

Minutes
McLean County Unit District No. 5
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Session
May 9, 2012

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois met in regular session on May 9, 2012 at 6:30 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, Mike Trask and President John Puzauskas. Members absent: None.

At 6:31 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, performance, or dismissal of specific employees,
- 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 and
- Section 2(c)(21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act.

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

Motion carried.

Return to Public Session

At 7:08 p.m., Briggs moved, Trask seconded, to come out of closed session and return to public session.

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

Motion carried.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Good News Reports

- EJHS Digital Media Students ~ Josh Hagberg, Kamal Monia, Tyler Jones, Ryan Greene, Tyler Alsman, Jayden Miljkovich, Nikki Ogorek, Molly Krawczyk, Katilin Buhler, Rachael Beck, Shelby Usherwood, Saista Maddirala, Veena Yeleswarapu, Sravya Vummadi, Shrijani Kongara, Yashwitha Murarishetti, Elijah Gray, Karen Samayoa, and EJHS teacher Jill Kinter
- PJHS Student Connor Kennedy ~ IESA Scholar Attitude Award
- betabrain ~ Loren Baele, Mary Stanley, Freddy Marling, April Schermann, Stacie France, Blair Broker, and Dr. David Brown
- Reading Adventure Night at Fox Creek and Oakdale elementary schools ~ ISU Professional Development School students

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Actions

Adopt Resolution Expressing Intent Regarding Capital Expenditures Reimbursement

Bush provided information on the Resolution Expressing Intent Regarding Capital Expenditures Reimbursement. (Attachment #1) He reported it is administration's recommendation to use Health-Life Safety bonds for the asbestos abatement and renovations to Chiddix Jr. High School. Given the scope of work to be completed, it is imperative for work to begin as soon as legally possible so that CJHS would be prepared for students at the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year. Bush noted that the Health-Life Safety bonds have yet to be issued and existing fund reserves are being used to meet current expenses. To be able to reimburse those funds, the Board of Education will need to successfully pass the resolution as presented. Pritchett moved, Briggs seconded, to adopt the Resolution Expressing Official Intent Regarding Certain Capital Expenditures to be Reimbursed from Proceeds of an Obligation to be Issued by Community Unit School District No. 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Maulson, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Reece, Trask, Puzauskas. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Award Bid for Renovation to Chiddix Jr. High School

Adelman presented information on the bid tabulation for renovations at Chiddix Jr. High School. (Attachment #2) Adelman noted that four bids were received. Trask moved, Briggs seconded to award the bid for the ACM renovation at Chiddix Jr. High School to Johnston Contractors Inc. for the for the base bid amount of \$1,093,500.00 as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Maulson, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Reece, Trask, Puzauskas. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Award Bid for Construction Project for Transportation Department Bus Garage

Adelman presented information on the bus garage canopy project. (Attachment #3) Adelman noted that six bids were received. Maulson moved, Mickens-Baker seconded to award the bid for construction of the Transportation Bus Garage canopy to Tarter Construction, LLC for the base bid amount of \$179,800.00 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

- April 11, 2012 Closed Session
- April 11, 2012 Regular Session
- April 18, 2012 Special Session

Personnel Matters (Attachment #4)

Payment of Bills and Payrolls (Attachment #5)

Professional Services Agreement with CliftonLarsonAllen LLP (Attachment #6)

Request for Overnight Trips (Attachment #7)

- NCWHS Baseball Team to Orlando, FL March 2013

Approve Request for Donations (Attachment #8)

- NCWHS Girls Soccer Team
- NCHS Orchestra
- NCWHS Baseball Team

Resolution Designating Hazardous Traffic Conditions in Areas of School Attendance Centers (Attachment #9)

Request for Authorization to Use Fire Prevention and Safety Funds (Attachment #10)

- Grove Elementary School ISBE Amendment #1 for \$42,883.50
- Chiddix Jr. High School ISBE Amendment #22 for \$76,800.00

Request for Establishment of Student Activity Fund for EJHS World Language Club

Semi-annual review of closed session minutes of meetings lawfully closed according to the exceptions and in accordance with the provisions provided in the Illinois Open Meetings Act (closed session minutes dated through March 31, 2012)

Destruction of verbatim recordings of closed session meetings in accordance with the provisions provided in the Illinois Open Meetings Act (closed session recordings dated through September 30, 2010).

