



URBANA SCHOOL DISTRICT #116

BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER

205 North Race St. Urbana, IL 61801

Tuesday, December 13, 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 7:33 p.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Present: John H. Dimit, President
Benita Rollins-Gay, Vice-President
Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary
Brenda Carter, Member (8:07 pm)
Elaine Gehrmann, Member
Peggy Patten, Member
Paul Poulosky, Member

Also Present: Preston L. Williams, Jr., Superintendent
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 MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA

4.0 CITIZENS STATEMENTS

David Stramecky, Urbana
Sandra Dávila, Urbana

Sub-districts and Dual Language Programs
Bi-lingual Program Proposal

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

6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Patten moved to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Member Poulosky. Motion passed.

7.0 COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

8.0 PUBLIC HEARING

9.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

9.01 Proposal for Reducing Class Size in Transitional Bilingual Education Program at Leal (first reading)

Joe Wiemelt, Director of Multicultural Programming, presented options for reducing class size issues within TBE program at Leal Elementary School. Approval will be requested during the January 17, 2012, business meeting.

10.0 POLICY REVIEW

11.0 ACTION ITEMS (Consent)

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

11.01 Minutes

Business Meeting, November 15, 2011
Special Meeting, November 22, 2011
Study Session, December 6, 2011
Special Meeting, December 8, 2011 (3 sets of minutes)

11.02 Approval of the December Bills/Checks Advance Payment

Approval was requested, in advance, for the December bills payable. Copies of these bills will be included with the January board agenda materials.

11.03 Interfund Loans

None

11.04 Personnel Items

Approval of various personnel items were requested.

11.05 Build Urbana Extension

Approval was requested to grant City of Urbana a "Build Urbana" an extension of one year.

12.0 ACTION ITEMS (Individual)

12.01 Gifts

Jennifer Schmidt, Junior League of Champaign-Urbana, donated \$180 to help with transportation for Urbana Adult Ed students.

Champaign-Urbana Ballet, Champaign, donated \$400 worth of tickets for eight students and their families to attend the *Nutcracker* being performed at Krannert on December 2, 2011.

Urbana High School received an anonymous donation of \$1,000 to help support academic success.

Andy Harden and Kay Fink, on behalf of Class of 1979, donated \$100 to UHS library fund in the memory of Librarian Mary Huff (mother of a classmate Mary.)

Jiwon Lee, donated a Nikon SLR camera and case, valued at \$500 to UHS photography lab.

Richard Cogdal, Urbana, donated \$2,000 to support UHS bands.

James Shriner, Urbana, donated \$200 to support the UMS baseball program.

Martin Knanishu, Urbana, donated \$815.65 worth of new textbooks for Urbana Adult Ed.

William Shafer, Tolono, donated a dishwasher, valued at \$200, to Urbana High School – Science Dept.

Jessica Kopolow, Champaign-Urbana Jewish Federation, donated \$273 worth of bus passes and tokens to help with Urbana Adult Ed student transportation.

Various local and extended friends, through Donors Choose, New York, New York, donated a Nook color eReader, valued at 249.99, to Wiley Elementary School.

Jeanne Gerrietts, Urbana, donated children's toys, books, clothes, and stroller, valued at \$300, to Washington Early Childhood.

Member Gehrman moved to approve and accept the above gifts, seconded by member Poulosky. Motion passed.

12.02 Approval of the Tax Levy Resolution

Board adoption of the 2011 Tax Levy was requested.

Member Patten moved to approve item #12.02, seconded by Member Gehrman. Motion passed.

12.03 Board of Education Sub-District Map

Approval of a new sub-district map was requested, *along with establishing the terms of office for each of the sub-districts.”

President Dimit moved to choose option #3 as the new sub-district boundaries, seconded by Member Patten. On a roll call, motion passed. Ayes: J.Dimit, B.Rollins-Gay, R.Fisher, E.Gehrmann, P.Patten; Nays: B.Carter, P.Poulosky

12.04 Approval of the Amendment to 403(b) Plan Resolution

Board adoption to the 403(b) plan was requested.

Vice-President Rollins-Gay moved to approve item #12.04, seconded by member Poulosky. Motion passed.

12.05 Approval of Electric Supplier Contract

Approval was requested to sign a 24 month contract with First Energy. This contract will result in a saving of over \$145,000 per year.

Member Carter moved to approve item #12.05, seconded by Member Poulosky. On a roll call vote, all members voted “aye.”

13.0 CALL FOR FUTURE SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

14.0 SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

15.0 BOARD REPORT

16.0 ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Fisher moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice-President Rollins-Gay. Motion passed.

President Dimit declared the meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

President

Secretary