,414.

The board voted to approve a resolution authorizing a Notice to Remedy to Tracy Luchik. Members John Dimit and Brenda Carter abstained do to being absent during the executive session.

Members voted to approve a request to have Ironwood Environmental Services of Rockford, IL, do asbestos removal work this summer using \$71,620 of life safety funds. Director of Facilities Services, Ota Dossett, says the bid came in \$66,380 under the estimate.

The board of education voted to approve the amended cooperative agreement between the U of I Board of Trustees through June 30, 2010, regarding a multicultural program taught to students.

Board members voted 6-0 to extend the contract of Superintendent Dr. Preston L., Williams, Jr., for two years through 2013. Board president Mark Netter said that is has been a "pleasure" to work with Dr. Williams.

Under superintendent's report, Dr. Williams noted that he has met with Netter and Cope 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.

Williams 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.

John Dimit noted that there are informational materials regarding the 1% Sales Tax Referendum. See <http://www.usd116.org/files/boardmin0809/salestax09.pdf> for more information.

The board of Education adjourned into executive session at 7:58 p.m., for the purpose of discussing student discipline. There was no action taken after executive session.

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

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