

MINUTES
McLean County Unit District No. 5
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Session
April 5, 2006

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois, met in special session on April 5, 2006, at approximately 5:30 p.m. at District Office, 1809 West Hovey Avenue, Normal, Illinois.

1.0 Roll Call

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

Also present: Superintendent Dr. Alan Chapman, Assistant Superintendent of Operations/Human Resources John Pye, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum/Instruction Jim Braksick, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer Tod Altenburg, Clerk of the Board Cindy Prescher, and Donna Evans (who, it was announced would be attending meetings in preparation for assuming the position of Clerk of the Board on July 1, 2006).

2.0 Closed Session

Briggs moved, Puzauskas seconded, to adjourn to closed session to consider the appointment of specific individuals. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Mickens-Baker, O'Connor, Puzauskas, Whittington, Lay. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**3.0 Return to
Public Session**

At approximately 5:56 p.m., Briggs moved, Mickens-Baker seconded, to come out of closed session and return to public session. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Mickens-Baker, O'Connor, Puzauskas, Whittington, Lay. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Also present: Superintendent Chapman, Pye, Braksick, Altenburg, Prescher, Donna Evans, Vickie Mahrt, Ben Matthews, Charles Bartlett, Meghan Leiseberg, Ryan Ellison, Diana Coombs, Sarah Edwards, Tim Arnold, Carmen Bergmann, Shelly Erickson and others.

4.0 Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

5.0 Public Comments

None.

6.0 Action

6.1 Action From Closed Session

Chapman commented that it had been the Administration's intent to announce elementary principal recommendations at the March 22 regular board meeting, but in order to fully investigate all of the candidates interviewed, including a field of very excellent prospective principals, it was determined that it was more appropriate to delay the appointments until this meeting. Pye recommended the appointment of the following candidates to elementary principal positions:

- Sarah Edwards – Half-time Principal/Half-time Teacher at Towanda Elementary School
- Carmen Bergmann – Half-time Principal/Half-time Teacher at Carlock Elementary School
- Tim Arnold – Principal of Prairieland Elementary School
- Diana Coombs – Principal of Pepper Ridge Elementary School
- Shelly Erickson – Principal of Parkside Elementary School
- Debra Lewis – Principal of Glenn Elementary School

In regard to the proposed half-time principal/half-time teacher positions at Carlock and Towanda, Pye commented that they became possible following conversations he had with Vickie Mahrt, president of the Unit Five Education Association. Pye stated that UFEA and the District have agreed it is in the best interest of students, staff, and parents to have administrators in those buildings all day. He added that the District was appreciative of UFEA's openness to the concept, which will better serve the two school communities. Pye also thanked Shelly Erickson for her service as half-time principal during this school year at both schools.

Mickens-Baker moved, Puzauskas seconded, to approve the elementary principal appointments as recommended, effective July 1, 2006. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Mickens-Baker, O'Connor, Puzauskas, Whittington, Lay. Nays: None. **Motion carried.** Board members made positive remarks regarding the appointments and congratulated the principals.

7.0 Adjournment

The following announcements were made:

- Mickens-Baker announced that the Bloomington-Normal Education Alliance Minority Educator Reception would be held on April 10 from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. at Bloomington High School.

8.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 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)