

Minutes
McLean County Unit District No. 5
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Session
May 25, 2011

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois met in regular session on May 25, 2011 at 5:32 p.m. at the District Office, 1809 W. Hovey Avenue, Normal, Illinois.

Roll Call

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

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

Closed Session

At 5:32 p.m., Briggs moved, Reece 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) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees,
- Section 2(c)(2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives,
- Section 2(c)(9) Student disciplinary cases,
- 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 when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, and
- Section 2(c)(21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this act.

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

Return to Public Session

At 6:14 p.m., Briggs moved, Pritchett seconded, to come out of closed session and return to public session.

Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Reece, Trask, Puzauskas. 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

Mickens-Baker moved, Briggs seconded, to find student #741336675 engaged in gross disobedience or misconduct under Section 10-22.6 of the Illinois School Code and the Normal Community West High School Student Handbook on Friday, May 13, 2011 by knowingly bringing rum alcohol to Normal Community West High School and knowingly drinking rum alcohol at Normal Community West High School in violation of Board Policy 7.190. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Reece, Trask, Puzauskas. Nays: None. **Motion carried**

Mickens-Baker moved, Pritchett seconded, to find student #741336675 engaged in gross disobedience or misconduct under Section 10-22.6 of the Illinois School Code and the Normal Community West High School Student Handbook on Friday, May 13, 2011 by knowingly delivering/distributing rum alcohol to other students at Normal Community West High School in violation of Board Policy 7.190. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Puzauskas. Nays: Reece, Trask. **Motion carried**

Pritchett moved, Mickens-Baker seconded, to expel student #741336675 from McLean County Unit School District No. 5 effective immediately and continuing for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year and the entire 2011-2012 school year. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Puzauskas. Nays: Reece, Trask. **Motion carried**

Briggs moved, Reece seconded, to find student #636158916 engaged in gross disobedience or misconduct under Section 10-22.6 of the Illinois School Code and the Normal Community West High School Student Handbook on Friday, May 13, 2011 by knowingly bringing vodka alcohol to Normal Community West

High School and knowingly drinking rum alcohol at Normal Community West High School in violation of Board Policy 7.190. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Reece, Trask, Puzauskas. Nays: None. **Motion carried**

Trask moved, Pritchett seconded, to expel student #636158916 from McLean County Unit School District No. 5 effective immediately and continuing for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year and the entire 2011-2012 school year. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Reece, Trask, Puzauskas. Nays: None. **Motion carried**

Return to Closed Session

At 6:20 p.m., Briggs moved, Pritchett seconded, to return to closed session. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Reece, Trask, Puzauskas. Nays: None. **Motion carried**

Due to inclement weather, the Board recessed from 6:24 p.m. to 6:42 p.m.

Return to Public Session

At 7:04 p.m., Briggs moved, Pritchett seconded, to come out of closed session and return to public session. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Reece, Trask, Puzauskas. 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, Phyllis Coulter of *The Pantagraph*, Carol Johnson, Jane Moore, Trevor Chapman, Kevin Enderlin, Steve Bushue, Carol Frericks, Kurt Swearingen, Beth Smith, Tom Frazier, Michelle Mantel of WJBC, Vickie Mahrt, Ryan McCormic, Mary Renollet, and others.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Focus on Students and Good News Reports

- NCHS/Bloomington Area Career Center student Ryan McCormic ~ Illinois Delegate at the National SkillsUSA Conference
- Beyond the Books Educational Foundation Grant Recipients (Attachment #1)

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Reports

Insurance Committee's Summary and Recommendation of District Insurance Policies and Insurance Proposals/Renewals

Erik Bush and Steve Bushue of Bushue Human Resource, Inc. reported on the changes to the employee group medical renewal, automobile insurance renewal, and the property, liability, school board liability, and umbrella insurance proposals (Attachment #2) It was noted that the recommendations to accept the insurance renewals and/or proposals came from the Insurance Review Committee.

