



## **URBANA SCHOOL DISTRICT #116**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
BUSINESS MINUTES**

**JEAN F. BURKHOLDER  
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER**

205 North Race St. Urbana, IL 61801

Tuesday, October 18, 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 reconvened after executive session at 7:35 pm.*

### **2.0 ROLL CALL**

Present: Mr. John Dimit, President  
Ms. 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

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

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

#### 4.0 CITIZENS STATEMENTS

Ralph L. Langenheim, Urbana	Phone tower
Lisa Travis, Urbana	cell phone tower
Steve Taylor, Urbana	The cell phone tower is a bad idea.
Brian Adams, Urbana	Cell Tower at High School
Nancy Wescott, Urbana	cell phone tower – in support of
Clark Bullard, Urbana	cell tower
John Jakobsze, Palatine, IL	US Cellular Proposal
Evelyn Shapiro, Urbana	Cell Phone Tower
Michele Maeder, Urbana	Alternate bid items affecting Prairie School
Lisa Searing, Urbana	Prairie/Washington building

#### 5.0 CALL FOR EXECUTIVE MEETING/SESSION (After current meeting)

#### 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 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

##### 8.01 First Reading of Memorandum of Understanding

The Board of Education received as a first reading, Memorandum of Understanding between the district and the University of Illinois Department of Education, Policy, Organization and Leadership regarding a new Principal Preparation require by ISBE

##### 8.02 District AYP

Donald Owen, Assistant Superintendent gave an initial review of the AYP information.

#### 9.0 COMMUNICATIONS

#### 10.0 POLICY REVIEW

#### 11.0 ACTION ITEMS (Consent)

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

##### 11.01 Minutes

Business Meeting, September 20, 2011  
Study Session, October 4, 2011

**11.02 October Bills/Checks**

Education Fund Bills	\$1,901,781.39
Operations & Maintenance Fund Bills	\$ 148,704.68
Transportation Fund Bills	\$ 99,466.06
Capital Project 2010	\$ 221,563.42
UIAC Fund	\$ 3,762.91
Life Safety Levy	\$ 6,025.00
School Facility Occupation Tax	\$ 211,558.99
Facility Sales Tax Projects	\$1,101,935.49
TORT	\$ 13,258.25
Payroll	\$3,175,854.00
Adult Education	\$ 102,294.76

**11.03 Interfund Loans**

None

**11.04 Personnel Items**

Approval of various personnel items were requested.

**11.05 Approval of Hazardous Areas**

Approval was requested to renew the declaration of hazardous areas in order to continue to receive funding from the state.

**11.06 U of I Intergovernmental Agreement**

Board approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement between District 116 and the Board of Trustees was requested.

**12.0 ACTION ITEMS (Individual)**

**12.01 Gifts**

Douglas Laz, Champaign, donated \$180, which was matched (\$180) by his employer Wells Fargo, to Urbana High School, it will go towards school improvement.

CU Elks Lodge 2497, donated \$3,000 to purchase iPads (5) for special education classes at Urbana High School.

Urbana Rotary Club donated \$1,150, to Urbana High School. This donation is to assist as a stipend for an individual chosen as a sponsor for a club.

***Member Carter moved to approve and accept the above gifts, seconded by Secretary Fisher. Motion passed.***

**12.02 US Cellular Agreement**

The Board discussed, and took a vote, to determine if they will continue to negotiate an agreement with US Cellular concerning leasing of district property.

***Member Patten moved to end the discussion and to turn down the US Cellular agreement, seconded by Member Carter. On a roll call vote,***

*motion passed, 4 aye (B.Carter, B.Rollins-Gay, P.Patten, R.Fisher) / 3 nay (P.Poulosky, E.Gehrmann, J.Dimit)*

**12.03 Resolution of General Obligation Bonds**

RESOLUTION providing for the issuance of approximately \$10,000,000 of general obligation working cash fund bonds, was requested.

*Member Poulosky moved to approve item #12.03, seconded by Vice-President Rollins-Gay. On a roll call vote, all members present voted, "aye."*

**12.04 Resolution of General Obligation Alternate Bonds**

RESOLUTION providing for the issuance of approximately \$6,000,000 of general obligation alternate bonds for the purpose of improving the sites of, building and equipping additions to and altering, repairing and equipping school buildings and facilities, was requested.

*Vice-President Rollins-Gay moved to approve item #12.04, seconded by Member Patten. On a roll call vote, all members present voted, "aye."*

**12.05 Naming of the South Field (Soccer Field)**

It was requested to name the South Field (soccer field), the "Blackman Field", in honor of Coach Randy Blackman.

*Vice-President Rollins-Gay moved to approve item #12.05, seconded by Member Carter. Motion passed.*

**12.06 IASB Board Member Delegate**

The Board of Education elected an Illinois Association of School Boards Divisional Governing Board Representative.

*Vice-President Rollins-Gay moved to elect Member Carter to serve as USD116's representative/delegate for the upcoming Joint Annual Conference, seconded by Member Poulosky. Motion passed.*

**12.07 Approval of Pel Industries License Agreement**

Board approval was requested to go into a licensing agreement with Pel Industries.

*Member Patten moved to approve item #12.07, seconded by Vice-President Rollins-Gay. Motion passed.*

**12.08 Approval of Early Childhood/Prairie Construction Bid**

Approval was requested to award Early Childhood/Prairie construction bid.

*Vice-President Rollins-Gay moved to accept the bid withdrawal from Broeren Russo Construction Services, due to a miscalculation, and award the bid to CORE Construction in the amount of \$11,700,000 (base bid),*

*seconded by Member Carter. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye."*

*Alternate bids:*

*Member Gehrman moved to not approve any alternate bids, seconded by Vice-President Rollins-Gay. Motion was withdrawn.*

*Member Patten moved to approve alternates, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 for the amount of \$606,000, seconded by Member Poulosky. On a roll call vote, all members present voted, "aye."*

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

**14.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**15.0 BOARD REPORT**

**16.0 ADJOURNMENT**

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

**President Dimit declared the meeting adjourned at 10:38 pm.**

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President

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Secretary