

Minutes
McLean County Unit District No. 5
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Session
November 9, 2011

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois met in regular session on November 9, 2011 p.m. at 6:03 p.m. 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.

Closed Session

At 6:03 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,
- Section 2(c)(2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives,
- Section 2(c)(9) Student disciplinary cases, and
- Section 2(c)(11) Litigation affecting or on behalf of the public body has been filed or is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent.

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

Motion carried.

Return to Public Session

At 6:55 p.m., Briggs moved, Reece 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.

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

Mickens-Baker moved, Briggs seconded, to find student #225309208 engaged in gross disobedience or misconduct under Section 10-22.6 of the Illinois School Code and the Normal Community West High School Student Handbook by knowingly possessing a knife at Normal Community West High School on Tuesday, November 1, 2011, in violation of Board Policy 7.190. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Maulson, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Trask, Reece, Puzauskas. Nays: None. **Motion carried**

Maulson moved, Trask seconded, to expel student #225309208 from McLean County Unit School District No. 5 effective immediately and continuing for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year and the entire 2012-2013 school year. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Maulson, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Trask, Reece, Puzauskas. Nays: None. **Motion carried**

Mickens-Baker moved, Briggs seconded, to find student #936507532 engaged in gross disobedience or misconduct under Section 10-22.6 of the Illinois School Code and the Normal Community West High School Student Handbook by knowingly possessing a knife at Normal Community West High School on Tuesday, October 25, 2011, and again on Friday, October 28, 2011, and by possessing a bottle of amaretto liquor, a prescription inhaler not prescribed to him, and a Zippo lighter at Normal Community West High School on Friday, October 28, 2011, in violation of Board Policy 7.190. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Maulson, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Trask, Reece, Puzauskas. Nays: None. **Motion carried**

Maulson moved, Trask seconded, to expel student #936507532 from McLean County Unit School District No. 5 effective immediately and continuing for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year and the entire 2012-2013 school year. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Maulson, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Trask, Reece, Puzauskas. Nays: None. **Motion carried**

The Board took a short recess.

At 7:05 p.m., the Board resumed public session. 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, Clerk of the Board Donna Evans, Dayna Brown, Steve Robinson of the *Normalite*, Ryan Denham of WJBC, Phyllis Coulter of *The Pantagraph*, Vickie Mahrt, Andi Merian, Tom Eder, Sandy Wilson, Darrin Cooper, Craig Montgomery, Sarah Riley, Nancy Braun, Chris King, Carol Burger, Barb Skaggs, Michelle Lamboley, Karl Goeke, Kathy Fitzgerald, Deb Brown, Geoff Schoonover, and others.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Focus on Student and Good News Reports

- NCWHS Students Niki Strasser, Mathew Clark, Laterica Barber, Shannel Wallace, Nathan Ploense, Patrick Waldschmidt, John Leary, Aiesha Echols, Julian Campos, Jarrek Shifflet, Zach Thomas, Alison McCauley, Alesha Angsten, Ariel Fournier, and Teacher Sara Riley
- Dollar General Literacy Grant Recipients, Oakdale Teachers Pat Buikema, Carol Burger, Christopher King, Jill Lyons, and Barb Skaggs
- Unit 5 Designates November 15, 2011 as School Board Members Day to honor Gail Ann Briggs, Wendy Maulson, Meta Mickens-Baker, Mark Pritchett, John Puzauskas, Jay Reece, and Mike Trask for their service to Unit 5

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Consent Agenda

Niehaus reviewed and recommended approval of the Consent Agenda.

Personnel Matters (Attachment #1)

Payment of Bills and Payrolls (Attachment # 2)

- October 28, 2011
- November 9, 2011

Financial Reports (Attachment #3)

- Treasurer's Report
- Statement of Expenditures
- Statement of Revenues

Trask 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.** Niehaus introduced the following newly appointed administrators: Attorney for the District Curt Richardson (effective December 1, 2011), Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Sandy Wilson (effective July 1, 2012), and Director of Special Education Michelle Lamboley (effective July 1, 2012).