Actions

Employee Group Medical and Dental Insurance Renewal

Pritchett moved, Trask seconded to approve Unit 5 renewal effective July 1, 2011 for Employee Group Medical and Dental Insurance as recommended by the Insurance Review Committee. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Reece, Trask, Puzauskas. Nays: None. **Motion carried**

Automobile Insurance Renewal

Reece moved, Mickens-Baker seconded to approve Unit 5 renewal effective July 1, 2011 for Automobile Insurance as recommended by the Insurance Review Committee. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Reece, Trask, Puzauskas. Nays: None. **Motion carried**

Commercial Package: Property, General Liability, Crime, Boiler, and Machinery, and Inland Marine Insurance Proposal

Mickens-Baker moved, Briggs seconded to approve Unit 5 proposal effective July 1, 2011 for Property, General Liability, Crime, Boiler and Machinery, and Inland Marine Commercial Insurance Package as recommended by the Insurance Review Committee. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Reece, Trask, Puzauskas. Nays: None. **Motion carried**

School Board Legal Liability Insurance Proposal

Briggs moved, Trask seconded to approve Unit 5 proposal effective July 1, 2011 for School Board Legal Liability Insurance as recommended by the Insurance Review Committee. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Reece, Trask, Puzauskas. Nays: None. **Motion carried**

Umbrella Insurance Proposal

Trask moved, Reece seconded to approve Unit 5 proposal effective July 1, 2011 for Umbrella Insurance as recommended by the Insurance Review Committee. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Reece, Trask, Puzauskas. Nays: None. **Motion carried**

Authorize Use of Fire Prevention and Safety Funds and Award Bid for Eugene Field Special Services Center Construction Project

Niehaus reported the District had received four bids for the project at Eugene Field Special Services Center from Anderson Building Services Inc., J. Spencer Construction LLC, Bishop Brothers Inc., and Felmley-Dickerson Co. (Attachment #3) Pritchett moved, Trask seconded to award the bid for restroom renovation work at Eugene Field Special Services Center to Anderson Building Services, Inc. for the base bid amount of \$35,500.00 as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Reece, Trask, Puzauskas. Nays: None. **Motion carried**

Approval of Minutes

Briggs moved, Pritchett seconded to approve the April 13, 2011 Closed and Regular Session minutes as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Reece, Trask, Puzauskas. Nays: None.

Motion carried

Consent Agenda

Niehaus reviewed and recommended approval of the Consent Agenda.

Payment of Bills and Payrolls (Attachment #4)

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Financial Reports (Attachment #5)

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

Request for Donation for NCWHS Filming Platform and Flag Poles (Attachment #6)

Memorandum of Understanding ~ Illinois State Board of Education Incentive Funding Grant for Agricultural Education (Attachment #7)

Settlement agreement between Unit 5 and The Hanover Insurance Group for Singles Roofing Company, Inc. (Attachment #8)

Addendum to Superintendent's Contract effective July 1, 2011

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

Reports

Professional Learning Communities

Sandy Wilson and Kurt Swearingen reported on the Professional Learning Communities and late start activities during the 2010-2011 school year at the elementary and secondary levels. (Attachment #9) A group of teachers and administrators developed five areas of focus to help in planning activities specific to each building. Wilson noted that teachers were given an opportunity to complete a survey related to late start professional development for the purpose of obtaining feedback. NCHS teacher Cheryl Benson and NCWHS teachers Vicki Kafer and Patti Kelley addressed the Board regarding their experiences and support of the program.

Board Representative Committee Meeting Reports

- Facilities Review Committee ~ The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 27.

- Strategic Planning and Finance Committee ~ The committee met on Friday, May 20. Discussion included the need for an Assistant Business Manager and Attorney for the District. It was noted the cost for both would not come from new monies. Money will be available due to positions eliminated for the next fiscal year and the savings from the elimination of outsourcing for attorney services.
- Beyond the Books Educational Foundation ~ Briggs reported that the Foundation is in the process of reorganization for the 2011-2012 year. The annual meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 9.
- Board Policy Review Committee ~ The committee is scheduled to meet at 11:00 a.m. on June 13, July 11, and August 15.

Announcements/Comments

- Graduation ceremonies will take place on Saturday, May 28. NCHS is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. and NCWHS for 6:00 p.m.
- PJHS 8th grade girls placed second in the State track meet held on Saturday, May 21.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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

ATTEST:

**Mark Pritchett, Board of Education Secretary
Approved Date: June 22, 2011**