



## **URBANA SCHOOL DISTRICT #116**

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING STUDY SESSION MINUTES**

**JEAN F. BURKHOLDER  
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER**

205 North Race St. Urbana, IL 61801

Tuesday, February 7, 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, 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: Mr. John Dimit, President  
Ms. Rollins-Gay, Vice-President  
Ms. Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary  
Ms. Brenda Carter, Member (7:58 p.m.)  
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**

#### **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 Secretary Fisher. Motion passed.*

**7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFINGS AND REPORTS**

**7.01 Review of Graduation Date**

Dr. Laura Taylor, Principal, UHS, reviewed the graduation date with the Board of Education.

**8.0 PUBLIC HEARING**

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

*Member Poulosky moved to approve the following as consent action items, seconded by Member Patten. On a roll call, all members present voted "aye." Absent: B.Carter*

**9.01 Personnel Items**

Approval of various personnel items were requested.

**9.02 Memorandum of Understanding**

Approval of a 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 was requested.

**10.0 STUDY TOPICS**

**10.01 Strategic Planning Committee Update**

Donald Owen, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, gave the Board of Education an update in regards to Strategic Planning Committee.

**10.02 Illinois Teaching Excellence Program**

The Board of Education discussed a possible resolution in favor of the reinstatement of the Illinois Teaching Excellence Program.

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

**12.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**13.0 BOARD'S REPORT**

**14.0 ADJOURNMENT**

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

*President Dimit declared the meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.*

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President

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Secretary