



## **URBANA SCHOOL DISTRICT #116**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### **REVISED STUDY SESSION MINUTES**

**JEAN F. BURKHOLDER**

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER**

205 North Race St. Urbana, IL 61801

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

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. 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**

President Dimit reconvened the meeting (6:30 p.m. Executive Session) at 7:41 p.m.

### **2.0 ROLL CALL**

Present: John Dimit, President  
Benita Rollins-Gay, Vice-President  
Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary  
Brenda Carter, Member  
Elaine Gehrmann, Member  
Peggy Patten, Member  
Steve Summers, Member

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

### **3.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA**

The agenda was modified by having the Fine Arts presentation go first in order to get the students home earlier than later.

## 4.0 CITIZENS STATEMENTS

### 4.01 Presentation of Artwork/Fine Arts Annual Report

Betty Allen, Fine Arts Teachers and selected student presented various pieces of artwork. Betty then followed up with a report to the Board of Education.

### 4.02 Urbana Alumni Association Grant Presentation

C.K. Gunsalus, Jerry Ragle, and Mary Klein from Urbana Alumni Association presented the 2010 Spring Grant recipients.

The following citizens made statements to the Board of Education:

Doug McClelland: Flossie Wiley School

Jill Quisenberry: closure of a school

Scott Dowds: possible school closing

Steve Vaughan: class sizes

Lynn Davenport: potential elementary school closure

Paul Poulosky: school as a community

Brandi Lowe: Special Education, Title I, ESL, ECL, Fine Arts space

William Percival: personal interest in proposed school closing

Barbara Christensen: redistricting/school closing/AYP

Christine Lee: school closing, early childhood

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

There was an executive session prior (6:30 p.m.) to this meeting. The executive session may re-convene after the current study session for the purpose of:

Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, including hearing, testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120(c)(1)

Collective bargaining matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2)

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)

## 6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*Secretary Fisher moved to approve the agenda as modified, seconded by Vice-President Rollins-Gay. Motion passed.*

## 7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFINGS AND REPORTS

### 7.01 Presentation of Artwork/Fine Arts Annual Report

Betty Allen will have students present various pieces of artwork and give a fine arts report to the Board of Education.

**moved to 4.01**

**7.02 Control Technologies Solutions Findings**

Mark Graves, CTS, made a presentation to the Board of Education regarding the District's energy audit.

**\*Vice-President Rollins-Gay left (9:00 p.m.)**

**8.0 POLICY REVIEW**

**9.0 ACTION ITEMS (consent/individual)**

Items #9.01 and #9.02 were voted on as consent, Item #9.03 was voted on as individual.

**9.01 Approval of Personnel Item(s)**

Approval were requested for various personnel items.

**9.02 District Wide Cleaning Contract**

The cleaning contract bid opening was held on April 12, 2010, with two bids received. It is the administrative recommendation to award the bid to Environmental Service Solutions, totaling \$1,881,933.00 (two year contract.)

***Member summers moved to approve items, #9.01 and 9.02, seconded by Member Patten. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye."  
Absent: Rollins-Gay***

**9.03 Resolution to Dismiss and to Authorize Notice of Dismissal and Charges**

Approval of an administrative recommendation for a resolution to dismiss and to authorize notice of dismissal and charges was requested.

***Secretary Fisher moved to accept the Resolution 9.03 to Dismiss and Authorize Notice of Dismissal and Charges for Charles Taylor, seconded by Member Carter. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye."  
Absent: Rollins-Gay***

**10.0 STUDY TOPICS**

**10.01 Bonding Process**

Carol Baker, Director of Business, went over the bonding process with the Board of Education. There is a deadline of September 15, 2010 to file for bonds.

**11.0 CALL FOR FUTURE SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETINGS**

**12.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**13.0 BOARD'S REPORT**

**14.0 ADJOURNMENT**

***Secretary Fisher moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Carter. Motion passed.***

***President Dimit declared the meeting adjourned with no executive session to following current meeting at 10:20 p.m.***

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President

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Secretary