



URBANA SCHOOL DISTRICT #116

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MNUTES**

**JEAN F. BURKHOLDER
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER**

205 North Race St. Urbana, IL 61801

Saturday, February 27, 2010

10:00 a.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 10:02 am.

2.0 ROLL CALL

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

Also Present: Preston L. Williams, Jr., Superintendent
Donald Owen, Asst Supt of Curriculum and Instruction
Carol Baker, Director of Business and Finance
Susan Baker-Ory, Asst Supt of Special Services
Ota Dossett, Director of Facilities and Grounds
Gayle Jeffries, Asst Supt of Human Resources

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Carter moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Vice-President Rollins-Gay. Motion passed.

4.0 STUDY TOPIC

4.01 Potential Budget Reduction Considerations

The Board of Education discussed potential budget reduction considerations.

The board went down the list of potential cuts and conducted a straw poll of members. If four or more members indicated they supported the cut as listed the item was moved to the "cut list." If three or fewer members supported the cut the line item was deferred for a later date.

At the end of the session, the board identified a total of \$1.3 million in cuts. The goal is to cut a total of \$2 million. Some highlighted cuts include eliminating the public relations position, cutting building budgets 10%, cutting athletics 10%, eliminate 6 elementary FTE's, cut 4.4 FTE's at UHS, eliminate 5 TA's at Washington Early Childhood, one FTE for UMS Special Services, and one FTE for UHS Special Services. This list is a working document subject to change. The board will take a final vote on the 2011 budget reductions at its March 16 meeting.

5.0 CITIZEN STATEMENTS (3 minute maximum)

The list of citizens below made supportive statements regarding the following areas: FFA, CU 1:1 mentoring program, and overall budget reductions.

Mike Martin, Andrew Harmon, Hannah Blaney, Alan Kurtz, Donna Hoeflinger, and Rev. Troy Burks on behalf of NAACP.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

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

President Dimit declared the meeting adjourned at 1:09 pm.

President

Secretary