



URBANA SCHOOL DISTRICT #116
BOARD OF EDUCATION
EXECUTIVE SESSION/SPECIAL MTG
MINUTES

JEAN F. BURKHOLDER
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER
205 North Race St. Urbana, IL 61801
Tuesday, April 13, 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 Gehrmann, 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

2.0 ROLL CALL

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4.0 CALL FOR EXECUTIVE MEETING/SESSION

There was an executive session 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 meeting minutes. 5 ILCS 120/2(2) (11).

5.0 MOTION TO GO INTO OPEN MEETING (following a short recess to re-locate)

President Dimit re-convened to go into open session.

6.0 Continued Board Discussion Regarding Facility Improvements

The Board of Education continued their discussion regarding April 6th, Study Session's overview of planned facility improvements to King Elementary School.

Architects IGW were on hand to answer questions about the King Elementary School project. There followed extensive discussion about the project, with a board consensus that the architects should try to reduce the cost of the \$7.7 million project.

7.0 Re-Districting Discussion

The Board of Education started to discuss the need of re-districting elementary schools.

The board then discussed the possibility of closing one elementary school for a \$500,000 annual savings. Administrators briefed the board about student enrollment, building capacities, collective bargaining language about class size, and demographic trends. The board charged the administration to come up with more concrete numbers. President Dimit remarked that this information is “the first blush” and there will be many more meetings to consider this matter.

8.0 Adjournment

President Dimit declared the meeting adjourned at 11:03 p.m.

President

Secretary