



## **URBANA SCHOOL DISTRICT #116**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES (2<sup>nd</sup>)**

**JEAN F. BURKHOLDER**

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER**

205 North Race St. Urbana, IL 61801

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

7:00 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. John H. Dimit, President  
Ms. Benita Rollins-Gay, Vice-President  
Ms. Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary  
Ms. Brenda Carter, Member  
Ms. Elaine Gehrman, Member  
Ms. Peggy Patten, Member  
Mr. Steve Summers, Member  
Dr. Preston L. Williams, Jr., Superintendent  
Ms. Lori Johnson, Board Secretary

### **1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

**President Dimit called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.**

### **2.0 ROLL CALL**

Present: Mr. John Dimit, President  
Ms. Benita Rollins-Gay, Vice-President  
Ms. Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary  
Ms. Brenda Carter, Board Member (7:35 p.m)  
Ms. Elaine Gehrman, Board Member  
Ms. Peggy Patten, Board Member

Also Present: Dr. Preston L. Williams, Jr., Superintendent  
Mr. Don Owen, Asst Supt of Curriculum and Instruction  
Ms. Susan Baker-Ory, Asst Supt of Special Services  
Ms. Gayle Jeffries, Asst Supt of Human Resources  
Ms. Carol Baker, Director of Business  
Mr. Ota Dossett, Director of Facilities and Grounds

Absent: Mr. Steve Summers, Board Member

**3.0 CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION** (after current meeting)

There was a call for an executive session after the meeting for the purpose of litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent. The basis for any such “probably or imminent” finding has to be stated in the closed meetings. 5 ILCS 120/2(2)(11).

**4.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

***Vice-President Rollins-Gay moved to approve the agenda adding time for citizen statements before the study topic, seconded by Secretary Fisher.***

**CITIZEN STATEMENTS**

The following citizens made statements to the board:

- Karla Schroeder, Urbana: early childhood program, elementary school closure
- Kanitha Fay, Urbana: enrollment and % of school capacity
- Tim Hallett, Urbana: value of Urbana schools
- Scott Dowds, Urbana: present petition
- Emily Svendsen, Urbana: building use

**5.0 STUDY TOPIC**

**5.01 Continued Discussion on Facilities**

The Board of Education continued their discussion as it pertains to Washington Early Childhood options and other district facility needs.

**6.0 CITIZEN STATEMENTS** (3 minute maximum)

The following citizens made statement to the board:

- Christy Lee, Urbana: closing of elementary school
- Jonathan Ebel, Urbana: school closure/contraction
- Ellen Lindsey, Urbana: Washington Early Childhood new building
- Rebecca Wiltfong, Urbana: school closing
- Lynn Davenport, Urbana: facilities input
- David Stramecky, Urbana: solutions to our predicament – thinking outside the Box
- Steve Vaughan, Urbana: multi-purpose rooms/early Washington population/classroom additions
- Allison Colgrove, Urbana: northern school, effect of repurposing on learning
- James Quisenberry, Urbana: left before it was time to give his statement

**7.0 ADJOURNMENT**

***Vice-President Rollins-Gay moved to adjourn to go into executive session for the purpose given above, seconded by Member Carter.***

***President Dimit declared the open meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.***

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President

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Secretary