

**Historical Review of  
Community Engagement Facilitator Position  
Urbana School District #116 Board of Education  
December 1, 2009**

- November 2007 UHS Restructuring Planning Committee begins discussing adding a district level position to address the required “monitoring” component of the Restructuring Plan.
- April 1, 2008 UHS Restructuring Plan is presented to the BOE with a district level position, Director of Student Achievement and Accountability recommended. The BOE asks that the job description be revised before approval.
- April 15, 2008 BOE approves the UHS Restructuring Plan after removing the Director of Student Achievement and Accountability from the plan.
- June 17, 2008 At the BOE meeting, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Donald Owen, “briefed the board on the response from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) concerning the submitted Urbana High School Restructuring Plan. Owen read to the board the comments from Carol Diedrichsen from ISBE. Owen also said that the administrative recommendation will be to reconvene the Restructuring Planning Committee to ‘revise this plan to strengthen the governance piece and resubmit’ the plan to the BOE for approval and to ISBE.” (BOE Synopsis for June 17, 2009). At this meeting, there was much discussion about community involvement, community engagement, and participation.
- September 2, 2008 A revised UHS Restructuring Plan, which included a District Monitoring Team, presented and discussed.
- September 16, 2008 The BOE continued its discussions about some type of community engagement facilitator, but the issue was not brought to a vote, because the majority of the members did not feel that they could support such a position.
- October 7, 2008 The BOE approved the revised UHS Restructuring Plan and it was re-submitted to ISBE; ROE and ISBE subsequently approved it.
- November 4, 2008 Tracy Parsons, USD parent and community member, spoke to the BOE about the need for a community engagement position.
- March 17, 2009 During the Superintendent’s Report, Dr. Williams indicated that after discussion with BOE President Netter, and BOE Member Cumpston, he had a revised proposal for a Community Engagement Facilitator, and the BOE indicated that they would like the proposal to be on the next agenda.
- April 7, 2009 At the BOE meeting, the BOE “voted to approve the request to move forward and contract with a Community Engagement Facilitator on a 5-0-1 vote. Member Ruth Ann Fisher abstained. This position is temporary and the budget is not to exceed \$17,000. The purpose of this position is to gain community input for the purpose of strategic planning.” (BOE Synopsis for April 7, 2009).