

## Urbana School District Board of Education Synopsis

February 16, 2010

The Urbana School District #116 Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m., by Board President John Dimit. The board had been in an [executive session](#) prior to the start of the board meeting. There were six members in attendance. Member Steve Summers was absent.

President Dimit read a commendation for the students who were selected to participate in the [Illinois Music Educators Association All-State Conference](#). The board also commended Tanya Coleman, Prairie Elementary Teacher, for winning an \$800 grant through the Target Field Trip Grants Program.

The board then received a [list of potential budget reductions](#) for Fiscal Year 2011. This is a preliminary list. Superintendent, Dr. Preston L., Williams, Jr., reported to the board that the listed items are contained in the education fund, and there could be potential cuts from the operations and maintenance fund as well. President Dimit remarked that the board wishes to cut a total of \$2 million for FY2011. Dimit asked for a partnership with the community during this process. The board will meet in special sessions on February 23, February 27, March 9, and March 20 (if needed) to go through the budget item by item and come to a consensus as to how to reduce expenditures.

Board members then voted to approve the consent agenda including:

- Minutes from the January 19, 2010, meeting
- Minutes from the February 5, 2010, meeting
- February Bills and Checks
- Interfund loans
- Personnel Items
- Settlement of an Arbitration Dispute

Members voted to accept the following gifts and send thank-you notes for the following donations:

- The following individuals or organizations donated to the Urbana Adult Education student transportation fund: Hermia Soo - \$294; Junior League of Champaign County - \$240; Sally Fiscus - \$29; Champaign-Urbana Jewish Federation - \$153.
- Orpheum Children's Museum donated a monitor, keyboard, and six hard drives/towers to Adult Education (no value given).
- The following individuals or organizations donated to the Evelyn Burnett Underwood Music Assistance Program at Urbana Middle School: Gene/Julia Robinson - \$25 in memory of Derek Spooner; Mu Phi Epsilon, Urbana/Champaign Alumni - \$260.

Administrators presented a [Tax Abatement Resolution](#) to pay for debt service to the 2002 General Obligation Refunding School Bonds. The board voted 6-0 to approve the resolution.

Superintendent Williams reminded the board that the District 116/UBA Realtors Breakfast will be February 19, 2010, at 7:30 a.m., at UMS. Director of Business and Finance, Carol Baker, reminded the board that they need to be aware of several timelines coming up regarding bond issues this summer.

In the board report, Brenda Carter announced that she and member Peggy Patten will be attending a School Board Dinner in Saint Joseph regarding school finances.

The board adjourned at 7:59 p.m. The board will next meet **February 23, 2010, at 5:30 p.m.**, at 205 N. Race Street, Urbana.