

**Minutes**  
**McLean County Unit District No. 5**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Special Session**  
**April 18, 2012**

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois met in special session on April 18, 2012 p.m. at 5:00 p.m. at the District Office, 1809 W. Hovey Avenue, Normal, Illinois.

**Roll Call**

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

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, Ryan Denham of WJBC, Phyllis Coulter of *The Pantagraph*, Craig Montgomery, Jim Stonecipher, and others.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Actions**

Accept Staff Recommendation of Lowest Responsible Bid for Asbestos Abatement and Renovations at Chiddix Jr. High

Adelman provided a summary of bids received for the Chiddix Jr. High School asbestos abatement. (Attachment #1) Adelman noted that bids were reviewed by representatives from Aires and Unit 5 administration. It was the recommendation of administration to retain Abel Plus for the abatement project with a bid amount of \$493,700.00 including Alternate 1, Alternate 2, and Alternate 4. Pritchett moved, Briggs seconded, to accept staff recommendation of lowest responsible and responsive bid for asbestos abatement and renovations at Chiddix Jr. High School as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Maulson, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Reece, Puzauskas. Nays: None. **Motion carried**

Approve Request for Authorization to use Fire Prevention and Safety Funds

Adelman presented two Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) amendments requesting the use of fire prevention and safety funds for the Chiddix Jr. High School renovations. (Attachment #2)

Pritchett moved, Mickens-Baker seconded, to authorize the use of fire prevention and safety funds ISBE Amendment No. 19 for Chiddix Jr. High School at a total estimated cost of \$756,978.00 as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Maulson, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Reece, Puzauskas. Nays: None. **Motion carried**

Pritchett moved, Briggs seconded, to authorize the use of fire prevention and safety funds ISBE Amendment No. 21 for Chiddix Jr. High School at a total estimated cost of \$394,660.80 as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Maulson, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Reece, Puzauskas. Nays: None. **Motion carried**

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

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

**ATTEST:**

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**Mark Pritchett, Board of Education Secretary**  
**Approved Date: May 9, 2012**