

Minutes
McLean County Unit District No. 5
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Session
November 17, 2011

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois met in special session on November 17, 2011 p.m. at 5:04 p.m. the District Office, 1809 W. Hovey Avenue, Normal, Illinois.

Roll Call

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

Closed Session

At 5:04 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.

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

Return to Public Session

At 5:30 p.m., Briggs moved, Mickens-Baker seconded, to come out of closed session and return to public session. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, 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 #317048163 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 marijuana at Normal Community West High School on Saturday, November 5, 2011, in violation of Board Policy 7.190. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Trask, Reece, Puzauskas. Nays: None. **Motion carried**

Trask moved, Pritchett seconded, to expel student #317048163 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, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Trask, Reece, Puzauskas. Nays: None. **Motion carried**

Mickens-Baker moved, Reece seconded, to find student #717033151 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 vandalizing a car in the Normal Community West High School parking lot on Friday, November 11, 2011, and by being insubordinate to his P.E. teacher and using inappropriate language, and by knowingly possessing a knife at Normal Community West High School on Monday, November 14, 2011, all in violation of Board Policy 7.190. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Trask, Reece, Puzauskas. Nays: None. **Motion carried**

Trask moved, Pritchett seconded, to expel student #717033151 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, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Trask, Reece, Puzauskas. Nays: None. **Motion carried**

Mickens-Baker moved, Briggs seconded, to find student #431988027 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 possessing and smoking marijuana at the his bus stop, possessing marijuana at Normal Community West High School, and delivering marijuana to another student at Normal Community West High School on Monday, November 14, 2011, all in violation of Board Policy 7.190. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Trask, Reece, Puzauskas. Nays: None. **Motion carried**

Trask moved, Pritchett seconded, to expel student #431988027 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, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Trask, Reece, Puzauskas. Nays: None. **Motion carried**

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 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**