



URBANA SCHOOL DISTRICT #116

BOARD OF EDUCATION

STUDY SESSION MINUTES

JEAN F. BURKHOLDER

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER

205 North Race St. Urbana, IL 61801

Tuesday, March 4, 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 7:32 pm.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Present: John H. Dimit, President
Benita Rollins-Gay, Vice-President
Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary
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

Absent: Brenda Carter, Member

3.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA

4.0 CITIZENS STATEMENTS - None

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

6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Secretary Fisher moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Member Poulosky. Motion passed.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFINGS AND REPORTS

8.0 POLICY REVIEW

9.0 STUDY TOPICS

9.01 Race to the Top Mid-Year Report for 2013-2014

Natalee Bretz, Director of District and School Improvement, presented an update to the Board of Education regarding the current status of Urbana School District's implementation of Race to the Top priority indicators. Natalee discussed the progress made to date, as well as next steps for each indicator.

9.02 Discussion of Tuition Based Preschool Option

Crystal Vowels, Principal of Urbana Early Childhood School discussed a proposal that would allow a small number of tuition based students enroll at UECS starting in the 2014-2015 school year.

At the end of the discussion, it was asked that Ms. Vowels continue to seek information from other agencies in and around Urbana, as well as the amount the District would charge. The board asked that she bring her findings back to the board in August.

10.0 ACTION ITEMS (consent)

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 Gehrmann. Motion passed.

President Dimit declared the meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

President

Secretary