



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

Jean F. Burkholder Administrative Service Center  
205 North Race Street, Urbana, IL 61801  
Tuesday, December 17, 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 Dimit, President  
Anne Hall, Vice-President  
Brenda Carter, Secretary Pro Tem  
Tori Exum, Board Member  
Peggy Patten, Board Member  
Paul Poulosky, Board Member

Also Present: Jennifer Ivory-Tatum, Superintendent  
Kimberly Norton, Asst Supt of Student Learning  
Todd Tayloy, 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 of Education recognized the following for achieving National Board Certified Teacher status: Leal: Bridget Maloney, LaDonna Helm, and Jodi Miller; UHS: Felicia Tufano and Jill Lagerstam (renewed).

#### 4.0 CITIZEN STATEMENTS

Scott Dowds	SRO's
Richard Adkins	SRO Program
Urbana Police Chief Bryant Seraphin	SRO's
David Guth	Reconsideration of Student Resource Officer vote
Michael Langendorf	SRO's
Susan Roughton	SRO's
Eric Morrow	Approval of Full-Time Resource Officer
Charlotte G.	Armed Police Officers/Guards in our schools (SRO's)
Jacqueline Hannah	funding police in our schools
Allan Max Axelrod	SRO's
Katherine Majewski	SRO proposal
Lara Orr	Friendship
Elderess Melinda Carr on behalf of Ministerial Alliance of CU & Vicinity	Intergovernmental Agreement for School Resource Officer Program
Julie Blixen	SRO Approval
Ben Joselyn	Cops in schools and process of the board
Cord Schroeder	SRO
Mitch Berenson	SRO
Theresa Sweeney	SRO Interagency Agreement
Jared Lofrano	School Resource Officer
Lynda Minor	Review petitions submitted, Sept 2018 for new community members to this issue and new admin
Alicia Trezise	SRO's AND mental health across district, but much need in elementary schools.
Sage Johnson	SRO's
Jacqueline Minor	SRO

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

#### 6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

***Secretary Pro Tem Carter moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Vice-President Hall. Motion passed.***

#### 7.0 COMMENDATION/RECOGNITIONS

The following achieved National Board Certified Teacher Status: Leal: Bridget Maloney, LaDonna Helm, and Jodi Miller; UHS: Felicia Tufano and Jill Lagerstam (renewed).

#### 8.0 PUBLIC HEARING

##### 8.1 **Public Hearing on Estimated Tax Levy**

As required by the "Truth in Taxation Act" a hearing was held to allow public comment on the 2019 tax resolution.

***President Dimit opened the public hearing at 9:20 p.m. Having no public comment, President Dimit closed the public hearing at 9:21 p.m.***

**9.0 COMMUNICATIONS**

**10.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**10.1 Continuous Improvement Plans**

Brian Anderson, Yankee Ridge Principal, presented the Yankee Ridge Elementary School Continuous Improvement Goals for 2019-2020.

**11.0 ACTION ITEMS (consent)**

***Secretary Pro Tem Carter, moved to approve the following consent action items. Motion was seconded by Vice-President Hall. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “aye.” Motion passed. Absent: RA Fisher***

**11.1 Minutes**

November 19, 2019, Business Meeting  
December 3, 2019, Study Session

**11.2 Bills/Checks**

Education Fund Bills	\$ 900,763.85
Operations & Maintenance Fund Bills	\$ 123,466.04
Bond & Interest Fund Bills	\$ 265.00
Transportation Fund Bills	\$ 278,392.94
Working Cash Bonds	\$ 52,795.09
TORT	\$ 108,254.09
Life Safety Levy	\$ 47,081.43
Payroll	\$4,496,774.82
Urbana Adult Education	\$ 123,671.28

**11.3 Personnel Items**

Approval of various personnel items were requested.

**11.4 Administrative Personnel Items**

Approval of various administrative personnel items were requested.

