

Minutes
McLean County Unit District No. 5
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Session
February 8, 2012

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois met in regular session on February 8, 2012 p.m. at 5:36 p.m. at the District Office, 1809 W. Hovey Avenue, Normal, Illinois.

Roll Call

Members present: Gail Ann Briggs, Wendy Maulson, Meta Mickens-Baker (entered immediately after roll call), Mark Pritchett, Jay Reece (entered at 5:54 p.m.), Mike Trask, and President John Puzauskas.

Members absent: None.

Closed Session

At 5:36 p.m., Briggs moved, Trask 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
- Section 2(c)(2) Collective negotiation 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)(11) Litigation when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular 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, Maulson, Pritchett, Trask, Puzauskas. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

At approximately 6:28 p.m. the Board of Education recessed to attend a reception for the National Board Certified Teachers.

Return to Public Session

At 7:03 p.m., Briggs moved, Trask seconded, to return to public session. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Maulson, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Reece, Trask, Puzauskas. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Also present: Superintendent Gary Niehaus, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Nate Cunningham, Business Manager/Treasurer Erik Bush, Director of Operations Joe Adelman, Attorney for the District M. Curt Richardson, Clerk of the Board Donna Evans, Dayna Brown, Steve Robinson of the *Normalite*, Ryan Denham of WJBC, Phyllis Coulter of *The Pantagraph*, Vickie Mahrt, John Biernbaum, Jordan Newton-Gonzalez, Dan Swallow, Shawn Beckler, Randall Middleton, Representative Dan Brady, Regional Office of Education Superintendent Mark Jontry, Sandy Wilson, Chris Eder, Tom Eder, Craig Montgomery, Tom Dixon, and others.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Good News Reports

- National Board Certified Teachers ~ John Biernbaum, Jordan Newton-Gonzalez, Gilliam Prochnow, Kacy Stark, Catherine Unsbee, and Pat Ziebart

Public Comments

Tom Dixon, Normal IL ~ Outsourcing for student transportation services

Actions

Approve Bid and Proposal for New Storage Building at Evans Jr. High School

Richardson provided information on the bid process. (Attachment #1) Bids were received from six contractors. Based upon questions regarding the bid process and regular and alternate bids received, it was Richardson's recommendation to reject the bids and to rebid the work. Richardson noted there were no questions regarding the proposal for wiring of the storage building and recommended that the Board accept

the proposal as presented. Reece moved, Mickens-Baker seconded, to reject all bids for construction of a new storage building at George L. Evans Jr. High School and to rebid the work. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Maulson, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Reece, Trask, Puzauskas. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Pritchett moved, Trask seconded, to accept the proposal from Weber Electric, Inc. for electrical work to the new storage building at George L. Evans Jr. High School for a total cost of \$22,725.00 as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Maulson, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Reece, Trask, Puzauskas. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Consent Agenda

Niehaus reviewed and recommended approval of the Consent Agenda.

Approval of Minutes

- January 11, 2012 Closed Session
- January 11, 2012 Regular Session
- January 25, 2012 Regular Session

Personnel Matters (Attachment #2)

Payment of Bills and Payrolls (Attachment #3)

- February 8, 2012

Approve 2012-2013 School Calendar (Attachment #4)

Approve Requests for Overnight Trips (Attachment #5)

- NCWHS Band to attend Fiesta Bowl in Phoenix, AZ December 2012
- NCWHS Orchestra to New York City, NY June 11-16, 2012

Requests for Authorization to Use Fire Prevention and Safety Funds

- Northpoint, Pepper Ridge and Prairieland Elementary schools ~ Repair/installation of carpet

Approve Summer School Schedule (Attachment #6)

Maulson moved, Briggs seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Maulson, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Reece, Trask, Puzauskas. Nays: None. **Motion carried.** Tom Eder was recognized as the Director of Secondary Education effective July 1, 2012.

Reports

Enrollment Update

Cunningham provided information on monthly enrollment figures. (Attachment #7) Total enrollment as of January 31 was reported at 13,286 which was an increase of 208 students from last year. Administration continues to look at the increasing enrollment at Benjamin Elementary School.

Board Representative Committee Meeting Reports

- Facilities Review Committee ~ The committee met on Friday, February 3. Discussion included the bids for the storage facility at EJHS.
- Board Policy Review Committee ~ The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 13. It was noted that there will be several policies, administrative procedures, and exhibits for 1st reading at the February 22 meeting.
- District Core Team ~ The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 9. Discussion items will include principal evaluation training. Mickens-Baker reported that she had recently attended the Consortium for Educational Change (CEC) steering committee meeting. She noted that the CEC has excellent consultants available for training. More information is available at www.cec.il.org.
- Superintendent Evaluation Committee ~ The committee continues to meet regarding the performance review and evaluation of Superintendent Niehaus.

Announcements/Comments

- The March 14 regular Board of Education meeting will be held at NCWHS. A public hearing will be held at 5:00 p.m. prior to the meeting.
- The intercity girls' volleyball tournament is scheduled for this weekend.
- Niehaus reported that all principals received iPads and training at the administrative council meeting Tuesday, February 7.

Return to Closed Session

At 7:35 p.m., Briggs moved, Trask seconded, to return to closed session. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Maulson, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Reece, Trask, Puzauskas. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 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: February 22, 2012**