



URBANA SCHOOL DISTRICT #116

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

STUDY SESSION MINUTES

JEAN F. BURKHOLDER

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER

205 North Race St. Urbana, IL 61801

Tuesday, October 7, 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

Vice-President Rollins-Gay called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Present:

Benita Rollins-Gay, Vice-President

Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary

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

Absent:

John H. Dimit, President

Brenda Carter, Member

Elaine Gehrmann, Member

3.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA

It was requested to move item #11.01 to item #7.01 and move item #7.01 to #7.02, making item #11.02, item #11.01.

4.0 CITIZENS STATEMENTS

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

6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFINGS AND REPORT

7.01 Funding Illinois Future Coalition

Dr. David Lett, Superintendent, Pana Community Unit School District #8, and Teresa Ramos, Outreach Director, Advance Illinois, presented information supporting a resolution for equitable funding for Illinois school districts through the School Funding Reform Act of 2014 (SB16). The Board of Education will receive a resolution to review. Approval of the resolution will be requested during the October 21, 2014, business meeting.

7.02 School Improvement Plans

Mary Beth Norris, Yankee Ridge Elementary Principal, and Jennifer Rohn, Gerber School Principal, reviewed their respective Continuous School Improvement Plans (Rising Star) with the Board of Education.

8.0 COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

9.0 PUBLIC HEARING

10.0 ACTION ITEMS

10.01 Personnel Items

Approval of various personnel items were requested
Member Poulosky moved to approve item #10.01, seconded by Member Patten. On a roll call, all members present voted "aye." Motion passed. Absent: J.Dimit, B.Carter, E.Gehrmann.

11.0 STUDY TOPICS

11.01 Facility Project Update

Ota Dossett, Director of Facilities, presented the Board of Education proposed Summer 2015 projects as well as Life Safety Amendments.

12.0 CALL FOR FUTURE SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

13.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

14.0 BOARD'S REPORT

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

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

Vice-President Rollins-Gay declared the meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

President

Secretary