



## **URBANA SCHOOL DISTRICT #116**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**STUDY SESSION MINUTES**

**JEAN F. BURKHOLDER**

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER**

205 North Race St. Urbana, IL 61801

Tuesday, January 3, 2012

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,*

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  
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 MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA**

### **4.0 CITIZENS STATEMENTS**

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

There was an executive session after the current meeting for the purpose of:

The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

**6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFINGS AND REPORT**

**7.01 First Reading – 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 School Calendar**

Donald Owen, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, presented a two year tentative calendar to the Board of Education. Approval will be requested during the January 17, 2012, business meeting.

**8.0 COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

The following staff have received their National Board Certificate: Martha Churukian, Fine Arts Teacher, Pamela Furrer, UMS Teacher, Andrea Kirkland, UMS Counselor.

**9.0 PUBLIC HEARING**

**10.0 ACTION ITEMS**

**10.01 Sub-District Legal Descriptions and Term Selection**

The Board of Education established the terms of office for each of the sub-districts and approve the legal descriptions on recently changed sub-district boundaries.

*Member Patten moved to approve the legal descriptions, changing District 1 as North instead of Rural, seconded by Member Poulosky. Motion passed.*

*The board members then had a lottery drawing for terms as follows:*

<i>Sub-District 1:</i>	<i>4 year</i>	<i>Sub-District 2:</i>	<i>2 year</i>
<i>Sub-District 3:</i>	<i>4 year</i>	<i>Sub-District 4:</i>	<i>2 year</i>
<i>Sub-District 5:</i>	<i>4 year</i>	<i>Sub-District 6:</i>	<i>2 year</i>
<i>Sub-District 7:</i>	<i>4 year</i>		

**10.02 Personnel Items**

Approval of various personnel items were requested.

*Member carter moved to approve item #10.02, seconded by Member Patten. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye."*

**11.0 STUDY TOPICS**

**11.01 Discipline Update**

Mr. Donald Owen/Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Laura Taylor/UHS Principal and Mr. Scott Woods/UMS Principal, gave the Board of Education an update regarding discipline trends.

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

**13.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**14.0 BOARD'S REPORT**

**15.0 ADJOURNMENT**

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

*President Dimit declared the meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.*

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President

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Secretary