

Urbana School District #116 Board of Education Synopsis
June 2, 2009

The Urbana School District #116 Board of Education meeting informally began at 7:32 p.m., with a short ceremony recognizing the retiring District 116 employees. The retirees honored were Patrick Atchley, Kay Bell, Glenn Carter, JoAnn Eizinger, Debra Heffernan, Jennifer Hixon, Harbert Jones, Shirley Lincicome, Deborah Malone, Margaret Miller, Russell Overholt, Deb Tamimie, Willie Taylor, and Linda Vandre. Each retiree was given a token of appreciation by the District. The retirees represent over 450 years of experience.

The Board of Education meeting was formally called to order at 7:40 p.m., by Board Vice-President Benita Rollins-Gay. There were five members present (Steve Summers and Board President John Dimit were absent). There were no citizen statements.

Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Gayle Jeffries, presented the winners of the Unsung Hero Award. Employees were nominated by their building administrator or principal for going "above and beyond" the call of duty. The nominees were awarded a certificate recognizing their achievements. The nominees are: Donna Clark, Sandy Cole, Many Ann Donze, Susan Ferguson, Janet Kulczycki, Lorna Lutter, Jennifer Malik, Janice Mitchell, Dottie Norman, Terry Napper, Sylvia Ortiz, Russell Overholt, Patsy Pratt, Becky Scott, Mary Tewell, Wenda Townsend, Judy Vandenberg, Adrian Walker, Billy Young, and Lori Johnson.

UHS Athletic Director, Greg Hall, presented the board of education the revised Extra-Curricular Code of Conduct Policy. You can read the proposed policy here <http://www.usd116.org/files/boardmin0809/090602conduct.pdf>. The board will formally vote on the policy at the June 16 meeting. Benita Rollins-Gay and Ruth Ann Fisher both complimented Hall for the policy that makes sense and is easy to understand.

UHS Principal, Dr. Laura Taylor, asked board members to revoke the Excessive Excused Absence Policy 6.131. You can read the policy here <http://www.usd116.org/home/board/bp6130.html>. UHS administrators say this policy does not support student learning. The board will vote on revoking this policy at its June 16 meeting.

Director of Instructional Technology, Christopher Fuller, presented a first reading of the Revised Internet Acceptable Use and Employee Technology Use Agreement. You can see the revised policy here <http://www.usd116.org/files/boardmin0809/090602aup.pdf>. The board will formally vote on the policy June 16.

Assistant Superintendent for Special Service, Susan Baker-Ory presented the Workload Plan for Special Education Teachers. This is a federal government requirement. You can read the plan here <http://www.usd116.org/files/boardmin0809/090602workload.pdf>. The board will vote on this plan June 16.

The board then heard a presentation from Maggie Whicker, SEL/PBIS Program Coordinator, about the model for establishing the behavioral supports and social culture needed for all students in a school to achieve social, emotional, and academic success. You can see the presentation here <http://www.usd116.org/files/boardmin0809/090602pbis.pdf>. Vice President Rollins-Gay commented that this program raises student self-esteem and gives them coping strategies that can carry over to the home.

Director of Title I Services, Jennifer Frerichs, provided an overview of the 2009-10 Elementary School Wide Plans. (<http://www.usd116.org/files/boardmin0809/090602title1.pdf>) The board will vote June 16 to approve those plans.

The board voted 5-0 to approve various personnel items.

Board members voted 5-0 to adjust the Landis Farm Subdivision Elementary Boundary Agreement. The resolution calls for moving both East and West Skyline Drive, which separates Landis Farms Subdivision and the yet to be developed Somerset 5 Subdivision from Prairie Elementary to Yankee Ridge Elementary. This is due to the growth of Landis Farms and logical, economical bus routes.

The board voted 5-0 for the FY10 Salary and Benefits Allocation for Non-Union Support Staff and District Administrators. The non-union clerical and maintenance staff will receive an average 4% salary plus benefits increase for FY10 – the same as unionized employees. District administrators will receive a 2.5% base salary increase with an additional 1.5% available for administrator performance increases for FY10. The FY10 cost to the district will be approximately \$158,734 from the Education Fund and \$39,565 from the Operations and Maintenance Fund.

The Board of Education adjourned at 9:45 p.m. The next meeting of the Urbana School District #116 Board of Education Meeting will be Tuesday, June 16, 2009, at 7:30 p.m., at 205 N. Race Street, Urbana.