

MINUTES
McLean County Unit District No. 5
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Session
April 20, 2005

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois, met in special session on April 20, 2005, at approximately 5:30 p.m. at the District Office, 1809 West Hovey Avenue, Normal, Illinois.

1.0 Roll Call Members present: Gail Ann Briggs, Tom Ellsworth, Scott Lay, Meta Mickens-Baker, Steve Whittington, and Board President Rick Percy. Members absent: Martin O'Connor.

Also present: Superintendent Dr. Alan Chapman, Assistant Superintendent of Operations/Human Resources John Pye, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum/Instruction Jim Braksick, Executive Director of Secondary Education Bruce Boswell, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer Tod Altenburg, Meghan Leiseberg, Cindy Prescher, Brenda Carter, Cathy Greene, Chuck Bartlett, Vickie Mahrt, Ben Matthews, Vickie Barbour, John Puzauskas, Jay Reece, and others.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3.0 Public Comments None.

4.0 Consent Agenda Chapman presented the Consent Agenda for Board approval. Briggs requested the withdrawal of agenda item 4.1.1 April 11, 2005 Public Meeting Minutes, in order that the minutes may be further reviewed and approved at the next regular board meeting. Lay moved, Mickens-Baker seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

4.1 Approval of Minutes

4.1.2 April 12, 2005 Special Meeting

4.1.3 April 13, 2005 Regular Meeting

Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Ellsworth, Lay, Mickens-Baker, Whittington, Percy. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**5.0 Canvass and
Certify Election
Results**

5.1 Canvass and Certify Election Results

The Board canvassed the school board election results of the April 5, 2005 Consolidated Election. Candidates elected to full terms were Meta Mickens-Baker, John Puzauskas, and Jay Reece.

5.2 Adopt Resolution Canvassing and Certifying Election Results

The Resolution Canvassing and Declaring the Results of the Consolidated Election held on April 5, 2005 was presented. (Attachment #1) Briggs moved, Ellsworth seconded, to adopt the Resolution Canvassing and Declaring the Election Results of April 5, 2005 as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Ellsworth, Lay, Mickens-Baker, Whittington, Percy. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

6.0 Announcements

Board members and Cabinet members expressed appreciation to outgoing board members, President Percy and Dr. Ellsworth, and congratulated the newly elected board members, Meta Mickens-Baker, John Puzauskas, and Jay Reece. It was noted that a time of recognition and a reception for Percy and Ellsworth would be included at the April 27 regular board meeting.

Outgoing board members commented on their terms on the Board, expressed appreciation to the District's staff, and welcomed new board members.

**7.0 Appointment of
Temporary Chair**

Lay moved, Briggs seconded, to appoint Superintendent Chapman as temporary chair following adjournment sine die until election of the board president. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Ellsworth, Lay, Mickens-Baker, Whittington, Percy. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

On behalf of the Board, Lay thanked Percy and Ellsworth for their leadership and expertise provided to the District during their terms of service. He felt their leadership and expertise were not only apparent at board meetings, but also during numerous other activities and duties in which they have been involved over the years.

**8.0 Adjournment
Sine Die**

Mickens-Baker moved, Lay seconded, to adjourn sine die. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Ellsworth, Lay, Mickens-Baker, Whittington, Percy. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**9.0 Organization
of the Board**

The new Board was seated at the board table.

9.1 Roll Call

Members present: Gail Ann Briggs, Scott Lay, Meta Mickens-Baker, John Puzauskas, Jay Reece, and Steve Whittington. Members absent: Martin O'Connor.

9.2 Induction of New Board Members

Board members took turns reading the paragraphs in Board Policy 2.80 Board Member Code of Conduct.

9.3 Election of Board President

Chapman called for nominations for board president. Briggs nominated Lay. As there were no further nominations, Chapman declared nominations to be closed and called for a motion to elect Lay. Briggs moved, Mickens-Baker seconded, to elect Lay as board president. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Lay, Mickens-Baker, Puzauskas, Reece, Whittington. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

9.4 New President Assumes Chair

President Lay assumed the chair.

9.5 Election of Board Vice President

Lay called for nominations for board vice president. Reece nominated O'Connor. As there were no further nominations, Lay declared nominations to be closed and called for a motion to elect O'Connor. Reece moved, Whittington seconded, to elect O'Connor as board vice president. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Mickens-Baker, Puzauskas, Reece, Whittington, Lay. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Lay commented that O'Connor was unable to attend the board meeting as he had a engagement to attend that was scheduled some time ago. He added that O'Connor sent his apologies to the other board members for his absence, but looks forward to serving in his capacity as board vice president.

9.6 Election of Board Secretary

Lay called for nominations for board secretary. Puzauskas nominated Whittington. As there were no further nominations, Lay declared nominations to be closed and called for a motion to elect Whittington. Puzauskas moved, Whittington seconded, to elect Whittington as board secretary. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Mickens-Baker, Puzauskas, Reece, Whittington, Lay. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

9.7 Declaration by Board President That the Board is Officially Organized and Ready to Consider Matters That May Come Before It

President Lay declared the Board to be officially organized and ready to consider matters that may come before it.

9.8 Selection of Day, Hour, and Place for Board Meetings

Mickens-Baker moved, Briggs seconded, to set the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month as the official board meeting days, with meetings to begin at 7:00 p.m., and the official meeting place to be the District Office, 1809 West Hovey Avenue, Normal, Illinois. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Mickens-Baker, Puzauskas, Reece, Whittington, Lay. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

9.9 Adopt Current Board of Education Policies and Ordinances

Briggs moved, Puzauskas seconded, to adopt the current Board of Education policies and ordinances. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Mickens-Baker, Puzauskas, Reece, Whittington, Lay. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

10.0 Public Comments

Chuck Bartlett commented that this was his first year of attending board meetings. Because of his role in the Transportation Department, he stated that he appreciated the work of the Board and learning more about its role.

11.0 Announcements

Announcements made at the meeting:

- Newly elected board members were welcomed and congratulated.
- Newly elected board members remarked that they looked forward to their service on the Board.
- Briggs thanked Bartlett for his comments and his attendance at board meetings.
- President Lay thanked the audience for attending the meeting and for their interest in the District. He added that the new Board looked forward to working with the community, parents, and employees in a positive manner.

12.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:10 p.m.

Scott Lay, Board of Education President
Community Unit School District No. 5
McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois

ATTEST:

Steve Whittington, Board of Education Secretary

Approved: _____
(Date)