



URBANA SCHOOL DISTRICT #116

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

JEAN F. BURKHOLDER

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER

205 North Race St. Urbana, IL 61801

Tuesday, February 21, 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. Benita Rollins-Gay, Vice-President

Ms. Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary

Ms. Brenda Carter, Member (7:37 pm)

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

Mr. Ota Dossett, Director of Facilities and Grounds

Ms. Gayle Jeffries, Asst Supt of Human Resources

Mr. Todd Taylor, Asst Supt of Special Services

3.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA

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

Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5).

The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the District. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6).

4.0 CITIZENS STATEMENTS

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| Tyler Fitch, Urbana | Dual Language Program |
| Alejandro Lleras, Urbana | Redistricting |
| Marty Williams, Urbana | Public use of track |
| Janet LeRoy, Champaign | Dual Language Committee |
| Ricardo Diaz, Urbana | Redistricting – HEUNA |
| Omar Orrala, Urbana | Redistricting on Main |

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

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6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Poulosky moved to approve agenda with addition, seconded by Member Gehrmann. Motion passed.

7.0 COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

8.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8.01 Facility Usage Policy

Administration discussed the current facility usage policy with the Board of Education.

8.02 Dual Language Implementation Committee Update

Joseph Wiemelt, Director of Bilingual & Multicultural Programs, facilitator of the Dual Language Implementation Committee, updated the Board of Education regarding the committee's progress.

9.0 COMMUNICATIONS

10.0 POLICY REVIEW

11.0 ACTION ITEMS (Consent)

Member Carter moved to approve the following consent action items, seconded by Member Gehrman. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye." Motion passed.

11.01 Minutes

January 17, 2012, Business Meeting
January 24, 2012, Special Meeting
January 30, 2012, Special Meeting
February 7, 2012, Study Session

11.02 February Bills/Checks

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| Education Fund Bills | \$1,575,038.70 |
| Operations & Maintenance Fund Bills | \$ 124,604.69 |
| Bond & Interest Fund Bills | \$ 992.51 |
| Transportation Fund Bills | \$ 18,595.60 |
| II Municipal Retirement Fund | \$ 0.00 |
| Capital Project 2010 | \$ 525.00 |
| Life Safety Levy | \$ 755.00 |
| School Facility Occupation Tax | \$ 46,989.54 |
| Facility Sales Tax Projects | \$ 592,498.41 |
| TORT | \$ 14,252.46 |
| Payroll | \$2,483,088.95 |
| Adult Education | \$ 87,502.13 |

11.03 Interfund Loans - None

11.04 Personnel Items

Approval of various personnel items were requested.

11.05 2012 Summer School Dates

Approval of the 2012 Summer School dates, June 4-July 12, 2012, for Urbana High School, was requested.

11.06 Approval 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.

11.07 Illinois Teaching Excellence Program

Approval of a resolution supporting the reinstatement of the Illinois Teaching Excellence Program was requested.

11.08 Approval of the March Bills/Checks Advance Payment

Approval was requested, in advance, for the March bills payable. Copies of these bills will be included with March 27th board agenda materials.

12.0 ACTION ITEMS (Individual)

12.01 Gifts

Mary Johnson, Illinois Heartland Library System, Champaign, donated 280 reams of paper and cardstock in various colors and sizes, valued at \$1,500, to Washington Early Childhood.

Bud Mesker, Ambucs, Urbana, donated 2 bikes, valued at \$1,000, to Washington Early Childhood.

Douglas Laz, Champaign, donated \$180 to Urbana High School, improvement activity account. This donation will be matched by his employer.

Vice-President Rollins-Gay moved to accept and approve the above gifts, seconded by Member Poulosky. Motion passed.

12.02 Abatement Resolution – General Obligation Bonds

Carol Baker, Director of Business and Finance, presented to the Board of Education a resolution abating \$1,000,000 of the tax levied for the year 2011 to pay debt service on the District's 2002 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, for approval.

Member Gehrman moved to approve item #12.02, seconded by Member Patten. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye." Motion passed.

12.03 Abatement Resolution – General Obligation Bonds

Carol Baker, Director of Business and Finance, presented to the Board of Education a resolution abating the tax levied for the year 2011 to pay debt service on the District's 2011 General Obligation Bonds (Alternative Revenue Service), for approval.

Member Patten moved to approve item #12.03, seconded by Member Poulosky. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye." Motion passed.

12.04 Abatement Resolution – Taxable General Obligation Bonds

Carol Baker, Director of Business and Finance, presented to the Board of Education a resolution abating the tax levied for the year 2011 to pay debt service on the District's 2010 Taxable General Obligation Bonds (Alternative Revenue Source), for approval.

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

12.05 Abatement of Working Cash Fund

Carol Baker, Director of Business and Finance, presented to the Board of Education a resolution abating \$9,905,457.15 of the District's working cash fund, for approval.

Vice-President Rollins-Gay moved to approve item #12.05, seconded by Member Gehrman. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye." Motion passed.

12.06 Intent to Participate in IL Race to the Top

Donald Owen, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, requested approval to submit Urbana School District's intent to participate in the Illinois Race to the Top.

Member Gehrman moved to approve item #12.06, seconded by Vice-President Rollins-Gay. Motion passed.

12.07 Re-Districting Request

Gayle Jeffries, Re-Districting Committee Facilitator, requested additional funds to complete the charge given to the committee.

Member Gehrman moved to approve item #12.07, seconded by Vice-President Rollins-Gay. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye." Motion passed.

13.0 CALL FOR FUTURE SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

14.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

14.01 Status of FOIA Requests

15.0 BOARD REPORT

16.0 ADJOURNMENT

Vice-President Rollins-Gay moved to adjourn to Executive Session after a 10 minute recess, seconded by Secretary Fisher. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye."

President Dimit declared the open meeting adjourned to executive session after a 10 minute recess, at 9:52 p.m.

President

Secretary