



## **URBANA SCHOOL DISTRICT #116**

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

#### **MINUTES**

**JEAN F. BURKHOLDER**

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER**

205 North Race St. Urbana, IL 61801

Tuesday, August 16, 2011

7:30 p.m.

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*The mission of Urbana School District 116, a multi-cultural community committed to educational excellence, is to ensure that all learners acquire knowledge, develop skills, and build character to achieve personal greatness and help create a better global society, by providing innovative, comprehensive programs, respecting individual learning styles and cultural differences, and fostering caring and nurturing relationships, while engaging each student, every family and the entire community.*

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. Paul Poulosky, 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 7:30 pm.

### **2.0 ROLL CALL**

Present:

Mr. John Dimit, President

Ms. Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary

Ms. Brenda Carter, Member

Ms. Elaine Gehrmann, Member

Mr. Paul Poulosky, Member

Also Present:

Dr. Preston L. Williams, Jr., Superintendent

Mr. Donald Owen, Asst Supt of Curriculum and Instruction

Ms. Carol Baker, Director of Business

Mr. Ota Dossett, Director of Facilities and Grounds

Ms. Gayle Jeffries, Asst Supt of Human Resources

Mr. Todd Taylor, Asst Supt of Special Services

Absent:

Ms. Benita Rollins-Gay, Vice-President

Ms. Peggy Patten, Member

### **3.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA**

#### 4.0 CITIZENS STATEMENTS

Dennis Roberts, Urbana Prairie School & Early childhood Center and  
Community Room – LNAC Community Group

#### 5.0 CALL FOR EXECUTIVE MEETING/SESSION (AFTER CURRENT MEETING)

There was an executive session after the current meeting for the purpose of the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired.  
5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5).

#### 6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*Member Poulosky moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Member Carter. Motion passed.*

#### 7.0 COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

#### 8.0 POLICY REVIEW

##### 8.01 Policy 6:210 – Textbook and Instructional Materials

As required by BOE Policy 6:210, the Superintendent or designee shall annually present a list of textbooks and instructional materials to the BOE. No formal action is required by BOE policy. The list of textbooks and instructional materials will also be posted on the school district website

#### 9.0 PUBLIC HEARING

##### 9.01 Intent to Sell \$6,000,000 Alternate Revenue Bonds and \$17,000,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds

The Board of Education conducted a public hearing concerning the intent of the Board to issue not to exceed \$6,000,000 general obligation alternate bonds to improve the sites of, build and equip additions to and alter, repair and equip school buildings and \$17,000,000 working cash fund bonds.

*President Dimit opened the hearing at 7:43 pm. With no public comment, the hearing was then closed at 7:44 pm.*

#### 10.0 REPORTS

##### 10.01 Early Childhood/Prairie Construction Financing Alternatives

Anne Noble and Thomas Crabtree, Stifel Nicolaus & Company, presented financing alternatives for the Early Childhood/Prairie Elementary construction project.

##### 10.02 Financial Proposal for UMS Baseball

Greg Hall, Scott Woods, and Mike Johnson, presented a financial proposal to support baseball at the middle school level to the Board of Education.

## 11.0 ACTION ITEMS (Consent)

*Member Carter moved to approve the following consent action items, seconded by Member Gehrman. On a roll call vote, all members voted "aye." Absent: P.Patten and B.Rollins-Gay*

### 11.01 Minutes

Business Meeting, June 21, 2011  
Special Meeting, July 12, 2011

### 11.02 June Bills/Checks (advanced approval granted during June 21<sup>st</sup> mtg)

Education Fund bill	\$1,509,615.19
Operating & Maintenance Fund bills	\$ 229,041.38
Transportation Fund bills	\$ 44,920.78
Capital Project Fund 2010	\$ 352,045.51
Life Safety Levy	\$ 4,169.24
School Facility Occup Tax	\$1,992,459.67
Facility Sale Tax Projects	\$ 588,158.62
Tort	\$ 163,555.90
Payroll	\$2,463,604.97

