

**MINUTES**  
**McLean County Unit District No. 5**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Session**  
**September 22, 2004**

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois, met in regular session on September 22, 2004, at approximately 6:00 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, Martin O'Connor (entered at 6:07 p.m.), Steve Whittington, and Board President Rick Percy. Members absent: None.
- 2.0 Closed Session** Briggs moved, Lay seconded, to adjourn to closed session to consider the employment and compensation of specific employees, collective negotiating matters, pending litigation, and review of closed session minutes. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Ellsworth, Lay, Mickens-Baker, Whittington, Percy. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**
- Also present: Superintendent Dr. Alan Chapman, Assistant Superintendent of Operations/Human Resources John Pye, and Clerk of the Board Cindy Prescher.
- 3.0 Return to Public Session** At approximately 7:06 p.m., Briggs moved, Lay seconded, to come out of closed session and return to public session. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Ellsworth, Lay, Mickens-Baker, O'Connor, Whittington, Percy. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**
- Also present: Chapman, Pye, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum/Instruction Jim Braksick, Executive Director of Secondary Education Bruce Boswell, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer Tod Altenburg, Prescher, Meghan Leiseberg, Rebecca Loda from The Pantagraph, Kevin Heinkes from WJBC, John Puzauskas, Chuck Bartlett, Cathy Greene, John Prosser, Randi Kamman, Emily Finnen, Catherine Napoleon, Kellie Lucas, Jessica Ingala, Steve Edwards, Kurtis Stange, Sara Scheffert, and others.
- 4.0 Pledge of Allegiance** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 5.0 Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget** President Percy opened the public hearing on the proposed budget for 2004-2005. (Attachment #1) Altenburg noted that the Notice of Public Hearing on the Budget was approved on August 11 and that the tentative budget was placed on public display the following day. He indicated he had estimated expenditures high and revenue low in preparing the budget. Overall proposed budget totals were reported to be \$89.7 million in revenue and \$91.8 million in expenditures. Altenburg also reported that the proposed Educational Fund budget included \$63.5 million in revenue and \$62 million in expenditures, the Operations and Maintenance Fund included \$7.8 million in revenue and \$10.8 million in expenditures, and the Transportation Fund included \$4.9 million in revenue and just over \$5 million in expenditures. It was pointed out that for the first time in five years, in the Educational Fund, revenue would exceed expenditures. There were no questions from the audience regarding the proposed budget. As the entire time allotment for the hearing was not needed, President Percy proceeded with the agenda, but did not officially close the hearing until the designated ending time.
- 6.0 Public Comments** None.
- Agenda item 7.0 Action was delayed until after official closure of the public hearing at the designated ending time.

## 8.0 Consent Agenda

Chapman reviewed the Consent Agenda and recommended its approval. Percy requested that Board Policy 4.30 (Item 8.3.1 Adopt Board Policy Revision) be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration. Mickens-Baker moved, Ellsworth seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, with the exception of Item 8.3.1.

### 8.1 Approval of the Minutes

- September 8, 2004 Regular Meeting

### 8.2 Overnight Trips

- Normal FFA Chapter request to attend the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky on October 26-29, 2004
- Normal FFA Chapter request to attend the "Made for Excellence" Conference in Lisle, Illinois on January 21-22, 2005
- Normal FFA Chapter request to attend the Farm Bureau Leadership Youth Conference in Decatur, Illinois on April 4-5, 2005
- Normal FFA Chapter request to attend the Illinois FFA State Convention in Springfield, Illinois on June 14-16, 2005

### 8.3 Other

- ISBE 2004-2005 Annual Applications for Recognition of Schools (Attachment #2)

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

Concerning the proposed revision of Board Policy 4.30, Percy suggested the board policy review committee further examine Policy 4.30, in order to address some inconsistencies in terminology. Briggs moved, Lay seconded, to refer Policy 4.30 to committee. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Ellsworth, Lay, Mickens-Baker, O'Connor, Whittington, Percy. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

## 9.0 Reports/Discussion

### 9.1 Board Representative Report

Bloomington Area Vocational Center (AVC) Administrative Council (Whittington) – Whittington reported he would attend the first AVC council meeting of this school year on September 27.

