

Urbana School District #116 Board of Education Synopsis
September 1, 2009

The Urbana School District #116 Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m., by Board President John Dimit. All were in attendance. Before the meeting, the board met in executive session. There was no action stemming from the executive session.

The board saluted Jason Liggett, who recorded his last meeting for UPTV. The board also welcomed Antonio Burnett as the new UPTV recording technician.

The board held public hearings on the Fiscal Year 2010 District 116 budget and the Adult Education budget. There were no public comments. See <http://www.usd116.org/files/boardmin0910/090901adedbud.pdf> to view the Adult Education Budget.

Carol Baker, Director of Business and Finance, presented the FY 2010 budget to the board. See a summary of the budget at <http://www.usd116.org/files/boardmin0910/090901bud.pdf>. The budget runs a deficit due to state aid being cut. Superintendent, Dr. Preston L. Williams, Jr., warned the board that federal "stimulus" money had helped tide the Illinois State Board of Education over for this year, but the stimulus money will be gone by 2011. Dr. Williams advised the board that District 116 "is beyond belt tightening." Dr. Williams further said that the school board will have to make hard choices during the next budget process.

Ota Dossett, Director of Facilities Services, presented the board with a report about the summer work projects accomplished by District 116. See <http://www.usd116.org/files/boardmin0910/090901fac.pdf> to read Dossett's report.

Board Secretary, Lori Johnson, passed around a survey of Study Session topics for the School Board for the upcoming year.

John Dimit told the board that here is a student-directed play happening September 17 – 19 at UHS. The board also saluted UHS Boys' Soccer Coach, Randy Blackman, for winning his 300th game as soccer coach.

The board adjourned at 8:25 p.m. After adjournment, the board toured King Elementary, Thomas Paine Elementary, Wiley Elementary, and Urbana High School. The next Board of Education meeting will be September 15, 2009, at 7:30 p.m., at 205 North Race Street, Urbana.