

Urbana School District #116 Board of Education Synopsis
August 18, 2009

The Urbana School District #116 Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m., by Board President John Dimit. All members were in attendance.

The board heard the following commendations:

The following teams earned the IHSA Team Academic Achievement Award (a 3.0 cumulative GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale) in the 2008-09 school year: girls' tennis, boys' golf, girls' cross country, girls' swimming, baseball, boys' tennis, girls' soccer, and softball.

The following teachers are recipients of CUSF SPLASH Grants: **Prairie** – Nechele Johnson; **Leal** – Gail Beck, Katheryn Plotner; **King** – Linda Darr; **UMS** – Laura Hlinka, Melissa Kearns, Rachel Hurliman; **UHS** – Chris Cox, Julie Erlinger, Erin Ludwick, Beth Hogan, and Carol Casbeer

Susan Baker-Ory, Assistant Superintendent for Special Services, presented a first reading of *Policies and Procedures Assuring the Implementation of Comprehensive Programming for Children with Disabilities*. This updated policy aligns the District with state guidelines. The board will formally vote on the policy at its September 15 meeting. For more information, please see (<http://www.usd116.org/files/boardmin0910/090818sped.pdf>).

The board then voted 7-0 to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the following:

- Minutes of the June 16, 2009 Business Meeting
- Minutes of the July 1, 2009 Special Meeting
- July Bills and Checks
- August Bills and Checks
- Interfund Loans
- Various Personnel Items

Board members voted to accept the following gifts and directed District 116 personnel to send thank you notes for the following:

- Vivian Petrotte, Urbana, donated a Bach E66920, trumpet, to the Urbana Middle School Band Program, valued at \$500.
- American Analytical Chemistry Laboratory Corp., Champaign, donated \$250 to the Washington Early Childhood School Carnival.
- Ricardo Chavez, Urbana, donated an upright piano to Urbana High School Music Department, valued at \$500.
- Ron and Sandra Moody, Normal, donated a 14" viola, bow, case, and music to the District 116 music program, valued at \$575.
- Scott and Karen McKinley, Severna Park, Maryland, donated a large variety of Lego's to Yankee Ridge Elementary. The McKinley's did a Google search for "Lego donations" and came across the Yankee Ridge Program. The value of the donation is \$500.

District 116 Superintendent, Dr. Preston Williams, reported to the board that September 4, is the deadline for a demographer to submit a Request for Proposal (RFP) to the District (<http://www.usd116.org/files/rfpdemo09.pdf>). Dr. Williams also noted the District Back to School Celebration and the Gridiron events are this Friday

(<http://www.usd116.org/news/newsfolder/backschool09.html> and <http://www.usd116.org/news/newsfolder/gridiron09.html>). Superintendent Williams also passed out a revised request from Barb Linder at UMS requesting additional hours for the community involvement coordinator at UHS. Dr. Williams informed the board that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity will meet with District 116 free of charge to draw up a RFP for the architect and performance contract to expand King School and install air conditioning. Dr. Williams then reported to the board that the “prognosis is not good” regarding state aid as it pertains to the upcoming District 116 Budgets. The state has not come through with its promised aid and he says that puts the District “between a rock and a hard place.” Dr. Williams then briefed the school board about the latest information about the H1N1 Virus and how District 116 is preparing for a potential flu epidemic (<http://www.usd116.org/news/newsfolder/flu.html>). Dr. Williams informed the board that study session topics are decided by the school board and asked that members submit their study topic requests for the upcoming year soon.

Board President, John Dimit, encouraged board members to get out to the buildings and see the improvements made to the structures this summer.

The Board of Education adjourned at 8:17 p.m. The next meeting of the Urbana School District #116 Board of Education Meeting will be Tuesday, September 1, 2009, at 7:30 p.m., at 205 N. Race Street, Urbana.