Reports

PBIS

PBIS program representatives reported on the Positive Behavior Interventions and Support programs in Unit 5. (Attachment #4) Representatives include: Unit 5 PBIS coordinator Nancy Braun; Cedar Ridge Elementary School principal Geoff Schoonover and teacher Karl Goeke; Oakdale Elementary School principal Darrin Cooper and teacher Kathy Fitzgerald; and PJHS associate principal Mike Clark and teacher Deb Brown. Discussion included the Illinois PBIS Network, Response to Intervention, individual school's PBIS program implementation and practices to promote positive classroom and social culture, internal and external coaches, and staff training through the Professional Development Academy.

Quarterly Budget Update

Bush presented the first quarter budget report. (Attachment #5) He noted that the budget is tracking in a positive direction; however, the State still owes the District \$1.7 million to the Education Fund and \$1.07 million to the Transportation Fund. Discussion also included the increase of staff including seven teachers and 12 additional paraprofessionals, growing enrollment, the reduction of over \$1 million in other revenue sources, and the decline in property tax base value.

Enrollment Update

Cunningham reported on enrollment figures. (Attachment #6) Current enrollment is 13,264.

1st Reading Board Policies, Administrative Procedures, and Exhibits

Briggs presented the following policies, administrative procedures, and exhibits for 1st reading. These will be scheduled for 2nd reading and adoption at the December 14 regular meeting. Board members were asked to provide feedback to Briggs prior to Thanksgiving break. Briggs reported that the committee will also be moving ahead with some additional policies and procedures that the Unit 5 nurses have been working on with District Office administration.

- Policy 5.20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited
- Policy 5.50 Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace
- Policy 5.90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
- Policy 5.185 Family and Medical Leave
- Policy 6.250 Community Resource Persons and volunteers
- Policy 7.50 Student Admissions and Transfers To and From Non-District Schools
- Policy 7.340 Student Records
- Policy 8.20 Community Use of School Facilities
- Administrative Procedure AP-750-AP1 Student Admissions and Transfers To and From Non-District Schools

Board Representative Committee Meeting Reports

- Board Policy Review Committee ~ The next policy meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 19.
- Facilities Review Committee ~ The committee met on Friday, October 28. Discussion included life safety needs. The November 11 meeting has been cancelled. Niehaus reported that he has had discussion with committee members regarding performance based contracting. It was noted that Adelman will provide a construction report to Board Members. The report was presented to the committee previously and included information on completed construction projects and plans for future needs.
- McLean County Regional Planning Commission ~ The commission met on Wednesday, November 2. Reece reported that Heartland Community College will be adding a military readiness center. Reece noted that there has been some concern about possible issues with traffic in the area and equipment storage for contractors. Reece reported that Niehaus will speak at the next meeting of the commission on Wednesday, December 7.
- Beyond the Books Educational Foundation Board of Directors ~ The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 10. The agenda will include a presentation from April Schermann and a brief update on the Beyond the Box grant recipient Kevin Enderlin. Briggs reported that the foundation is looking at a change in scheduling that is being proposed by the grants committee for the process of grant application, completion, and deadlines for both the Beyond the Books regular and Beyond the Box grant cycles.
- Illinois Association of School Boards ~ The IASB/IASA/IASBO joint annual conference will be held in Chicago November 18 – 20. Briggs noted two resolutions that were not recommended for adoption at the conference this year will be considered for presentation if the majority of the assembly members agree to hear the appeal. One is a resolution regarding the Association's position statement on consolidation and unit districts. The other resolution is asking for consideration of allowing school board members to be paid.
- Unit 5 Foundation ~ The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 30.

Announcements/Comments

- Cunningham and Puzauskas attended the Great Lakes Teacher Union Reform Network (TURN) Conference in Downers Grove on November 3 – 4. Members of the Unit Five Education Association were also in attendance.
- Trask reported he had recently toured the Unit 5 ALP facility.
- Board Members continue to attend ESAIL walkthroughs at various schools.
- American Education Week is November 13 – 19.
- Niehaus noted that attorney for the District Frank Miles of Hayes, Hammer, Miles, Cox, and Ginzkey, LLP recently announced plans to retire as of December 31, 2011.

- Board Members were invited to attend the Economic Development Council Community Leaders Breakfast on Thursday, November 10 at the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center. Niehaus noted that the keynote speaker will be NCAA and NBA legend Bill Walton.
- Congratulations were given to both NCWHS and NCHS on the recent State football playoffs.
- Comments were made regarding the successful concerts presented by the Unit 5 music departments including the Hauncerts and spaghetti supper fundraisers.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 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: December 14, 2011**