

Minutes
McLean County Unit District No. 5
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Session
August 11, 2007

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois, met in special session on August 11, 2007, at approximately 8:00 a.m. at the District Office, 1809 W. Hovey Avenue, Normal, Illinois.

1.0 Roll Call

Members present: Gail Ann Briggs, Wendy Cannell, Scott Lay, Meta Mickens-Baker, Mark Pritchett, John Puzauskas, and Board President Jay Reece. Members absent: None.

Others present: Superintendent Gary Niehaus.

2.0 Board Discussion

2.1 District Needs as Perceived by Board Members:

- Analysis of test results at the district level
- Board expectations with respect to report and proposal content and timeliness
- Decision making
- Ensure each student enabled to rise to the next level, e.g., gifted program
- Facilities; Architectural Services Executive Committee plan
- Greater definition of the relationship between the Board and Superintendent; mutual expectations
- Organizationally prepared to embrace 2015; strategic plan
- Public involvement in Unit 5 activities and decisions
- Referenda issues, management, consultant help in planning
- Security issues
- Superintendent performance goals
- Technology, e.g., conversion from Novell to Microsoft

2.2 Dr. Niehaus's Short Term Focus Issues

- Working with staff to maximize individual's potential
- Reducing operational system errors
- Understanding Board's 'permission' levels to make appropriate decisions without need for Board approvals

2.3 Ranking of Topics for Discussion Based on Above Lists

1. Board and Superintendent roles and expectations
2. Reports and proposals
3. Organizational decision making
4. Referendum challenges
5. Superintendent performance goals
6. Community connections to enhance district success

2.4 Subsequent Discussions

All items listed under the Ranking of Topics were discussed. No action was taken.

3.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:04 p.m.

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

ATTEST:

John Puzauskas, Board of Education Secretary

Approved Date: August 22, 2007