

Minutes
McLean County Unit District No. 5
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Session
August 23, 2006

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois met in regular session on August 23, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office, 1809 W. 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 and Human Resources John Pye, Clerk of the Board Donna Evans, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum/Instruction Jim Braksick, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer Tod Altenburg, Evans, Meghan Leiseberg, Ben Matthews, Lynette Mehall, Andrea Ringer, Jenna Ringer, Monica Brigham, Mark Pritchett, Robin McCoskey, Joshua McCoskey, Vickie Mahrt, Rebert Harris, Michelle Steinbacher from The Pantagraph, Jamal Nassar, George Gordon, Mary Jefferson, and others.

2.0 Closed Session

Briggs moved, Mickens-Baker seconded, to adjourn to closed session for the review of closed session minutes and to discuss employment and compensation of specific individuals. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Mickens-Baker, O'Connor, Puzauskas, Whittington, Reece, Lay. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

3.0 Return to Public Session

At 7:04 p.m., Briggs moved, Puzauskas seconded, to come out of closed session and return to public session. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Mickens-Baker, O'Connor, Puzauskas, Reece, Whittington, Lay. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

4.0 Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

5.0 Public Comments

None.

6.0 Good News Reports/Focus on Students

Lynette Mehall (KJHS principal) recognized Rebert Harris (KJHS teacher) and Ankit Patel, Rick Cranston, Aleigh Day, Johnathon Elam, Grant Jones, Steven Davis, Angelia Jiron, Sydney Lawrence, Jenna Ringer, Geoffrey Kohlhase, Dominique Lawson, and Josh McCoskey (KJHS students).

7.0 Action

7.1 Action From Closed Session

Pye recommended the Board's approval of one motion discussed in closed session prior to the public session.

Briggs moved, Mickens-Baker seconded to approve one additional section each for kindergarten at Colene Hoose Elementary School and Grove Elementary School and one additional section for 1st grade at Hudson Elementary School as recommended. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Mickens-Baker, O'Connor, Puzauskas, Reece, Whittington, Lay. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

7.2 Approve Revisions to the Unit 5 Diversity Plan

Chapman recognized and offered thanks to the Diversity Advisory Committee. Meghan Leiseberg presented the proposed revisions to the Diversity Plan. (Attachment # 1) Leiseberg noted that the revisions fell into three basic categories. The first category will focus on the enhancement of the evaluation process and bring the document into alignment with the Strategic Plan. Revisions also include a desire to increase a community awareness of the Diversity Plan and its content. A third area of concentration will include an increase in the clarity of the Diversity Plan. Mickens-Baker moved, Puzauskas seconded, to approve the revisions to the Unit 5 Diversity Plan with thanks to the Unit 5 Diversity Advisory Committee. Committee

members Jamal Nassar, George Gordon and Mary Jefferson offered comments and opinions on the Unit 5 Diversity Plan. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Mickens-Baker, O'Connor, Puzauskas, Reece Whittington, Lay. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

7.3 Approve Unit 5 Strategic Plan For 2006-2007 As Revised

Chapman presented the revisions for the Unit 5 Strategic Plan as a result of the two large group meetings held in June and several subsequent small group sessions. (Attachment # 2) Chapman indicated that the committee accomplished its objective of making the Strategic Plan more measurable and actionable as well as clarifying the reporting timeline to be more accountable to students, staff and community. Reece moved, Puzauskas seconded, to approve the Unit 5 Strategic Plan for 2006-2007 as revised. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Mickens-Baker, O'Connor, Puzauskas, Reece, Whittington, Lay. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

8.0 **Consent Agenda**

Chapman recommended the approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Mickens-Baker moved, Briggs seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

8.1 Approval of Minutes

8.1.1 August 9, 2006 ~ Closed Meeting

8.1.2 August 9, 2006 ~ Regular Meeting

8.2 Other

8.2.1 NCWHS request for 34 students to attend the Illinois theatre Association's State Festival January 4-7, 2007 located at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. (Attachment #3)

8.2.2 KJHS Request For Sunday Use of Facility for the Maharashtra Mandal Cultural Group event to be held on August 27, 2006. (Attachment #4)

Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Mickens-Baker, O'Connor, Puzauskas, Reece, Whittington, Lay. Nays: None.

