

**Minutes**  
**McLean County Unit District No. 5**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Special Session**  
**April 29, 2009**

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois met in special session on April 29, 2009 at approximately 5:05 p.m. at the District Office, 1809 W. Hovey Avenue, Normal, Illinois.

**Roll Call**

Members present: Gail Ann Briggs, Wendy Cannell (entered at 5:07 p.m.), Scott Lay, Meta Mickens-Baker, Mark Pritchett, John Puzauskas, and President Jay Reece. Members absent: None.

Also present: Superintendent Gary Niehaus, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources John Pye, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Jim Braksick, Chief Financial Officer James Gillmeister, Director of Operations Joe Adelman, Clerk of the Board Donna Evans, Chuck Bartlett, Phyllis Coulter of *The Pantagraph*, and Dr. Baeg-beom Park.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments

**Certification of Election Results**

Adopt Resolution Certifying Election Results

The following election results for the April 7, 2009 School Board election were received from the election authorities of McLean and Woodford Counties and the City of Bloomington:

- Jay Reece received 5769 votes
- Meta Mickens-Baker received 5468 votes
- John Puzauskas received 5417 votes

Based on the election results and canvass from the McLean County Clerk, the Board Secretary Puzauskas proclaimed Jay Reece, Meta Mickens-Baker, and John Puzauskas to be elected to full terms on the Unit 5 Board of Education. Briggs moved, Pritchett seconded, to adopt the Resolution certifying the April 7, 2009 election results as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Lay, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**Organization of the New Board**

Administer the New Board Member Oath

Senior Board Member Briggs administered the oath to newly elected Board members. Mickens-Baker, Puzauskas, and Reece stated the oath of office of member of the Board of Education of McLean County Unit District No. 5.

Appointment of Temporary Chair

Briggs moved, Pritchett seconded, to appoint Superintendent Niehaus as temporary chair following adjournment sine die until the election of a new Board President. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Lay, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Adjournment Sine Die

Lay moved, Cannell seconded, to adjourn sine die for the seating of the new Board. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Lay, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**Roll Call of the New Board**

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

**Board Member Code of Conduct**

Board members recited the District Code of Conduct.

## **Election of Board Officers**

### Election of Board President

Niehaus called for nominations for Board President. Briggs nominated Mickens-Baker. Cannell moved, Briggs seconded, to declare nominations for Board President closed. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Lay, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.** Mickens-Baker will serve as the new Board President.

### Election of Board Vice President

Mickens-Baker called for nominations for Board Vice President. Lay nominated Puzauskas. Cannell moved, Briggs seconded, to declare nominations for Board Vice President closed. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Lay, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece, Mickens-Baker. Nays: None. **Motion carried.** Puzauskas will serve as the new Board Vice President.

### Election of Board Secretary

Mickens-Baker called for nominations for Board Secretary. Reece nominated Briggs. Cannell moved, Pritchett seconded, to declare nominations for Board Secretary closed. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Lay, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece, Mickens-Baker. Nays: None. **Motion carried.** Briggs will serve as the new Board Secretary.

## **Action**

Mickens-Baker declared that the Unit 5 Board of Education was officially organized and ready to consider matters which may come before it.

### Adoption of Board Policies

Briggs moved, Reece seconded, to adopt Board policies as currently in effect. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Lay, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece, Mickens-Baker. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

### Selection of Day, Hour, and Place for Board Meetings

Pritchett moved, Puzauskas seconded, to set the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month as the official Board meeting days, with meetings to begin at 7:00 p.m. and the official meeting place to be the District Office, 1809 W. Hovey Avenue, Normal, Illinois. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Lay, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece, Mickens-Baker. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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**Meta Mickens-Baker, Board of Education President  
Community Unit School District No. 5  
McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois**

**ATTEST:**

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**Gail Ann Briggs, Board of Education Secretary  
Approved Date: May 13, 2009**