

Urbana School District #116 Board of Education Synopsis

February 2, 2010

The Urbana School District #116 Board of Education Study Session was called to order at 7:30 p.m., by Board Vice President Benita Rollins-Gay. Six members were present. Board President John Dimit was absent.

The board recognized the five new [National Board Certified Teachers](#). The teachers were recognized with a reception before the meeting and then received a plaque during the meeting.

The School Board voted to approve the following items:

- Various Personnel Items
- [Board Funded Projects for 2010](#)
- [Life Safety Funded Work Application for 2010](#)
- [The General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2010](#)

Board Members then heard from Anne Noble and Tom Crabtree of Stifel, Nicolaus & Co, Inc., about [options regarding the district's sales tax financing](#). The board will vote at its February 16, 2010, meeting about whether to prorate the property tax abatement or abate property taxes in full this year – a partial year of receiving sales tax receipts as it relates to the property tax cycle. The board indicated that it would like to do a prorated abatement for this year.

Under the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Preston L., Williams, Jr., stated that there will need to be several additional Board of Education meetings prior to Spring Break. Dr. Williams advised the board that the Superintendent's evaluation meeting will be in March. Dr. Williams also told the board that the strategic planning meetings will be held April 14, 15, and 16, 2010, and the planning group is being assembled.

In the Board Report, Peggy Patten stated that she and member Ruth Ann Fisher enjoyed their trip to the Ready Safe School. Member Brenda Carter told the board that she will attend the ISBE Regional District meeting on February 25. Member Elaine Gehrman informed the board of the upcoming [UHS Children's Play](#). Benita Rollins-Gay reminded members of the upcoming African American Cultural Festival coming up later this month at UHS.

The Board of Education meeting adjourned into executive session at 8:40 p.m. The [next meeting](#) of the Urbana School District #116 Board of Education will be Tuesday, February 16, 2010, at 205 N. Race Street, Urbana.