

Urbana School District #116 Board of Education Synopsis
May 19, 2009

The Urbana School District #116 Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:29 p.m., by Board President John Dimit. All board members were in attendance. There were no citizen statements.

Joyce Hudson and Mary Klein from the Urbana Alumni Association presented the Spring 2009 grants to teachers from Urbana High School and Urbana Middle School. The grant recipients are:

- Mike Martin, UHS Agriculture, \$200 for conference fees
- Amy Lynn Boscolo, UHS PE, Health, and Drivers Education, \$1,514.92, for LCD, Laptop, and Laptop Desk
- UHS Math Club, \$500 for contest fees
- Meagan Welch, UMS, \$2,495, for eInstruction 32 Pad RF Classroom Performance System
- Rachel Hurliman, Urbana Girls Youth League, \$1,874 for summer camps, basketball program, and equipment
- Elizabeth Simpson, UMS Peer Mediation, \$468 for cameras and microphone

Betty Allen then gave the board members the annual Fine Arts Report.

The Urbana School District Facilities Committee then gave its final report to the board of education. Co-Chairs Diane Marlin and Joe Vitosky presented the report. You can see the summary report here: <http://www.usd116.org/files/boardmin0809/faccomm090519.pdf> as well as the environmental report for UMS here: <http://www.usd116.org/files/boardmin0809/sedac090519.pdf>. Board members had a brief discussion with Marlin and Vitosky.

The Board of Education then approved the consent agenda including:

- Minutes from the March 25, April 21, and May 5, meetings
- April Bills and Checks
- Various personnel items

The board voted 7-0 to extend the current food services contract one month to enable summer school students to receive meals.

The board voted 7-0 to award the sanitary hauling and recycling bids to Allied Waste. District 116 staff will have further discussions with the board of education regarding the recycling aspect of the contract.

The board voted 7-0 to award the Xerographic Paper Bid to Midland Paper for \$25,720.

Members voted 7-0 to award the food service bid to ARAMARK for \$1,203,347. Director of Business and Finance, Carol Baker, says that even with several bid requests sent out, ARAMARK was the only company to return a bid. Baker says other companies wished to concentrate on winning contracts with suburban school districts. The new contract represents an 8.08% increase over the old contract. Baker says ARAMARK was very fair in the bidding process.

Under the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Preston L., Williams, Jr., noted that UHS commencement will be this Sunday, May 24, 2009, at 3:00 p.m., at the U of I Assembly Hall. The UMS 8th Grade Promotion will be held Friday, June 5, 2009, at 9:30 a.m., at UMS. Carol Baker announced that Prairie Elementary School has received an \$18,000 grant award from the state to supply fresh fruits and vegetables for the

students. Superintendent Williams announced that the Rotary Club “Backpack Buddies” program currently at King Elementary School will expand to Prairie Elementary School for this fall. Backpack Buddies allows students to take home food for the weekends.

Under board report, President Dimit noted that passing of UHS Grad Trent Silver (UHS '07) after a short illness. Dimit noted the positive impact his life had on many UHS students.

The Board of Education adjourned at 9:24 p.m. The next meeting of the Urbana School District #116 Board of Education will be Tuesday, June 2, 2009, at 7:30 p.m., at 205 N. Race Street, Urbana.