

Urbana School District #116 Board of Education Synopsis

January 19, 2010

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 in attendance (member Steve Summers was absent).

Reverend Troy Burks of Urbana spoke to the board and encouraged them to rethink the vote of [December 15, 2009](#), and hire a Community Engagement Facilitator.

The school board voted 6-0 to approve the consent agenda that included:

- December 19, 2009, Business Meeting Minutes
- January 5, 2010, Study Session Minutes
- November Bills/Checks
- Interfund Loans (\$300,000 from Working Cash to Transportation Fund)
- Various Personnel Items
- [The 2010-11](#) and Tentative 2011-12 School Calendars

Board members voted 6-0 to accept the following gifts and directed staff to write thank-you notes:

- Starr Dalton, Urbana American Legion Auxiliary, donated 120 pairs of gloves to be distributed to elementary schools.
- Central Illinois Bank donated \$825 after a recent promotion where the bank would donate \$25 to a customer's school of choice when they opened a new account.
- The following donations were made to the Evelyn Burnett Underwood Music Assistance Program at Urbana Middle School: Ira and Rebecca Wachtel (in memory of Derek James Spooner) - \$25; James and Darlene Kloeppel - \$1000. Kathleen Everingham, Urbana, also donated a trombone, bell kit, stick bag, and mallets to the program (valued at \$300).
- Joy Davis, Urbana, donated \$100 to the Urbana High School Auto Tech Program.

The Board of Education voted 6-0 to adopt the revised Board Policy Manual. Before voting in favor of the policy, Member Elaine Gehrmann commented that the board should "really try to schedule time" to fully study the policies. She especially wants discussion on sections two and four of the policy manual. After the vote, member Peggy Patten volunteered to work with the administration on adopting a Board of Education Calendar.

Director of Business and Finance, Carol Baker, reported to the board that the State of Illinois is currently \$3.8 million behind on money it owes to District 116 as of January 4, 2010.

Matthew Cropper, Senior GIS Specialist and Dr. Jerome McKibben, Senior Demographer presented the [District 116 Demographic Study](#) to the Board of Education. This demographic study will be used to help the school board redistrict the elementary school boundaries. If you have any questions about the demographic report, please contact Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Don Owen, at 384-3600.

The Board of Education adjourned at 9:14. The [next meeting](#) of the Urbana School District #116 Board of Education Meeting will be February 2, 2010, at 7:30 p.m., at 205 N. Race Street, Urbana.