



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, December 1, 2009

7:30 p.m.

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Our mission is the Urbana School District #116, through the active engagement of the community, is to provide a quality education by vigorously fostering high expectations for individual growth within a nurturing and just environment, enabling each student to become a self-sufficient, productive, caring, and responsible member of a changing world society.

Mr. John H. Dimit, President
Ms. Benita Rollins-Gay, Vice-President
Ms. Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary
Ms. Brenda Carter, Member
Ms. Elaine Gehrmann, Member
Ms. Peggy Patten, Member
Mr. Steve Summers, Member
Dr. Preston L. Williams, Jr., Superintendent
Ms. Lori Johnson, Board Secretary

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Dimit called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Present: John Dimit, President
Benita Rollins-Gay, Vice-President
Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary
Brenda Carter, Board Member
Elaine Gehrmann, Board Member
Peggy Patten, Board Member
Steve Summers, Board Member

Also Present: Preston L. Williams, Jr., Superintendent
Donald Owen, Asst. Supt. of Curriculum and Instruction
Gayle Jeffries, Asst. Supt of Human Resources
Carol Baker, Director of Business and Finance

Absent: Susan Baker-Ory, Asst. Supt. of Special Services
Ota Dossett, Director of Facilities and Grounds

3.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA

The agenda was modified by taking item #9.06 off the agenda.

4.0 CITIZENS STATEMENTS

Mark Netter, Urbana, spoke to the board and encouraged them to support hiring the Community Engagement Facilitator.

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

6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Secretary Fisher moved to approve the agenda as modified, seconded by Vice-President Rollins-Gay. Motion passed.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFINGS AND REPORTS

7.01 First Reading Board of Education Revised Policy Manual

The Board of Education received a “draft” copy of a revised Board of Education Policy Manual. This policy manual was created by the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB), which brings us in compliance with the School Code.

8.0 PUBLIC HEARING

9.0 ACTION ITEMS

9.01 Personnel Item(s)

Approval of various personnel item(s) were requested.

Vice-President Rollins-Gay, moved to approve the revised personnel items, seconded by Member Carter. On a roll call, all members present voted “aye.” Motion passed.

9.02 Strategic Services Agreement

Approval was requested to hire Cambridge Strategic Services to facilitate the strategic planning process.

Discussion: The start up cost will be \$38,500, with additional cost for food, facility usage and printing.

Member Patten moved to approve item #9.02, seconded by Member Gehrman. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “aye.” Motion passed.

9.03 Proposal for Achitecture Services

Approval was requested to hire IGW Architecture for the addition to King Elementary School.

Discussion: The District is committing to having IGW as the general architect with right to hire another firm for a specific job.

Vice-President Rollins-Gay mvoed to approve item #9.03, seconded by Member Carter. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “aye.” Motion passed.

9.04 Resolution to Issue Working Cash Fund Bonds

Resolution declaring the intention to avail of the provisions of Article 20 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, and to issue Working Cash Fund Bonds of School District Number 116, Champaign County, Illinois, and directing that notice of such intentionbe published in the manner provided by law.

Member Carter moved to approve #9.04, seconded by Member Patten. Motion passed.

9.05 Reimbursement Resolution

Resolution expressing official intent regarding certain capital expenditures to be reimbursed from proceeds of an obligation to be issued by School District Number 116, Champaign County, Illinois.

Member Summers moved to approve item #9.05, seconded by Member Carter. Motion passed.

9.06 Dismissal of Employee

Consideration of dismissal of the employee subject to the Loudermill hearing in previous executive session.

Withdrawn

10.0 STUDY TOPICS

10.01 Community Engagement Facilitator

The Board reviewed the community engagement facilitator position.

Extensive discussion took place regarding the position, with a consensus building that the School Board didn't want to have a position that works at "cross purposes" with the strategic planning consultants. The board directed District 116 administration to modify the Community Engagement Facilitator position that directly supports the strategic planning process and bring it back to the board for approval.

11.0 CALL FOR FUTURE SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

12.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

13.0 BOARD'S REPORT

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Fisher moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Carter.

President Dimit declared the meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

President

Secretary