Motion carried.

9.0 **Reports/Discussion**

9.1 Enrollment Report

Pye provided the first enrollment report for the 2006-2007 school year noting that figures will change as schools continue to report additional families arriving to register. (Attachment #5) The average elementary class size is 22.1 with 248 total elementary sections. Pye provided an update on the District's ELL program. Pye stated that there are 90 students in the ELL program at Brigham Elementary and 35 currently at Oakdale. Figures were also provided on elementary section numbers and their relation to the suggested ranges. Total District enrollment as of August 23, 2006 was reported at 12,079. The next enrollment report will be at the September 13 meeting and will reflect figures as of August 31. Pye provided a same day enrollment comparison report with figures for August 2005 noting that all but two elementary schools are showing continued growth. All enrollment reports continue to reflect solid growth for Unit 5. Braksick also commented and answered additional questions on the ELL program.

9.2 Elementary Classroom Needs Projections

Chapman presented the Elementary Classroom Needs Projections 2006-2012 report based upon current enrollment projections. (Attachment #6) The projections do not represent recommendations and do not reflect any decisions regarding potential new construction. This report provides another step in the discussion of addressing the District's additional growth. Discussion followed regarding District growth strategies and their relation to current and possible new Unit 5 facilities.

9.3 Reports on Councils/Committees/Commissions/Boards

- Consortium For Educational Change Committee ~ Whittington reported that the committee met on August 22. The committee will meet every other week to prepare for the District's 'critical friends' audit scheduled for October 25 through October 27.

- Community Connections Committee ~ Mickens-Baker reported on several topics including, but not limited to the following.
 1. Citizens Advisory Council

The CAC New Member Orientation was held on August 16 with 12 new members in attendance. Mickens-Baker also reported that the four Study Topics presented for the 2006-2007 CAC are:

 - CAC Information Sharing
 - Continuing to Map the District's Future: Unit 5 2025
 - Exploring the Early Learning Center Concept and
 - Alternative Educational Structures in-Depth: Year-Round Education.
 2. Non-English Speaking Communications.
 3. Dates of interest noted included:
 - PTO officers' lunch ~ Thursday, August 31, 11:30 a.m.
 - Former board members' breakfast ~ Wednesday, September 13, 7:30 a.m.
 - Meet and Greet Chamber of Commerce Breakfast ~ Wednesday, October 11, 6:30 a.m. at NCWHS
 4. Cable Programming with ICN5. The District's first taping is scheduled for Tuesday, August 29. The next Community Connections Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 18, 5:00 p.m. at the District Office.
- Study Circles ~ Briggs reported that a meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 30 to meet with representatives from a facilitators group from Springfield.

10.0 Announcements made included but were not limited to the following:

- Mickens-Baker requested agenda items for the Unit 5/Local Government Committee meeting on September 5, 12:00 p.m.
- Mickens-Baker commented on feedback from teachers, students and parents regarding the geothermal work and air conditioning at Glenn Elementary.
- Mickens-Baker shared with the Board members that she recently toured the portable classrooms at Chiddix Jr. High School.
- Lay, Mickens-Baker, Puzauskas, and Briggs attended the New Teachers' Luncheon at NCWHS on August 18.
- Lay and Briggs attended the Institute Day sessions on August 22.
- Braksick announced that the materials recently approved for purchase regarding SAT10 have arrived. Braksick also shared that the preliminary reports for the District's AYP scores from the State for elementary and junior highs all show adequate progress for the year. Official ISAT scores have not been received but are anticipated to arrive by the end of October. Braksick also indicated that there is no expected arrival date at this time for the official high school PSAE scores.

11.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

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

ATTEST:

Meta Mickens-Baker, Board of Education Secretary

Approved Date: September 13, 2006