



## **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 7, 2019

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. Tori Exum, Member  
Mr. Paul Poulosky, Member

Ms. Anne Hall, Vice-President  
Ms. Brenda Carter, Member  
Ms. Peggy Patten, Member  
Ms. Lori Johnson, Recording Secretary  
Dr. Preston L. Williams, Jr., Interim Superintendent

#### **1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

*President Dimit called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.*

#### **2.0 ROLL CALL**

Present: John Dimit, President  
Anne Hall, Vice-President  
Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary  
Brenda Carter, Secretary Pro Tem  
Tori Exum, Member  
Peggy Patten, Member  
Paul Poulosky, Member

Also Present: Preston L. Williams, Jr., Interim Superintendent  
Jean Korder, Interim Asst Supt of Student Learning  
Todd Taylor, Asst Supt of Student Services  
Gayle Jeffries, Interim Asst Supt of HR and PD  
Carol Baker, Chief Financial Officer  
Shawna Scherer, Director UAE and Student Engagement

#### **3.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA**

#### **4.0 CITIZENS STATEMENTS**

Courtney Caruthers

S.T.E.P. Tutoring

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

There was a call for 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, seconded by Member Poulosky. Motion passed.*

## 7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

### 7.1 Elementary Fine Arts Presentation

A group of elementary students presented their individual artwork to the Board of Education.

### 7.2 Urbana High School Youth Program

Jorge Elvir, Associate Principal, Urbana High School, and Preston James, Community Relations Specialist, City of Urbana, presented a newly developed Youth Program at Urbana High School.

### 7.3 Superintendent Search Update

The Board will give an update in regards to where the Board of Education is in the superintendent search process.

## 8.0 COMMUNICATIONS

## 9.0 STUDY TOPICS

### 9.1 Secondary Building Plan Update:

Dr. Joe Wiemelt, Principal at Urbana Middle School, and Ms. Deloris Brown, Principal at Urbana High School presented information and answered questions regarding updates to the 18-19 school improvement plans.

## 10.0 ACTION ITEMS (consent/individual)

### 10.1 Personnel Items

Approval of various personnel items were requested.

*Member Poulosky moved to approve the personnel items presented, seconded by Secretary Fisher. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye." Motion passed.*

### 10.2 Appointment of Leal Elementary School Principal

The administration requested approval to appoint Ms. Adriana Ochoa, as the new Leal Elementary School Principal, beginning, July 29, 2019.

***Member Poulosky moved to approve Ms. Adriana Ochoa as the new Leal Elementary Principal, seconded by Member Patten. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “aye.” Motion passed.***

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

**12.0 SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

**13.0 BOARD’S REPORT**

**14.0 ADJOURNMENT**

***Member Poulosky moved to adjourn into closed session 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). Motion was seconded by Secretary Fisher. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “aye.” Motion passed.***

***President Dimit declared the meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m. There will be no action following the closed session.***

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President

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Secretary