



**URBANA SCHOOL DISTRICT #116  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Business Meeting Minutes**

Jean F. Burkholder Administrative Service Center  
205 North Race Street, Urbana, IL 61801  
Tuesday, November 19, 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. 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 7:31 p.m.**

**2.0 ROLL CALL**

**Present:**

**John H. 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, Asst Supt of Student Learning  
Todd Taylor, Asst Supt of Student Services  
Angi Franklin, Asst Supt of Human Resources  
Carol Baker, Chief Financial Officer  
Randy Ashman, Director of Facilities Services**

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

The board members requested commendations/recognitions be move to in front of citizen Statements.

### **7.0 COMMENDATION/RECOGNITIONS**

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### **4.0 CITIZEN STATEMENTS**

David Guth	Support for fully funding two SRO's at UMS and UHS
Theresa Sweeney	Approval of the additional SRO positions
Linda Reynolds	Topic at hand
Lara Orr	More SRO's in schools
Felipe Menanteau	School Board Policy
Allison O'Dwyer	Addition of SRO's
Victor Font Bartumeus	SRO's
Lashunda Cunningham	SRO's
Michael Tessene	SRO's
Brian Dolinar	SRO in Schools
Ricardo Diaz	officers in schools
Eldress Melinda Carr	12.2 Intergovernmental Agreement (City of Urbana/Urbana School District
Allan Axelrod	Not criminalize poverty and trauma
Julie Blixen	SRO
Joe Wiemelt	SRO Proposal
Mitch Berenson	SRO
Don Owen	School Resource Officers and funding and transparency
Lisa Diaz	SRO's
Sage Johnson	school climate

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

There was a call for executive session after the current meeting for the purposes 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) and 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).

## 6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

***Member Carter moved to approve the agenda as modified, seconded by Member Exum. Motion passed.***

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## 8.0 PUBLIC HEARING

## 9.0 COMMUNICATIONS

## 10.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

### 10.1 2019-2020 Proposed Tax Levy

Carol Baker, Chief Financial Officer, facilitated discussion on the proposed 2019-2020 Tax Levy.

## 11.0 ACTION ITEMS (consent)

***Member Patten moved to approve the following consent action items, seconded by Vice-President Hall. On a roll call vote, all members voted "aye." Motion passed.***

### 11.1 Minutes

October 15, 2019, Business Meeting  
October 24, 2019, Special Meeting  
October 29, 2019, Special Meeting  
November 4, 2019, Special Meeting  
November 5, 2019, Study Session

### 11.2 Bills/Checks

Education Fund Bills	\$ 782,272.42
Operations & Maintenance Fund Bills	\$ 144,385.94

Bond & Interest Fund Bills	\$ 530.00
Transportation Fund Bills	\$ 314,671.18
Working Cash Bonds	\$ 75,571.04
TORT	\$ 24,930.25
Life Safety Levy	\$ 89,688.03
Payroll	\$4,445,140.76
Urbana Adult Education	\$ 127,322.41

**11.3 Personnel Items**

Approval of various personnel items were requested.

**11.4 Administrative Personnel Item**

Approval of administrative personnel items were requested.

**11.5 New Activity Accounts**

Approval to create three new activity accounts was requested: UHS Cheer Competition Team, UHS Life Skills Coffee Shop, and UHS Wrestling (Athletics)

**11.6 Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Sale or Disposal of Personal Property**

Approval was requested authorizing and directing the sale or disposal of personal property in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/10-22.8. Items: Library Books (King)

**12.0 ACTION ITEMS (Individual)**

**12.1 Gifts**

Arbor Management, donated 50: hot dogs, buns, and packs of chips along with apples and oranges to Urbana Early Childhood School, in support of a parent activity for the "Purple Village."

A Plus Mechanics, Champaign, donated \$750 to the Urbana High School boys basketball Program.

Paul and Katrina Wefel, Urbana, donated \$100 to Urbana Middle School activity account.

Jim and Janet Golaszewski, Urbana, donated \$1,310.10 to the Urbana High School swim and dive program.

Donald Walden, Urbana, donated \$200 to Urbana High School student senate.

Michelson/Kuehn and Christine Cox, each donated \$100 to Urbana High School Academic Booster Club.

Urbana High School received an anonymous donation of 10 winter coats.

West Urbana Neighborhood Association donated \$600 to Urbana High School.

The following donated to the Evelyn Burnett Underwood Music Assistance Program at Urbana Middle School: Barbara Vabic, Urbana, donated B<sup>b</sup> Jupiter Clarinet, Tom and Brenda Koester, Urbana donated Yamaha Trumpet.

***Member Exum moved to approve and accept the above gifts, seconded by Vice-President Hall. Motion passed.***

**12.2 Intergovernmental Agreement (City of Urbana/Urbana School District 116)**

Approval was requested to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Urbana, to have two School Resource Officers (SRO's), one at Urbana Middle School and the other at Urbana High School.

***Member Carter moved to approve item 12.2, seconded by Member Exum. On a roll call vote, motion passed 4 "ayes" (J.Dimit, B.Carter, T.Exum, P.Poulosk) / 3 "nays" (RA.Fisher, A.Hall, P.Patten).***

**12.3 2019-2020 Proposed Tax Levy**

Carol Baker, Chief Financial Officer, requested approval of the 2019-2020 Proposed Tax Levy.

***Member Poulosky moved to approve item 12.3, seconded by Member Exum. 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**

**FOIA Requests:**

Fox Champaign News  
Haydee Clotter

"..wanting to know the number of times and which schools received a threat of violence on social media. For example, a student saying they would shoot up the school, which in turn were reported to the police since January 2019."

The Champaign News-Gazette  
Ben Zigterman

" . . any and all subpoenas and/or search warrants received from federal investigative authorities, including but not limited to the FBI and the U.S. Attorney's Office, within the following date range: Jan. 1, 2019 – present."

**15.0 BOARD REPORT**

**16.0 ADJOURNMENT**

***Member Poulosky moved to adjourn to executive session for the purposes 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) and 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 motion was seconded by Vice-President Hall. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye." Motion passed.***

***President Dimit declared the meeting adjourned to executive session after a five minute recess at 10:54 p.m. There will be no action following the executive session.***

***Member Poulosky moved to go back into open session, seconded by Member Patten. Motion Passed.***

***Member Poulosky moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice-President Hall.***

***President Dimit declared the meeting adjourned at 12:12 a.m.***

***President***

***Secretary***