

Board Meeting Summary

September 14, 2006

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The Unit 5 Board of Education, at its regular meeting on **September 13, 2006**, took the following action and received the following reports:

Action items approved included:

- A letter of agreement as discussed in Closed Session with School Exec Connect for consulting service regarding the superintendent search.
- Certification for the need for Fire Prevention and Safety Funds for Kingsley Jr. High School for repair of the roofs over Arends and Newman Gym at an estimated cost of \$89,640.00.
- Changing the Oct 25 Board meeting location to Colene Hoose and the Feb 28 Board meeting location to KJHS.
- Setting dates of Oct 30 and Nov 30 for intergovernmental meetings with elected officials and town/city council members from Normal, Bloomington, McLean County, Carlock, Hudson and Towanda. The Oct 30 meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at Grove Elementary and the Nov 30 meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at PJHS.
- The 2006-2007 Study Topics for the Unit 5 Citizens Advisory Council. Meghan Leiseberg presented the proposed Study Topics 06/07. Those topics are:
 - ~CAC Information Sharing
 - ~Continuing To Map the District's Future: Unit 5 2025
 - ~Exploring the Early Learning Center Concept
 - ~Alternative Educational Structures In-Depth: Year-Round Education

Reports/Discussion

Kathy Johnson spoke about the 4-H *Afterschool Program* with the U of I Extension Service.

Board member reports on committees, councils, commissions and/or boards were presented.

John Pye provided a transportation update. Also present to answer questions were Bert Popejoy, Director of Transportation, Wes Caldwell, and Adam Denzer. Board members offered their thanks and

appreciation to the Unit 5 Transportation staff for a successful start of the school year.

The latest enrollment report and comparison figures were discussed. Total enrollment as of Aug 31 was reported at 12,107. Pye discussed the elementary sections that are currently over the recommended range and indicated that the average class size is at 22. The comparison sheet provided reflected growth at all levels.

Gail Briggs presented 24 Board Policy Revisions for 1st reading with a recommendation for 2nd reading and adoption at the Sept 27th meeting.

Dawn Green and Jim Braksick provided an in-depth report of the Unit 5 Class of 2006 ACT Scores and a comparison and analysis of Unit 5 scores with State of Illinois and National ACT Scores from 1996-2006. Also discussed was the development of a district assessment plan, enrichment classes, and working with a smaller teacher/student ratio in certain classes at the freshman level.

Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda items approved included but were not limited to:

- Minutes of the Aug 23 and Sept 6 Closed Sessions, Aug 23 Regular Session, and Sept 6 Special Session Meetings.
- NCWHS request for Sunday use of their facility by First Christian Church.
- Personnel matters as presented.
- Payment of bills and payrolls.
- Treasurer's Report – Aug 2006.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Closed Session

The Board met in closed session for ½ hour to review closed session minutes and personnel matters and for review and discussion of the superintendent search process. No action was taken in closed session.

