

## Urbana School District #116 Board of Education Synopsis

April 13, 2010

The Urbana School District #116 Board of Education special meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m., by Board President, John Dimit. There were six members in attendance. Member Ruth Ann Fisher was absent. The board had been in executive session before the open meeting.

The special meeting was called so the board could discuss the [King Elementary School](#) renovation/expansion [plan](#) and so the board could discuss the whether or not to go from six elementary schools to five. The board did not take any action on these two items.

Architects IGW were on hand to answer questions about the King Elementary School project. There followed extensive discussion about the project, with a board consensus that the architects should try to reduce the cost of the \$7.7 million project.

The board then discussed the possibility of closing one elementary school for a \$500,000 annual savings. Administrators briefed the board about student enrollment, building capacities, collective bargaining language about class size, and demographic trends. The board charged the administration to come up with more concrete numbers. Dimit remarked that this information is “the first blush” and there will be many more meetings to consider this matter.

The Board of Education adjourned at 11:03 p.m. The [next meeting](#) of the Urbana School District #116 Board of Education will be Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at 7:30 p.m., at 205 N. Race Street, Urbana.