



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, January 15, 2019

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. Anne Hall, Member

Ms. Benita Rollins-Gay, Vice-President

Ms. Brenda Carter, Member

Ms. Peggy Patten, Member

Mr. Paul Poulosky, Member

Dr. Preston L. Williams, Jr. Interim Superintendent

Ms. Lori Johnson, Recording Secretary

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Dimit called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Present: John H. Dimit, President
Benita Rollins-Gay, Vice-President
Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary
Anne Hall, Board Member
Peggy Patten, Board Member
Paul Poulosky, Board Member

Also Present: Preston L. Williams, Jr., Interim Superintendent
Jean Korder, Interim Asst Supt of Student Learning
Todd Taylor, Asst Supt of Student Services
Gayle Jeffries, Interim Asst Supt of HR & PD
Carol Baker, Chief Financial Officer
Matthew Abbatessa, Director of Facilities Services
Shawna Scherer, Director of UAE & Student Engagement

Absent: Brenda Carter, Board Member

3.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA

4.0 COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

Tiger Spotlight

Kira Buford-Rucker, 9th grader, saw a friend in need and decided to take it upon herself to save enough money to purchase a bike for her friend. Kira was a feature story on FOX news.

Payton Borich, 12th grader, was one of 185 high schoolers selected to participate in the recent Macy's Great American Marching Band. Payton has played with the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra, since he was in first grade. He also played *The Star Spangled Banner* at the State Farm Center, IHSA state wrestling tournament last February. In addition to his trumpet playing skills, he is also an accomplished member of both UHS Cross Country and Field/Track teams.

Jaden Johnson, 11th grader and an Eagle Scout, was recently highlighted in the News-Gazette for his project "Blessing Box", through Boy Scouts. Jaden has been in Boy Scouts for 10 years. Per News-Gazette article, Lovetta Ash-Simpson, District Director for the Boy Scouts was quoted "He's a scholar at school, a good athlete, a dedicated member of his church and a great Scout overall."

Karen DeBauche, Urbana Middle School Band Director, recently named the Music Education Alliance 2018-2019 Dr. William P. Foster Project Award of Excellence Division Winner. She was the single winner from the North Central Division.

The College Band Directors National Association (CBDNA), Music for All (MFA), and National Band Association (NBA) are dedicated to the attainment of a high level of excellence for bands and band music at all levels of instruction. The Dr. William P. Foster Music Education Alliance "Award of Excellence" recognizes quality programs serving historically disadvantaged student populations. This exciting initiative honors select educators, and their band programs, which are challenging students and reaching a high level of excellence.

5.0 CITIZENS STATEMENTS

Christy Lee

New super search

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

There was a call for an executive session for the purpose of:

The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

7.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

8.0 ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFINGS AND REPORT

9.0 POLICY REVIEW

10.0 ACTION ITEM(S)

10.1 Approval to Re-Activate Standing Calendar Committee

Approval was requested to re-activate the standing calendar committee, to develop a two year (2019-2020 and 2020-2021) district school calendar.

Member Patten moved to approve to item 10.1, seconded by Member Hall. Motion passed.

11.0 STUDY TOPICS

11.1 Superintendent Search/Executive Search Discussion

The Board of Education discussed the upcoming superintendent search/executive search process and timeline.

12.0 CALL FOR FUTURE SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

13.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

14.0 BOARD'S REPORT

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Fisher moved to adjourn the meeting to go into closed session for the purpose of: The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), seconded by Member Hall. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye." Absent: B. Carter

President Dimit declared the open meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m., stating that there would be no action following the closed session.

President

Secretary