

**Minutes**  
**McLean County Unit District No. 5**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Special Session**  
**April 15, 2009**

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois met in special session on April 15, 2009 at approximately 5:35 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 5:35 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" 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**

6:15 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, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources John Pye, Clerk of the Board Donna Evans, and attorney for the District Curt Richardson.

**Action From Closed Session**

Mickens-Baker moved, Briggs seconded, to find student #242575419 engaged in gross misconduct or disobedience under Section 10-22.6 of the Illinois School Code by distributing or selling marijuana on the campus of Normal Community West High School on several different occasions over the course of the 2006-2007, 2007-2008, and the 2008-2009 school years 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 6:20p.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 7:15 p.m., Briggs moved, Pritchett 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**

Puzauskas moved, Briggs seconded, to expel student #242575419 from McLean County Unit District No. 5 effective immediately and continuing until April 15, 2011. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Lay, Mickens-Baker, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: Pritchett. **Motion carried.**

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 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: May 13, 2009**