### July Bills/Checks

Education Fund bill	\$ 222,829.67
Operating & Maintenance Fund bills	\$ 49,797.42
Transportation Fund bills	\$ 24,691.92
Capital Project Fund 2010	\$ 22,139.40
Life Safety Levy	\$ 540.00
School Facility Occup Tax	\$ 177,502.04
Facility Sales Tax Projects	\$ 247,167.96
Tort	\$ 3,045.51
Payroll	\$2,485,186.67
Adult Education (includes June 13 – August 10 <sup>th</sup> )	\$ 184,975.63

### 11.03 Interfund Loans

The following interfund loans were repaid to the Working Cash Fund as of June 30, 2011:

<u>Amount of Loan</u>	<u>Loan From</u>	<u>Loan To</u>
\$ 500,000	Working Cash Fund	Transportation
\$ 200,000	Working Cash Fund	Oper & Maint

### 11.04 Personnel Items

Approval of various personnel items were requested.

### 11.05 Appointment of District IMRF Agent

Approval was requested to appoint Kimberly Butzin as IMRF authorized agent for the district.

- 11.06 Sale or Disposal of Personal Property**  
Approval of a resolution authorizing and directing the sale or disposal of personal property in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/10-22.8, was requested.
- 11.07 UMS Baseball Program**  
Approval was requested to begin the offering of baseball at the middle school level.
- 11.08 UMS Softball Program**  
Approval was requested to allow administration to explore offering softball at the middle school level, beginning with the 2012-2013 school year.

## **12.0 ACTION ITEMS (Individual)**

- 12.01 Gifts**  
Susan Frobish, Urbana, donated the original cast iron metal sign for the Urbana McKinley Field from the 1920's. The donation is valued at \$3,500.
- The following made a donation to the Urbana High School Athletic Complex:  
J. Steven Beckett, Urbana - \$500, and Mary Thomas Trust - \$1,000.
- Wells Fargo Foundation, matched employee Doug Laz's donation of \$210 to Urbana High School for school improvement.
- Urbana Rotary Charity Ways & Means Committee, donated \$3,000 to the UMS SPLASH Program. This donation will allow the program to purchase additional laptops and iPads.
- Tanneah Forman, Champaign, donated a TV to Prairie Elementary School. The donation is valued at \$200.
- Member Carter moved to approve and accept the above gifts, seconded by Secretary Fisher. Motion passed.***
- 12.02 Re-Districting Committee**  
The Board of Education was given a committee list for approval.
- Member Poulosky moved to table item #12.02 until the August 23<sup>rd</sup>, board meeting, seconded by Secretary Fisher. Motion passed.***
- 12.03 Substitute Increase in Pay**  
Approval was requested to raise the Substitute Teacher rate \$5. The rates for the Substitute Tier System would compensate individuals by paying \$90 per day. The second Tier System would increase to \$95 per day after the Substitute has worked 86<sup>th</sup> plus days in the school district.
- Member Poulosky moved to approve item #12.03, seconded by Member Carter. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye." Absent: P.Patten and B.Rollins-Gay***

**13.0 CALL FOR FUTURE SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETINGS**

**14.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**14.01 FOIA Request** – Oce' North America, A Canon Group Company  
Received July 28, 2011, fulfilled August 3, 2011

**14.02 Strategic Plan Update and Preview for 2011-2012 School Year.**

**14.03 Skyward – New Software in Business and Human Resources Offices**

**15.0 BOARD REPORT**

**16.0 ADJOURNMENT**

*After the executive session, the board will tour King Elementary and Wiley Elementary, no action will take place.*

*Secretary Fisher moved to adjourn to go into closed session, seconded by Member Poulosky. Motion passed.*

*President Dimit declared the meeting adjourned at 10:04 pm.*

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President

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Secretary