Strategic Planning/Finance Committee (Lay/Whittington) – Lay commented that board members had accompanied cabinet members to the District's schools to give presentations on the strategic plan. He remarked that the presentations were well received by the staff.

Mackinaw Valley Special Education Association (MVSEA) Council (Ellsworth/O'Connor) – Percy reported he had covered the recent MVSEA council meeting for the Board's representatives and would provide them with a copy of the minutes of the meeting. He added that he also had the opportunity to tour the Eugene Field Special Services Center while at the meeting. Percy remarked that the director of special education-operations would be contacting the board policy review committee concerning a "do not resuscitate" policy that should be put in place.

Community Connections Committee (Briggs/Mickens-Baker) – Mickens-Baker reported the committee met last week and discussed town hall meetings to be scheduled, which would focus on the strategic plan. She also reminded people of the upcoming "Get the Scoop on Public Education" meeting scheduled for September 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the Plumbers and Pipefitters Hall in Bloomington.

### 9.2 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Proposed Board Policy Revisions

8.2.1 Board Policy 6.15

8.2.2 Board Policy 8.25

Briggs reported she had provided board members with an explanation of proposed changes to Policies 6.15 and 8.25. She pointed out that most of the proposed changes in Policy 6.15 were related to the No Child Left Behind Act and the District's receipt of

Title I funds. Concerning Policy 8.25, she noted that an optional sentence had been proposed for clarification regarding the proximity of campaign materials to voters when many of the District's schools are polling places. Briggs requested that any input on the proposed policies be directed to her or Meghan Leiseberg within the next two weeks.

#### 10.0 Announcements

Announcements made at the meeting:

- Chapman announced that on September 23 Dr. Ralph Martire would be speaking at NCWHS as a guest of the Coalition for School Funding Reform. He reported Dr. Martire would be speaking on altering the taxation system in the state of Illinois and its related impact on school funding.
- Chapman commented on his attendance this week at the ISBE Annual Superintendents' Conference in Springfield and recent changes in the membership of the State Board of Education. He also noted the State Board's appointment of a new Interim State Superintendent, Dr. Randy Dunn.
- Briggs commented on board member/superintendent participation in the NCWHS Homecoming parade.
- Whittington suggested the Board conduct a self-evaluation. Percy concurred with the suggestion and indicated he would work with Dr. Chapman to schedule the self-evaluation meeting.
- Boswell made positive comments regarding the NCWHS Homecoming.
- Braksick reported the electronic receipt of ISAT scores. He indicated he expected to receive paper copies in October when the scores would be publicized.
- Pye also made positive comments regarding the NCWHS Homecoming and 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.
- Percy commented on the completion of the school presentations on the District's strategic plan. He thanked those individuals who helped develop the plan and felt it had been well received.
- Percy made positive remarks about the recent meeting held by board and cabinet members with the mayors of Carlock, Hudson, and Towanda on the strategic plan and other topics on interest.
- Percy noted that some board members would meet in the morning with cabinet members to determine the course of action to be taken regarding the Energy Education proposal.

The meeting was recessed for approximately five minutes in order to delay action on item 7.1 until the designated time on the agenda.

#### 7.0 Action

##### 7.1 Adopt 2004-2005 Budget Resolution

At approximately 7:35 p.m., Ellsworth moved, O'Connor seconded, to adopt the 2004-2005 Budget Resolution as presented. (Attachment #3). In response to a board member question, it was indicated that the proposed deficit in the Operations and Maintenance Fund would be covered by fund reserves. Chapman noted that all utility services would be examined for ways to reduce expenditures. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Ellsworth, Lay, Mickens-Baker, O'Connor, Whittington, Percy. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

#### 11.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Richard B. Percy, Board of Education President  
Community Unit School District No. 5  
McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois

ATTEST:

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Martin L. O'Connor, Board of Education Secretary