

November 10, 2005

# Board Meeting Summary

## Regular Meeting . . .

*November 9, 2005*

The Unit 5 Board of Education, at its regular meeting on November 9, 2005, took the following action and received the following reports:

### Action

- The Board adopted the Resolution for the Estimated Amount Necessary to be Levied for the Year 2005. A public hearing on a proposed property tax increase for Unit 5 for 2005 will be held on December 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the District Office. Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing body may contact Cindy Prescher, clerk of the board, at the District Office. Proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2005 are \$63,963,566. Estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2005 are \$10,098,711. Estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2005 are \$74,062,277. This represents a 9.59% increase over the previous year. The actual 2004 tax rate was \$4.50786. The estimated 2005 tax rate is \$4.47764.
- The secondary Course Description book and course changes for 2006-2007 were approved. Primary changes involve mathematics (due to changes in minimum state requirements from two to three years), Advanced Placement classes, and Science Research (will now be a full-year class). Recommendations for curriculum content modifications and support materials will be considered by the Board in February 2006 in the areas of art, business, foreign language, and science.
- The Board approved 2005-2006 salaries/benefits for exempt educational office personnel as discussed in closed session.

### Reports/Discussion

Camille Taylor, a counselor at NCHS, was recognized for her induction into the ISU College of Education Hall of Fame. NCHS Principal Dr. Jeanette Nuckolls was recognized for her election to the Legislative Commission of the Illinois High School Association.

In addition to board representative reports, reports on the Illinois Association of School Boards Delegate Assembly proposed resolutions, student enrollment (11,718 students as of 10/31/05), implementation of the Skyward project,

and facilities were presented. The facilities report addressed possible renovations at Brigham, Carlock, Fairview, Glenn, Hudson and Oakdale for heating, air-conditioning, etc.; enrollment and classroom space projections; and growth options. Short- and long-term growth options presented included, program relocation, adjustments to open attendance areas, additions to Grove Elementary School, use of portable classrooms at CJHS and PJHS, development of an Early Childhood Education Center, additions to existing facilities, new buildings, a fourth middle school, an addition to NCHS, land purchase for a third high school, use of a portable classroom at the Adaptive Learning Program (ALP) facility, and replacement of the ALP facility.

### Consent Agenda

The following Consent Agenda items were approved:

- Minutes of the October 26 regular board meeting
- Staffing needs - .4 FTE ESL teacher at KJHS; 1.0 FTE security monitor at NCHS; 1.0 FTE security monitor at NCWHS
- Resignations/retirements/terminations for 2 teachers, 3 noon hour supervisors, 2 teaching assistants, 1 food service worker, and 10 bus drivers/monitors
- Employment of 2 teachers, 21 noon hour supervisors, 8 teaching assistants, and 10 bus drivers/monitors
- Contract revisions for 2 teachers, 3 educational support personnel, and Schedule B
- A leave request for 1 educational support personnel
- Payment of bills and payrolls in the amount of \$8,257,489.41
- The October 2005 Treasurer's Report
- Other: (1) Granted permission to the NCHS Marching Band to use the NCHS gyms, pool, cafeteria, and connecting hallways for the Annual Band Picnic on Sunday, November 20, 2005; (2) approved filing of the School Library Grant

### Public Comments

LaNell Greenberg of Normal addressed the Board regarding ISAT scores.

### Closed Session

The Board met in closed session prior to the public session to review closed session minutes and consider real property matters, the employment and compensation of specific employees, and collective negotiating matters.