

Urbana School District #116 Board of Education Meeting Synopsis

Special Meeting 2/27/10

The Urbana School District #116 Board of Education met in special session on February 27, 2010, at Noon for the purpose of cutting the budget for fiscal year 2011. All members were in attendance.

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.

After the public comment, the board commented that it wants to administrators to research furlough days for all staff, including staff covered by collective bargaining. Member Ruth Ann Fisher also wishes to discuss items that administrators have not recommended for reductions.

The board of Education adjourned at 1:14 p.m. The Board of Education will meet in study session March 2, 2010, at 7:30 p.m., at 205 N. Race Street, Urbana. The board will meet in a working session to continue budget reduction discussions on March 9, 2010, at 7:30 p.m., at 205 N. Race Street, Urbana.