Trask moved, Reece seconded, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Maulson, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Reece, Trask, Puzauskas. Nays: None. **Motion carried.** The following new administrators were introduced. Jennifer Gill, Director of Teaching and Learning; Eric Hadden, Associate Principal at KJHS; and Nancy Braun and Jessica Alt, Special Education Administrators. All positions will be effective July 1, 2012.

Reports

Reading Recovery

Sarah Arundale and Lori Stevens presented information on Reading Recovery. (Attachment #11) It was noted that there are currently eight Unit 5 schools participating in the program and 57 teachers. Discussion included accelerated growth in text level, reading, and writing. Arundale reported that in the three years, the number of students involved in the program has risen to 1,100 and will jump to 2,764 next year.

Update on Digital Conversion

Loren Baele and Sandy Wilson presented an update on digital conversion including the financials for the implementation. (Attachment #12) Discussion included technology leases for 2012-2013 with buyout options, network infrastructure improvements, digital conversion for 6th grade, computer labs and available classroom space, and professional development.

Website Digital Conversion

Loren Baele and Dayna Brown reported on the upcoming new Unit 5 website. The District will work with Schoolwires (Attachment #13) Schoolwires is a nationwide company providing website management and integrated web-based services for K-12 school districts. The new site is set to be unveiled by summer 2012.

Enrollment Update

Cunningham reported on current enrollment and elementary school sections. (Attachment #14) He noted total enrollment is at 13,299, which is up 338 students from this time last year. Discussion also included the possibility of using open attendance areas for 2012-2013. It was noted that the District will not be redistricting Benjamin Elementary School for the 2012-2013 school year. Administration continues to monitor student growth and class sizes.

Board Representative Committee Meeting Reports

- Community Connections Committee ~ The committee met on Tuesday, May 8. Agenda items included the development of the new Unit 5 website.
- Facilities Committee ~ The committee met on Friday, April 27. Discussion included items that were on the agenda this evening. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 24.
- District Core Team ~ The committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday, May 10. The committee will be reviewing the staff satisfaction survey results and the school report card.
- Beyond the Books Educational Foundation Board of Directors ~ Briggs reported that readers met on Tuesday, May 8 and the Board of Directors will meet on Thursday, May 10 to take action on the mini grants, the standard grants and the Beyond the Box grant. More information will be coming at the next Board meeting.
- Unit 5 Educational Foundation ~ The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 16 to select officers and take action on finalizing the bylaws.
- Board Policy Review Committee ~ The committee will meet on Monday, May 14.

Announcements/Comments

- The Those Who Excel program will be held October 20, 2012 at the Normal Marriott.
- The 2012 Staff Appreciation Program will be held on Thursday, May 17 beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- Graduation ceremonies will be held on Saturday, May 26 at the U.S. Cellular Coliseum. NCWHS's program will begin at 2:00 p.m. and NCHS's at 6:00 p.m.
- Recognition was given to all Unit 5 nurses in honor of National School Nurses' Day.
- Stan Lewis was recently honored as Illinois Athletic Director of the Year by the Illinois Athletic Directors Association.
- Cunningham recently attended the TURN conference on May 3-4.
- Reece reported he had attended the Illinois Prairie Community Foundation meeting on Tuesday, May 8.
- Today was Ride Your Bike to School Day at NCHS. As a result of this event, the city of Normal is making plans to extend the pedestrian trail, install cross walks, sidewalks, and post speed zones on Airport Road near NCHS.
- Adelman provided a brief update on the asbestos abatement and renovations at CJHS. He noted Unit 5 custodial crew began emptying the building on April 30 and have currently completed demolition of six ceilings.
- Board members were asked to notify Donna Evans if they would like to register for the IASB/IASA/IASBO Joint Annual Conference in November. Meta Mickens-Baker volunteered to be the representative to the delegate assembly and Mark Pritchett, the alternate.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 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: May 23, 2012**