

Minutes
McLean County Unit District No. 5
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Session
December 19, 2007

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois met in regular session on December 19, 2007 at approximately 7:05 p.m. at the District Office, 1809 W. Hovey Avenue, Normal, Illinois.

Roll Call

Members present: Gail Ann Briggs, Wendy Cannell, Mark Pritchett, John Puzauskas, and President Jay Reece. Members absent: Scott Lay and Meta Mickens-Baker.

Also present: Superintendent Gary Niehaus, Assistant Superintendent of Operations and Human Resources John Pye, Clerk of the Board Donna Evans, and attorney for the District Curt Richardson.

Closed Session

At approximately 7:07 p.m., Briggs moved, Pritchett seconded, to adjourn to closed session to discuss the following matter according to the exceptions provided in the "Open Meetings Act" and specified as follows:

- Section 2(c)(9) Student disciplinary cases.

Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Return to Public Session

At 7:49 p.m., Briggs moved, Cannell seconded to come out of closed session and return to public session.

Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Action From Closed Session

Pritchett moved, Puzauskas seconded that student #001010528 discussed in closed session was found to have violated the District's Policy # 7.190 *Student Discipline* by gross disobedience and/or misconduct related to the possession of a look-alike handgun and display of gang activity on the Normal West High School campus on Monday, December 10, 2007. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Closed Session

At approximately 7:53 p.m., Briggs moved, Pritchett seconded, to adjourn to closed session to discuss the following matter according to the exceptions provided in the "Open Meetings Act" and specified as follows:

- Section 2(c)(9) To consider disciplinary consequences of the violation.

Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Return to Public Session

At 8:11 p.m., Briggs moved, Puzauskas seconded to come out of closed session and return to public session. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Action From Closed Session

Puzauskas moved, Briggs seconded to expel student #001010528 discussed in closed session from McLean County Unit District No. 5 for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year and all of the 2008-2009 school year beginning December 20, 2007 and continuing until the first day of school in August 2009. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Recess

There was a short recess at 8:16 p.m.

Return to Closed Session

At approximately 8:30 p.m., Briggs moved, Pritchett seconded, to adjourn to closed session to discuss the following matters according to the exceptions provided in the "Open Meetings Act" and specified as follows:

- Section 2(c)(9) Student disciplinary cases.

Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Return to Public Session

At 10:30 p.m., Pritchett moved, Briggs seconded, to come out of closed session and return to public session. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Action From Closed Session

Cannell moved, Pritchett seconded that student #001016219 discussed in closed session was found to have violated the District's Policy # 7.190 *Student Discipline* by gross disobedience and/or misconduct related to the possession of a look-alike handgun on the Normal Community West High School campus on Monday, December 11, 2007. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Return to Closed Session

At approximately 10:33 p.m., Pritchett moved, Briggs seconded, to adjourn to closed session to discuss the following matter according to the exceptions provided in the "Open Meetings Act" and specified as follows:

- Section 2(c)(9) To consider disciplinary consequences of the violation.

Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Return to Public Session

At 11:50 p.m., Briggs moved, Pritchett seconded, to come out of closed session and return to public session. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Action From Closed Session

Briggs moved, Pritchett seconded to expel student #001016219 discussed in closed session from McLean County Unit District No. 5 for up to one year beginning January 8, 2008. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

First Reading and Adoption of Proposed Board Policy Revision

- Board Policy 4.110 *Transportation*

Briggs read the revisions to Board Policy 4.110 *Transportation*. Briggs mentioned that Board Policy 2.240 *Board Policy Development* states that policies or policy revisions will not be adopted at the board meeting at which they are first introduced, except when required to be legally compliant, and that the revisions to policy 4.110 are required by law to be adopted by January 1, 2008. Briggs moved, Cannell seconded to adopt the revision of Board Policy 4.110 as proposed. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 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: February 13, 2008