

Minutes
McLean County Unit District No. 5
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Session
February 15, 2012

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois met in special session on February 15, 2012 at 5:52 p.m. at George L. Evans Jr. High School, 2901 Morrissey Drive, Bloomington, Illinois.

Roll Call

Members present: Gail Ann Briggs, Meta Mickens-Baker (entered at 5:53 p.m.), Mark Pritchett, Mike Trask, and President John Puzauskas. Members absent: Wendy Maulson and Jay Reece.

Closed Session

At 5:52 p.m., Briggs moved, Pritchett seconded, to adjourn to closed session to discuss the following matter according to the exceptions provided in the "Open Meetings Act" and specified as follows:

- Section 2(c)(9) Student disciplinary cases and
- Section 2(c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the public body has been filed and is pending before a court or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent.

Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Pritchett, Trask, Puzauskas. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Return to Public Session

At 6:25 p.m., Briggs moved, Trask seconded, to come out of closed session and return to public session.

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

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

Mickens-Baker moved, Trask seconded, to find student #16000323 engaged in gross disobedience or misconduct under Section 10-22.6 of the Illinois School Code and the Parkside Jr. High School Student-Parent Handbook by knowingly bringing a knife to school the week of January 30, 2012 in violation of Board Policy 7.190. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Trask, Puzauskas. Nays: None.

Motion carried

Briggs moved, Mickens-Baker seconded, to expel student #16000323 from McLean County Unit School District No. 5 effective immediately and continuing for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Mickens-Baker, Trask, Puzauskas. Nays: Pritchett. **Motion carried**

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 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: March 14, 2012