

Minutes
McLean County Unit District No. 5
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Session
October 13, 2010

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois met in regular session on October 13, 2010 at 6:01 p.m. at Pepper Ridge Elementary School, 2602 Danbury Dr., Bloomington, Illinois.

Roll Call

Members present: Gail Ann Briggs, Scott Lay, Wendy Maulson (entered at 6:12 p.m.), Mark Pritchett, John Puzauskas, Jay Reece, and President Meta Mickens-Baker. Members absent: None.

Closed Session

At 6:01 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" and specified as follows:

- Section 2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity,
- Section 2(c)(2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees,
- 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 administrative tribunal, 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.

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

Return to Public Session

At 6:15 p.m., Briggs moved, Lay seconded, to come out of closed session and return to public session. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Lay, Maulson, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece, Mickens-Baker. Nays: None. **Motion carried**

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

Action From Closed Session

Pritchett moved, Puzauskas seconded, to find student #1012196 engaged in gross disobedience or misconduct under Section 10-22.6 of the Illinois School Code and the Normal Community High School Student Handbook by taking the following actions:

- (a) fighting with student #001017780 at Normal Community West High School football stadium on September 24, 2010,
- (b) continuing to engage in a fight after being instructed by Principal Tom Eder to stop fighting
- (c) resisting Principal Eder and striking him in the head, and
- (d) knowingly engaging in conduct that interfered with, disrupted, and adversely affected the school environment and school operations, all in violation of Board Policy 7.190.

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

Pritchett moved, Briggs seconded, to expel student #1012196 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, Lay, Maulson, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece, Mickens-Baker. Nays: None. **Motion carried**

Return to Closed Session

At 6:17 p.m., Briggs moved, Reece seconded, to return to closed session. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Lay, Maulson, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece, Mickens-Baker. Nays: None. **Motion carried**

Return to Public Session

At 7:02 p.m., Briggs moved, Maulson seconded, to come out of closed session and return to public session. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Lay, Maulson, 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, acting Clerk of the Board Michele Lemek, Dayna Brown, Mike Trask, Laura O'Donnell, Lynette Mehall, Vickie Mahrt, Leslie Hanson, Michelle Mantel of WJBC, Staci Mandros, Angie Funfar, Sara Chandler, Stacie Threlfall, Lori Wisniewski, Allan Lang and others.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Focus on Students and Good News Reports

- Sugar Creek Elementary School Teacher ~ Sarah Arundale
- KJHS Teachers Keith Rice, Jennifer Ritchason, Jenny Snyder, Stacie Threlfall, and Trisha Warner ~ Beyond the Box Grant Recipients
- Pepper Ridge Elementary School Staff

Public Comments

LeAnn Korty 2710 Keystone Rd., Bloomington ~ Unit 5 Music Parents Spaghetti Dinner

Action for Closed

Puzauskas moved, Briggs seconded, to suspend teacher for 2 days without pay. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Lay, Maulson, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece, Mickens-Baker. Nays: None. **Motion carried**

Consent Agenda

Niehaus reviewed and recommended approval of the Consent Agenda.

Approval of Minutes

- September 22, 2010 Regular Session

Personnel Matters (Attachment #1)

- Resignations/Terminations/Retirements
- Employment
- Contract Revisions
- Leave Requests

Payment of Bills and Payrolls

- September 23, 2010
- October 6, 2010
- October 13, 2010

Approve Request for Donation for Hydraulic Band Saw for NCWHS (Attachment #2)

Approve Proclamation for Red Ribbon Week October 23 – October 31, 2010 (Attachment #3)

Approve Contract Renewal with Chestnut Health Systems (Attachment #4)

Approve Contract Renewal with Bushue Human Resources, Inc. (Attachment #5)

Approve Certification of Need for Fire Prevention and Safety Funds for Sugar Creek Elementary School (Attachment #6)

Approve semi-annual review of closed session minutes of meetings lawfully closed according to the exceptions provided in the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2) (Attachment #7)

Request for establishment of school activity account for Colene Hoose Elementary School

Approve Board Policies, Administrative Procedures and Exhibits (Attachment #8)

- Policy 2.155 Risk Management Program
- Administrative Procedure 2.155-AP1 Process of Managing Risk
- Administrative Procedure 2.155-AP2 Responsibility for Administration and Implementation of the Risk Management Program

- Exhibit 2.155-E1 Selected Techniques to Control Risk
- Exhibit 2.155-E2 Financial Support of the Risk Management Program
- Exhibit 2.155-E3 Report of Recommended Compensation Allocations Pursuant for the Tort Immunity Levy

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

Reports

Construction Update

Turner Construction Company senior project manager Richard Ach provided an update on construction projects at Evans Jr. High School (Attachment #9)

Enrollment Update

Cunningham reported on the September 2010 enrollment and Same Day Enrollment Comparison Report noting that the district continues to grow. (Attachment #10) Current enrollment is at 13,056.

Freedom of Information Requests

Niehaus reported that the District had received and processed one request for information (Attachment #11)

- Michael Jefferson ~ Normal, IL

Board Representative Committee Meeting Reports

- Beyond the Books Educational Foundation Board of Directors ~ Briggs reported that the Foundation has received significant donations in the form of memorials. The Coordinating Committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday, October 14.
- McLean County Regional Planning Commission ~ The committee met on Wednesday, October 6. Reece noted that there was no discussion regarding Unit 5.
- Mackinaw Valley Special Education Association Council ~ The committee will meet Wednesday, November 17, 2010.
- Board Policy Review Committee ~ The committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday, October 14, 2010. Policies, administrative procedures, and exhibits related to the Risk Management Program were presented for Board approval at this evening's meeting.
- District Core Team ~ The team met on Tuesday, October 12. Mickens-Baker and Reece provided the Board with information from the meeting. It was noted that the Strategic Plan 2010-2015 ~ District Long Range Goals and Strategies for Action Planning will be presented for 1st reading at the October 27 Board meeting.
- Strategic Planning and Finance Committee ~ The committee is scheduled to meet on Friday, October 15.

Announcements/Comments

- The Baby Fold's annual Festival of Trees will be held November 11 – 14 at the U.S. Cellular Coliseum.
- The NCHS homecoming parade and activities are scheduled for Friday, October 15.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 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: December 8, 2010**