



## **URBANA SCHOOL DISTRICT #116**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
STUDY SESSION MINUTES  
JEAN F. BURKHOLDER**

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER**

205 North Race St. Urbana, IL 61801

Tuesday, September 7, 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 called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.*

### **2.0 ROLL CALL**

Present: Mr. John Dimit, President  
Ms. Rollins-Gay, Vice-President  
Ms. Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary  
Ms. Brenda Carter, Member (7:35 pm)  
Ms. Elaine Gehrmann, Member  
Ms. Peggy Patten, Member

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

Absent: Mr. Steve Summers, Member

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

#### 4.0 CITIZEN STATEMENTS

<u>Citizen</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Steve Vaughan, Urbana	elementary schools (handout)
Linda Minor, Urbana	elementary schools
Scott Dowds, Urbana	elementary schools
David Stramecky, Urbana	mandated programs

#### 5.0 CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION (after current meeting)

#### 6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*Member Patten moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Vice-President Rollins-Gay. Motion passed.*

#### 7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFINGS AND REPORT

##### 6.01 Board Policy Revisions

The Board of Education was given a variety of revised board policies to be reviewed. Approval of revised policies will be requested during the September 21<sup>st</sup>, business meeting.

#### 8.0 PUBLIC HEARING

##### 8.01 Public Hearing of the FY11 District Budget

Public hearing on the 2010-2011 budget was held.

*President Dimit opened the public hearing at 7:57 pm. With no public comment, the hearing was closed at 7:58 pm.*

##### 8.02 Public Hearing of the FY11 Adult Education Budget

Public hearing on the 2010-2011 Adult Education budget was held.

*President Dimit opened the public hearing at 7:58 pm. With no public comment, the hearing was closed at 7:59 pm.*

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

*Member Carter moved to approve the following action items as consent, seconded by Secretary Fisher. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye." Absent: S.Summers*

##### 9.01 Personnel Items

Approval of various personnel items\* were requested.

\*Gayle Jeffries, Asst Supt of Human Resources made one modification to the personnel items – pulling Rita Balbo off the list of retirements.

**9.02 Professional Agreement with School Secure**

Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with School Secure to provide professional consulting and training services for the 2010 Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Grant (REMS) was requested.

**10.0 STUDY TOPICS**

**10.01 FY11 District Budget**

Carol Baker, Director of Business, presented the FY11 District budget to the Board of Education.

**10.02 FY11 Adult Education Budget**

David Adcock, Director of Adult Education, presented the FY11 Adult Education budget to the Board of Education.

**10.03 Redistricting Recommendation**

Administrative team presented information and request guidance from the Board of Education regarding the scope of an Elementary Redistricting Study.

**10.04 Discussion of Location and Use of an Early Childhood Facility**

The board discussed site location and potential uses for the early childhood facility.

Cris Vowels, Washington Early Childhood Principal, and Riley Glerum, IGW Architects, were present to go over Washington Early Childhood options. The Board of Education was presented with four possible sites for a new Washington Early Childhood: Thomas Paine, Prairie, Yankee Ridge and its' current site. Pros and cons were discussed. The Board of Education eliminated possible sites: Thomas Paine and Yankee Ridge. Discussion will continue at the next board meeting. Sites to be discussed: Prairie and current Washington Early Childhood site.

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

**12.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**13.0 BOARD REPORT**

**14.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**Member Patten moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Gehrman. Motion passed.**

**President Dimit declared the meeting adjourned at 11:48 p.m.**

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President

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Secretary