



URBANA SCHOOL DISTRICT #116
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MINUTES

JEAN F. BURKHOLDER
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER
205 North Race St. Urbana, IL 61801
Tuesday, April 7, 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 (8:42 p.m.)
Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary
Brenda Carter, Board Member
Cope Cumpston, Board Member
Benita Rollins-Gay, Board Member
Steve Summers, 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

Barbara Hughes, 2105 Zuppke Dr., spoke to the board and criticized members for their handling of student discipline stemming from the incident at the Urbana Indoor Aquatic Center.

Carlita Donaldson complimented the board for their handling of the pool incident and also spoke in support of the Community Engagement Facilitator position that the board would consider later in the agenda.

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

6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Summers moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Member Cumpston. Motion passed.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFINGS AND REPORTS

7.01 One to One Mentoring Request

Barbara Linder made a request to the Board of Education.

Ms. Linder asked the board to increase hours for the Community Involvement Coordinators at the middle school and the high school. She says the total cost of this will be \$20,177. Member Rollins-Gay says the program is good and "the need is there." Member Cumpston says that while she is leaving the board she "strongly encourages" the next school board to support the proposal. President Netter called the mentoring program "a good investment."

8.0 PUBLIC HEARING

9.0 ACTION ITEMS (*individual and consent)

Member Rollins-Gay moved to approve items, #9.01 and #9.02 at consent action items, seconded by Member Carter. Motion passed

9.01 Personnel Items

Approval of various personnel items were be requested.

9.02 Summer School Dates

Approval for the 2008-2009 Summer School Schedule was requested to begin June 15, 2009 until July 23, 2009.

***9.03 2009-2010 RIF Notices - Certified Staff**

The administration recommended that the Board of Education approve the Reduction In Forces notices as presented.

Secretary Fisher moved to approve the Resolution Authorizing Non Re-employment of First, Second or Third year Non-Tenured Teacher(s) (5 teachers). This motion was seconded by Member Rollins-Gay. On a roll call, all members voted "aye." Absent: J.Dimit

***9.04 Approval of Settlement Agreement**

Board requested authorization to approve a settlement agreement.

Member Summers moved to approve the payment of \$400,000 to fund the settlement of a student's claim per the terms, and as discussed and identified, in executive session, and to authorize the board president, contingent upon receipt of an order by the probate court approving this settlement, to execute the necessary documentation to effectuate the settlement upon consultation with board counsel. This motion was seconded by Secretary Fisher. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye." Absent: J.Dimit.

***9.05 Community Engagement Facilitator**

Approval was requested to move forward in hiring a Community Engagement Facilitator.

Member Cumpston moved to approve item #9.05, seconded by Member Summers. On a roll call vote, motion passed: 5 – "aye", Fisher abstained, J.Dimit – absent.

This position is temporary and the budget is not to exceed \$17,000. The purpose of this position is to gain community input for the purpose of strategic planning. The school district will post the job opening to the public.

10.0 STUDY TOPICS

10.01 Urbana Adult Education Update

David Adcock, Urbana Adult Education Director gave the Board of Education an annual summary of activities.

Among the highlights:

- UAE served a total 1,430 students in the past year
- 88 students earned a high school diploma
- UAE students made up 26% of the UHS class of 2008
- 25 students earned a GED
- 88 students earned a CNA certificate

10.02 Curriculum and Instruction Updates

The following gave a report/update to the Board of Education:

- Kathy Barbour - Staff Development
- Jean Korder - Curriculum
- Christopher Fuller - Technology

11.0 CALL FOR FUTURE SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

12.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Preston L., Williams, Jr., thanked Theresa Michelson and Tina Gunsalus for their hard work in campaigning for the 1% Sales Tax Referendum. Dr. Williams reminded the board that the school district is a people intensive organization and as they consider a new budget, it means that if their decisions impact people in some capacity.

13.0 BOARD'S REPORT

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

Vice-President Dimit move to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Rollins-Gay. Motion passed.

President Netter declared the meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

President

Secretary