

**Minutes**  
**McLean County Unit District No. 5**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Special Session**  
**March 5, 2009**

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois met in special session on March 5, 2009 at approximately 5:10 p.m. at the District Office, 1809 W. Hovey Avenue, Normal, Illinois.

**Roll Call**

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

**Closed Session**

At approximately 5:10 p.m., Briggs moved, Puzauskas seconded, to adjourn to closed session to discuss the following matters according to the exceptions provided in the "Open Meetings Act" specified as follows:

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

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

**Return to Public Session**

5:48 p.m., Briggs moved, Mickens-Baker seconded, to come out of closed session and return to public session. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Lay, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Also present: Superintendent Gary Niehaus, Clerk of the Board Donna Evans, and attorney for the District Curt Richardson.

**Action From Closed Session**

Pritchett moved, Cannell seconded, to find student #001010207 engaged in gross misconduct or disobedience under Section 10-22.6 of the Illinois School Code by making a written threat on Thursday, February 19, 2009, to blow up or bomb Normal Community High School interfered with, disrupted, or adversely affected the school environment, school operations, or an educational function in violation of Board Policy 7.190. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Lay, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**Return to Closed Session**

At approximately 5:50 p.m., Briggs moved, Lay seconded, to return to Closed Session. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Lay, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**Return to Public Session**

At 6:42 p.m., Briggs moved, Mickens-Baker seconded, to come out of closed session and return to public session. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Lay, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**Action From Closed Session**

Pritchett moved, Puzauskas seconded, to expel student #001010207 from McLean County Unit District No. 5 effective immediately and continuing until March 5, 2011. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Lay, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**Return to Closed Session**

At approximately 6:51 p.m., Briggs moved, Mickens-Baker seconded, to return to Closed Session. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Lay, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**Return to Public Session**

At 7:09 p.m., Briggs moved, Puzauskas seconded, to come out of closed session and return to public session. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Lay, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**Action From Closed Session**

Pritchett moved, Puzauskas seconded, to find student #425544615 engaged in gross misconduct or disobedience under Section 10-22.6 of the Illinois School Code by making a written threat on Tuesday, February 17, 2009, to blow up or bomb Normal Community West High School on Friday, February 20, 2009, which interfered with, disrupted, or adversely affected the school environment, school operations, or an educational function in violation of Board Policy 7.190. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Lay, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**Return to Closed Session**

At approximately 7:14 p.m., Briggs moved, Lay seconded, to return to Closed Session. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Lay, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**Return to Public Session**

At 7:40 p.m., Briggs moved, Lay seconded, to come out of closed session and return to public session. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Lay, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**Action From Closed Session**

Pritchett moved, Puzauskas seconded, to expel student #425544615 from McLean County Unit District No. 5 effective immediately and continuing until March 5, 2011. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Lay, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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

**ATTEST:**

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**John Puzauskas, Board of Education Secretary  
Approved Date: April 8, 2009**