



URBANA SCHOOL DISTRICT #116

BOARD OF EDUCATION

STUDY SESSION MINUTES

JEAN F. BURKHOLDER

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER

205 North Race St. Urbana, IL 61801

Tuesday, February 11, 2014

7:30 p.m.

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The mission of Urbana School District 116, a multi-cultural community committed to educational excellence, is to ensure that all learners acquire knowledge, develop skills, and build character to achieve personal greatness and help create a better global society, by providing innovative, comprehensive programs, respecting individual learning styles and cultural differences, and fostering caring and nurturing relationships, while engaging each student, every family and the entire community.

Mr. John H. Dimit, President

Ms. Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary

Ms. Elaine Gehrmann, Member

Mr. Paul Poulosky, Member

Dr. Donald D. Owen, Superintendent

Ms. Benita Rollins-Gay, Vice-President

Ms. Brenda Carter, Member

Ms. Peggy Patten, Member

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: John H. Dimit, President
Benita Rollins-Gay, Vice-President
Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary
Brenda Carter, Member (7:39 p.m.)
Elaine Gehrmann, Member
Peggy Patten, Member
Paul Poulosky, Member

Also Present: Donald D. Owen, Superintendent
Jennifer Ivory-Tatum, Deputy Superintendent
Gayle Jeffries, Asst Supt of Human Resources
Todd Taylor, Asst Supt of Student Services
Carol Baker, Chief Financial Officer
Ota Dossett, Director of Facilities and Grounds

3.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA

It was requested to flip the evenings study topics. Discipline Report to become #10.01, with Discussion of Possible Tax Abatement to become #10.02.

4.0 CITIZENS STATEMENTS - None

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

6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Poulosky moved to approve the agenda as modified, seconded by Member Patten. Motion passed.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFINGS AND REPORTS

8.0 PUBLIC HEARING

9.0 ACTION ITEMS (individual/consent)

9.01 Personnel Items

Approval of various personnel items were requested.

Vice-President Rollins-Gay moved to approve item #9.01, seconded by Member Poulosky. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye."

9.02 Gifts

The Michael Pollock Scholarship Fund is currently at \$4,745.00 thanks to the generous donations from the following: Peggy Patten/Todd Kinney, Shirley Stillinger, Brad and Jonell Hastings, James French/Wendy Smith French, Michael Trout, Mildred Barnett, Mark Netter/Eve Harwood, Albert Valocchi, George and Debbie Reese, Katie Wang, Gene Amberg, Christa Kivarkis, Spencer Landsman/Janice Bellington, Marie Bellington, Laura and Robert Haber, Donald Owen/Meg Deland Owen, Richard and Ann Owen, William and Beth Gregory, David and Ann Bechtel, David and Kathleen Ray, Phillip and Sonia Ew Newmark, R. Scott Davis, Bruce and Theresa Michelson, Glenn and Colleen Berman, and Sarah Barnett Nemeth.

Member Patten moved to approve the above donations to the Michael Pollock Scholarship Fund, seconded by Member Gehrman. Motion passed.

10.0 STUDY TOPICS

10.01 Discipline Report

Dr. Jennifer Ivory-Tatum, Deputy Superintendent, facilitated presentations and discussions regarding the District's Discipline data, processes, and procedures. Presentations were made by Matthew Stark, UHS Principal, Scott Woods, UMS Principal and Sandra Cooper, Thomas Paine Elementary School Principal.

10.02 Discussion of Possible Tax Abatement

Carol Baker, Chief Financial Officer, facilitated discussion regarding a possible tax abatement.

After discussion of a possible tax abatement, a straw poll was taken to give Carol guidance as to whether or not a resolution should be presented to the Board of Education at the February 18, 2014 business meeting for requested approval. Results from the straw poll was that a resolution should not be presented and approval requested.

11.0 CALL FOR FUTURE SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

12.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

13.0 BOARD'S REPORT

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

Member Poulosky moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Carter. Motion passed.

President Dimit declared the meeting adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

President

Secretary