**12.0 ACTION ITEMS (Individual)**

**12.1 Gifts**

Area-Wide Technologies, Champaign, donated \$500 to the UHS Boys Basketball program.

Michael/Jane Cain, Urbana, donated \$100, to the District in memory of Kermit Hardin.

“A group of Leal Friends”, who wish to remain anonymous, donated \$500, to Leal Trust Acct.

Mary Jane Tuttle, Champaign, donated \$100 to Urbana High School Orchestra.

Jennifer Livingston, Mahomet, donated a percussion kit, rolling bag with a set bells and snare drum, with stick bag and sticks, worth \$450 to Urbana Middle School.

The Urbana Middle School Band received a total of \$200 from: Sanjay/Amen Patel (\$100) and Sandy Volk ((\$100).

Joy George, Champaign, donated 22 backpacks filled with school supplies, valued at \$500, to the Urbana Middle School Social Workers.

Kiwanis of Champaign Urbana donated \$800.00 worth of books for the students at Urbana Early Childhood School.

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

**12.2 Approval of Amended Language in Intergovernmental Agreement (Section 8- SRO Review)**

The Board of Education took a vote to approve amended language within the Intergovernmental Agreement (Section 8 - Formal Program Evaluation) between the City of Urbana and Urbana School District 116.

***Member Poulosky moved to approve item 12.2, seconded by Secretary Pro Tem Carter. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “aye.” Motion passed. Absent: RA Fisher***

**12.3 Request to Reconsider the Intergovernmental Agreement (Section 1. A. - Assignment of Police Officers to SRO Program)**

The Board of Education may vote to reconsider and discuss the assignment of one full time SRO shared between UMS and UHS vs. two SRO's one at each school.

***There was no motion to bring this to the table for a vote. No action taken.***

**12.4 Request to Amend the Intergovernmental Agreement (Section 4. H. - Uniforms)**

The Board of Education will vote to reconsider and discuss the SRO uniform approved by UPD without a gun visibly displayed.

***Member Patten moved to approve item 12.4, seconded by Vice-President Hall. On a roll call vote, motion failed, “aye -2” P.Patten and A.Hall, “nay-4” P.Poulsky, B.Carter, T.Exum, J.Dimit. Absent: RA Fisher***

**12.5 Resolution Regarding the Estimated Amount Necessary to be Levied for the Year 2019**

Approval was requested to approve the resolution regarding the estimated amounts necessary to be levied for the year 2019.

***Member Poulosky moved to approve item 12.5, seconded by Vice-President Hall. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “aye”. Motion passed. Absent: RA Fisher***

**12.6 Approval of a Property Tax Relief Grant**

Approval was requested to apply for a Property Tax Relief Grant through Illinois State Board of Education in the amount of \$3,485,008.

***Vice-President Hall moved to approve item 12.6, seconded by Member Poulosky. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “aye”. Motion passed. Absent: RA Fisher***

**12.7 Lease Agreement Termination**

Approval was requested to terminate a 2004 lease agreement between Urbana School District, Champaign-Urbana Public Health District and Community Health Improvement Center.

***Member Poulosky moved to approve item 12.7, seconded by Secretary Pro Tem Carter. Motion passed.***

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

**14.0 SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

**FOIA Requests:**

Dr. Robert Kramer

variety of employee salary, benefit, reimbursement Information; curriculum information, current superintendent contract, locker room, and athletic information

WCIA/Paul Cicchini

“all documents electronic and written communication related to 2019 Urbana School District #116 holiday party/parties . . . included[ing] but not limited to emails, letters, memos, proposals, invoices, bills, receipts and text messages.”

Allison O’Dwyer (amended)

“to include all written communications (emails, texts, documents) in reference to the School Resource Officer Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Urbana and USD116 from January 1 2019-today”

**15.0 BOARD REPORT**

**16.0 ADJOURNMENT**

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

***President Dimit declared the meeting adjourned at 10:11 p.m.***

**President**

**Secretary**