

Urbana School District #116 Board of Education Synopsis
October 20, 2009

The Urbana School District #116 Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., by Board President John Dimit. There were six members present (Steve Summers was absent).

The board received the 2008-09 Auditors report from BKD, LLP. The audit reported no findings, deficiencies, or material weaknesses. You can read the report at <http://www.usd116.org/files/boardmin0910/091020usdaudit.pdf>.

Members voted 6-0 to approve the following consent agenda:

- October Bills/Checks
- Interfund Loans
- Personnel Items
- Approval of Hazardous Areas
- Approval of UHS 2009 Graduates
- Approval of Updated City of Urbana Fiber Agreement

The board then voted to approve the September 15, September 30, and October 6, 2009 board meeting minutes. Member Elaine Gehrmann asked to revise the October 6 minutes to reflect her request to staff for white student sub-group numbers in the AYP report. She also asked to revise member Rollins-Gay's comments to include that UHS has much work to do to improve scores to also go with her compliments about UHS improvements.

Member Rollins-Gay announced the following gifts to District 116 and the board voted to accept the gifts and send thank-you notes:

- U of I Office of Student Financial Aid, Champaign, donated a Silver Rider Tricycle, knee pads, helmets, and school supplies (\$400 value) to Washington Early Childhood School.
- Marge and Pete Whetmore, Urbana, donated \$100 to Washington Early Childhood as a cash donation and office supplies.
- Phi Delta Epsilon organized a fundraiser through Andy's Books for Kids, a non-profit organization that coordinates book drives. Though this endeavor, King Elementary School Library received books with an estimated value of \$2,400. The library also received a \$1,000 cash donation.
- Sara Short Scott, Urbana, donated \$1,000 to the UMS Girls' Basketball Team.
- Lucinda Strehlow, Urbana, donated \$1,000 towards the rebuilding of the Yamaha Grand Piano in the UHS Choir/Orchestra room.

Members voted 6-0 to approve a motion to adopt the Urbana Middle School Improvement Plan. See <http://www.usd116.org/files/boardmin0910/091006umssip.pdf> for more information.

In the Superintendent's report, Dr. Preston L., Williams, Jr., informed the board that the UHS Girls' Tennis team won sectionals; UHS Girls' Cross Country finished 5th in a large invitational; UHS Girls' Swimming won a meet against University High; the Twin City Swim Meet is coming up; Boys' Soccer is in the regional's; UMS Boys' Cross Country performed well at a state meet (<http://www.usd116.org/news/newsfolder/crossstate.html>); UHS Football finishes the season this Friday at Danville; and UHS Girls' Volleyball is taking part in the breast cancer Volley for the Cure.

Member Brenda Carter complimented the UHS Agriculture program for winning a national ranking. John Dimit noted that UHS Alum, Ella Masar, is part of the US National Soccer Team, Ruth Ann Fisher complimented UHS for changing the traffic patterns in the UHS Parking Lot, and Elaine Gerhmann reminded members about a forum about harassment and bullying of LGBT students and a forum taking place November 2, 2009, at Parkland College.

The board adjourned at 8:07 p.m. The next meeting of the Urbana School District #116 Board of Trustees will be November 3, 2009, at 7:30 p.m., at 205 N. Race Street, Urbana.