



URBANA SCHOOL DISTRICT #116

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
STUDY SESSION MINUTES**

**JEAN F. BURKHOLDER
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER**

205 North Race St. Urbana, IL 61801

Tuesday, October 4, 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. Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary

Ms. Elaine Gehrmann, Member

Mr. Paul Poulosky, Member

Dr. Preston L. Williams, Jr., Superintendent

Ms. Benita Rollins-Gay, Vice-President

Ms. Brenda Carter, Member

Ms. Peggy Patten, Member

Ms. Lori Johnson, Board Secretary

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Dimit called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

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
Paul Poulosky, Member

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

3.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND MODIFICATION OF AGENDA –

Item #10.01 US Cellular Cell Tower Presentation (location) was moved to after #6.0, with citizen statement to follow.

4.0 CITIZEN STATEMENTS

William Schoedel, Urbana	cell phone tower
Gale Walden, Urbana	cell phone tower
Clark Bullard, Urbana	cell tower
Andrew Orta, Urbana	cell tower
Herbert Kellman, Urbana	cell tower

5.0 CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION (after current meeting)

6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Patten moved to approve the agenda as modified, seconded by Member Carter. Motion passed.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFINGS AND REPORT

7.01 Sustainable Communities Initiative Regional Planning Grant 2011

Andrew Levy, Planner/Sustainability Coordinator, Champaign County Regional Planning Commission, presented an opportunity to the Board of Education to become a partner to develop a Regional Plan for Sustainable Development.

8.0 PUBLIC HEARING

9.0 ACTION ITEMS (consent)

Member Carter moved to approve the following items, as consent action items, seconded by Vice-President Rollins-Gay. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye."

9.01 Resolution Supporting the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools

Approval was requested to sign a resolution supporting Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of schools.

9.02 Personnel Items

Approval was requested to approve various personnel items.

9.03 Approval of a Revised Re-Districting Committee

Approval was requested to approve a revised member list of the Board of Education charged, Re-Districting Committee.

10.0 STUDY TOPICS

The study topic took place after approval of agenda, then followed by citizen statements.

10.01 US Cellular Cell Tower Presentation (location)

John.Jakobsze and Mike Doran, US Cellular, presented and discuss with the Board of Education a new cell tower location on the UHS/UMS campus.

11.0 CALL FOR FUTURE SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

12.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

13.0 BOARD REPORT

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

Member Gehrman moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Secretary Fisher. Motion passed.

President Dimit adjourned the meeting at 10:27 pm.

President

Secretary