

Minutes
McLean County Unit District No. 5
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Session
February 23, 2011

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois met in regular session on February 23, 2011 at 5:40 p.m. at the District Office, 1809 W. Hovey Avenue, Normal, Illinois.

Roll Call

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

Closed Session

At 5:40 p.m., Briggs moved, Lay 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)(1) Section 2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees,
- Section 2(c)(9) Student disciplinary cases, and
- Section 2(c)(11) Litigation when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent.

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

Return to Public Session

At 5:59 p.m., Briggs moved, Pritchett seconded, to come out of closed session and return to public session.

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

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

Action From Closed Session

Pritchett moved, Puzauskas seconded, to find student #1010933 engaged in gross misconduct or disobedience on Wednesday, February 9, 2011 by possessing a knife at Normal Community High School in violation of Board Policy 7.190. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Lay, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Mickens-Baker.

Nays: None. **Motion carried**

Pritchett moved, Briggs seconded, to expel student #10109331 from McLean County Unit School District No. 5 for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year, the entire 2011-2012 school year, and the first semester of the 2012-2013 school year. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Lay, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Mickens-Baker. Nays: None. **Motion carried**

Return to Closed Session

At 6:00 p.m., Briggs moved, Reece seconded, to return to closed session. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Lay, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece, Mickens-Baker. Nays: None. **Motion carried**

Return to Public Session

At 7:00 p.m., Briggs moved, Pritchett seconded, to come out of closed session and return to public session.

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

Also present: Superintendent Gary Niehaus, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Nate Cunningham, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Jim Braksick, Business Manager/Treasurer Erik Bush, Director of Operations Joe Adelman, Clerk of the Board Donna Evans, Sandy Wilson, Dayna Brown, Mike Trask, Dan Lamboley, Shawn Reischaver, Tyler McWhorter, Lou Mucciolio, Regan Hall, Margaret Hall, Mike Kortkamp, Karen Kortkamp, Clint Carden, Ben Matthews, Colin Pershick, Amanda Gerike, Jeanette Little, Carol Frericks, Michelle Mantel of WJBC, Vickie Mahrt, Jamie Lafata, Anne Bare, Steve Robinson of the *Normalite*, Lynette Mehall, Katie Kortkamp, Aaron Ellison, Shelly Weakly, Hayley Weakly, Chris Little, Alicia Panegam, and others.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Focus on Students and Good News Reports

- PJHS Honor Band
- KJHS Poms/Dance Team
- KJHS 7th Grade Boys IESA State Championship
- KJHS 8th Grade Boys IESA State Championship
- Unit 5 Custodial/Maintenance Employees
- University of Illinois Entrepreneurial Leadership in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Grant (EnList)

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Consent Agenda

Cunningham reviewed and recommended approval of the Consent Agenda.

Approval of Minutes

- February 9, 2011 Regular Session

Payment of Bills and Payrolls (Attachment #1)

- February 23, 2011

Financial Reports (Attachment #2)

- Treasurer's Report
- Statement of Expenditures
- Investments Update

Approve Summer School Schedule (Attachments #3)

Notice of Appointment of Jeff Malinowski as Authorized Agent for Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund

Approve Letter of Understanding for Alternative Certification Agreement Registered Nurse 2010-2011 (Attachment #4)

Authorize Superintendent or Designee to engage in energy contracts for routine gas and/or electric services and to bring said contracts before the Board for approval at a regularly scheduled meeting (Attachment #5)

Approve Board Policies, Administrative Procedures, and Exhibits (Attachment #6)

- Administrative Procedure 4.60-AP1 Purchases
- Administrative Procedure 4.70-AP1 Resource Conservation
- Exhibit 4.60-E1 Notice to Contractors

Puzauskas moved, Pritchett seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Lay, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece, Mickens-Baker. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Reports

2011-2012 Budget Reductions

Bush and Niehaus reported on preliminary budget discussions for 2011-2012. Information based on Unit 5 data and assumptions included a financial planning program by PMA Financial Network, Inc. Discussion included but was not limited to the following:

- Equalized assess valuation (EAV) growth
- History and assumptions of Federal and State revenue sources
- Enrollment projections and staffing reductions
- Reductions in non-personnel expenditures
- Health insurance
- Tax anticipated warrants
- Revenue and expenditure projections for the Education, Transportation and Operations and Maintenance Funds
- Procedures on yearly curriculum review and changes

Board Representative Committee Meeting Reports

- Beyond the Books Educational Foundation ~ Briggs reported that the money available for grant awards for the current year will be less than past years.

- Illinois Association of School Boards ~ The Corn Belt Division dinner meeting will be held at Sugar Creek Elementary School on Thursday, March 3.
- Board Policy Review Committee ~ The meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 24 has been cancelled.
- Facilities Review Committee ~ The next committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 25.

Announcements/Comments

- Mickens-Baker reported that she had recently spoke at the Leadership McLean County conference. Discussion included the roles of the Unit 5 Citizens Advisory Council and Board of Education.
- Niehaus recently met with Heartland Community College President Allen Goben and Dean of Enrollment Services Padriac Shinville. The meeting agenda included discussion with NCWHS and NCHS principals and counselors and a tour of each facility.
- Board members expressed appreciation for Unit 5 Director of Technology Loren Baele and Heartland Community College for their roles in the recent Student In Technology (SIT) conference.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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

ATTEST:

**Gail Ann Briggs, Board of Education Secretary
Approved Date: March 9, 2011**