



## **URBANA SCHOOL DISTRICT #116**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
STUDY SESSION MINUTES  
JEAN F. BURKHOLDER**

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER**

205 North Race St. Urbana, IL 61801

Tuesday, December 6, 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 7:30 p.m.*

### **2.0 ROLL CALL**

Present:

John H. Dimit, President

Benita Rollins-Gay, Vice-President

Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary

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/Finance

Ota Dossett, Director of Facilities and Grounds

Absent:

Brenda Carter, Member

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

**4.0 CITIZEN STATEMENTS**

Vilma Hascall – 2902 S. Myra Ridge, Urbana  
Beth Hand – 3116 S. Earle Ct., Urbana

Bullying at Thomas Paine  
Thomas Paine Services

**5.0 CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION** (after current meeting)

**6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Member Poulosky moved to approve the presented agenda, seconded by Vice-President Rollins-Gay. Motion passed.*

**7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFINGS AND REPORT**

**8.0 PUBLIC HEARING**

**9.0 ACTION ITEMS** (individual/consent)

**9.01 Approval of the Joint Committee for Reduction In Force**

Gayle Jeffries, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, presented and request approval for a Joint Committee for Reduction in Force.

*Member Patten moved to approve item #9.01, seconded by Vice-President Rollins-Gay. Motion passed.*

**9.02 Board of Education Sub-District Map**

The Board of Education discussed three new plans (options) that has new sub-district boundaries, which will be utilized during board elections.

*Member Patten moved to choose plan 2 and 3 to present to the public, seconded by Vice-President Rollins-Gay. Motion passed.*

*Member Gehrman moved to approve to pay Regional Planning Commission a fee to write up legal descriptions of the new sub-districts once finalized, seconded by Vice-President Rollins-Gay. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye." Absent: B.Carter*

**10.0 STUDY TOPICS**

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

**12.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**13.0 BOARD REPORT**

Redistricting Committee will hold a public forum at UMS, January 19, 2012, with a snow date of January 24, 2012. New attendance boundary map will be presented to the Board of Education in February with a final vote at the business meeting, February 21, 2012

**14.0 ADJOURNMENT**

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

**President Dimit declared the meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.**

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President

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Secretary