



**URBANA SCHOOL DISTRICT #116  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Study Session Minutes**

Jean F. Burkholder Administrative Service Center  
205 North Race Street, Urbana, IL 61801  
Tuesday, October 1, 2019  
7:30 p.m.  
[www.usd116.org](http://www.usd116.org)

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. Anne Hall, Vice-President  
Ms. Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary  
Ms. Brenda Carter, Secretary Pro Tem  
Ms. Tori Exum, Member  
Ms. Peggy Patten, Member  
Mr. Paul Poulosky, Member  
Dr. Jennifer Ivory-Tatum, Superintendent  
Ms. Lori Johnson, Recording Secretary

**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: Jennifer Ivory-Tatum, Superintendent  
Kimberly Norton, Assistant Superintendent of Student Learning  
Todd Taylor, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services  
Angi Franklin, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources  
Carol Baker, Chief Financial Officer  
Randy Ashman, Director of Facilities

**3.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA - None**

**4.0 CITIZEN STATEMENTS - None**

**5.0 CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION** (after current meeting)

**6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**7.1 School Improvement/EMPOWER Grant Update**

Assistant Superintendent of Student Learning, Ms. Kimberly Norton, gave the Board of Education updated information in regards to Title I School Improvement grants.

**8.0 POLICY REVIEW**

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

**9.1 PRESS Plus 101**

Approval of revised/new policies in PRESS Plus 101 (including 5-year review policies) was requested.

*Member Patten moved to approve item #9.1, seconded by Member Poulosky. Motion passed.*

**10.0 STUDY TOPICS**

**10.1 Champaign Urbana Schools Foundation Update**

Kelly Hill, Executive Director, Champaign Urbana Schools Foundation, shared CUSF goals, updates, and programming ideas for the 2019-2020 school year.

**10.2 Understanding Middle School Student Needs to Support School Success**

Dr. Klingenberg (Bivens) and Dr. Garthe presented their collaborative project between Urbana Middle School and the University of Illinois to understand middle school students' needs and experiences. They also presented an overview of the project and information collected from sixth-grade students during the spring of 2019. They discussed upcoming plans for this project and how this data will be used to inform programming and supports for the school.

**10.3 School Resource Officer (SRO) Presentation**

Chief Seraphin and Deputy Chief Surlles, Urbana Police Department, along with Superintendent Ivory-Tatum, discussed a proposed new model for School Resource Officers at secondary campuses.

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

**12.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**13.0 BOARD REPORT**

**14.0 ADJOURNMENT**

*Secretary Fisher moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice-President Hall. Motion passed.*

*President Dimit declared the meeting adjourned at 10:37 p.m.*

**President**

**Secretary**