

MINUTES
McLean County Unit District No. 5
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Session
August 22, 2005

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois, met in special session on August 22, 2005, at approximately 5:00 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, Jay Reece, Steve Whittington, and Board President Scott Lay. Members absent: None.
- 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, Cindy Prescher, Meghan Leiseberg, Chuck Hartseil, Tom Parton, Vickie Mahrt, Ben Matthews, Julia Basting, Andrea Hauser, and Britta Armstrong-Mitchell.
- 2.0 Pledge of Allegiance** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 3.0 Public Comments** Vickie Mahrt, president of the Unit Five Education Association (UFEA), remarked that the UFEA members were very glad to be at this meeting.
- 4.0 Action**
- 4.1 Approve Negotiated Contract between the Unit 5 Board of Education and Unit Five Education Association
- Chapman commented that the administration and Board were also glad to be at the meeting. He acknowledged the UFEA officers and members in attendance and noted that the Board and UFEA bargaining teams had participated in interest-based bargaining for about six months. As a tentative agreement was ratified by the UFEA membership on August 18, Chapman recommended the Board's approval of the collective bargaining agreement, which he stated was in order and ready for signatures at the conclusion of the meeting. Briggs moved, Mickens-Baker seconded, to approve the Negotiated Contract between the Unit 5 Board of Education and the Unit Five Education Association. (Attachment #1) Briggs concurred with Chapman's remarks and extended her personal appreciation to the bargaining team members and their families for allowing them to commit to participation in the process. President Lay expressed his thanks and gratitude to UFEA and stated that he felt very positive about the results of the bargaining process. He added that he appreciated UFEA's level of candor and professionalism exhibited during negotiations and the overall tone in which the sessions were conducted. Administrators present at the board table also made positive comments regarding the negotiations. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Mickens-Baker, O'Connor, Puzauskas, Reece, Whittington, Lay. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**
- 5.0 Adjournment** The following announcements were made:
- Chapman announced that a press release on the four-year contract had been jointly prepared by the Board and UFEA and was available for immediate release. He commented that he felt good about the positive nature of the announcement and the positive future before the District.
 - Mickens-Baker announced that several members of the Indian community would give a family dynamics presentation to Hoose School teachers on August 23 at 1:30 p.m.

6.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 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)