

**Minutes**  
**McLean County Unit District No. 5**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Special Session**  
**October 29, 2008**

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois met in special session on October 29, 2008 at approximately 5:03 p.m. at the District Office, 1809 W. Hovey Avenue, Normal, Illinois.

**Roll Call**

Members present: Gail Ann Briggs, Wendy Cannell (entered at 5:04 p.m.), Meta Mickens-Baker, Mark Pritchett, John Puzauskas, and President Jay Reece. Members absent: Scott Lay.

**Closed Session**

At approximately 5:03 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)(2) Collective negotiating matters with employees or their representatives or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees,
- Section 2(c)(9) Student disciplinary cases, and
- Section 2(c)(11) Litigation against, affecting or on behalf of McLean County Unit District No. 5 which has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or is probable or is imminent.

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

**Return to Public Session**

At 6:11 p.m., Briggs moved, Cannell seconded, to come out of closed session and return to public session.

Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, 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**

Pritchett moved, Puzauskas seconded, to find Student #001010927 engaged in gross misconduct or disobedience under Section 10-22.6 of the School Code by possessing a weapon at Parkside Junior High School on Thursday, October 9, 2008 in violation of Board Policy No. 7.190. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**Return to Closed Session**

At approximately 6:15 p.m., Briggs moved, Mickens-Baker seconded, to return to Closed Session. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**Return to Public Session**

At 6:54 p.m., Briggs moved, Puzauskas seconded, to come out of closed session and return to public session. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None.

**Motion carried.**

**Action From Closed Session**

Mickens-Baker moved, Puzauskas seconded, that student #001010927 discussed in closed session be expelled from McLean County Unit District No. 5 for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year and the 2009-2010 school year. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Mickens-Baker, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: Pritchett. **Motion carried.**

**Return to Closed Session**

At approximately 6:57 p.m., Briggs moved, Cannell seconded, to return to Closed Session. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**Return to Public Session**

At 7:26 p.m., Briggs moved, Cannell seconded, to come out of closed session and return to public session.

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

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 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: December 10, 2008**