



URBANA SCHOOL DISTRICT #116

BOARD OF EDUCATION

STUDY SESSION MINUTES

JEAN F. BURKHOLDER

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER

205 North Race St. Urbana, IL 61801

Tuesday, May 1, 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 7:32 p.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. John H. Dimit, President
Ms. Rollins-Gay, Vice-President (7:55 p.m.)
Ms. Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary
Ms. Brenda Carter, Member (8:18 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
Mr. Todd Taylor, 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)

Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).

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).

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 District Library Program Annual Report

Debra Newell, District Library Coordinator, presented the annual report on the status of the district library program.

7.02 Character Traits from Strategic Plan; Strategy 5, Action Plan 1

Mr. Donald Owen, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction reported to the Board of Education and then recommended the "positive character attributes" work outlined in the Strategic Plan. Approval will be requested at the next board meeting, May 15, 2012.

8.0 POLICY REVIEW

9.0 ACTION ITEMS (consent/individual)

Member Gehrman moved to approve the following action items as consent, seconded by Member Poulosky. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye." Absent: B.Rollins-Gay and B.Carter.

9.01 Cleaning Contract

Ota Dossett, Director of Facilities and Grounds, recommended renewal of the cleaning contract for the year 2012-2013 with Environmental Services Solutions in the amount of \$1,006,895.

9.02 Approval of Personnel Item(s)

Approval was requested for various personnel items.

9.03 Approval of Interim UHS Principal

Approval to appoint Joseph Wiemelt as Interim Urbana High School Principal for the 2012-2013 school year was requested.

9.04 Approval of Interim Bilingual Director

Approval to appoint Guadalupe Ricconi as Interim Director of Bilingual and Multicultural Programs for the 2012-2013 school year was requested.

10.0 STUDY TOPICS

10.01 USD116 and ISBE Collaborative Initiative

Urbana School District and the Illinois State Board of Education are working jointly with other school districts within the state to recruit bi-lingual teachers from Spain and develop a teacher and student exchange program. Mr. Joseph Wiemelt brought the board up to date regarding this initiative.

11.0 CALL FOR FUTURE SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

May 2, 2012 – Special Meeting/Executive Session – 7:30 pm

12.0 SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

13.0 BOARD’S REPORT

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

Member Patten moved to adjourn into executive session for the purpose stated above, with a 10 minute recess, seconded by Member Carter.

On a roll call vote, all members present voted “aye.”

President Dimit declared the meeting adjourned to executive session, with no action following at 8:31 p.m.

President

Secretary