RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5, MCLEAN AND WOODFORD COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SUPERINTENDENT TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

WHEREAS, Community Unit School District No. 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois (the “District”) opened two new attendance centers last school year and one new attendance center this school year, including George L. Evans Junior High School which due to its location requires all students to be transported by bus or their parents; and

WHEREAS, as a result of opening the new attendance centers, the District has had to add new bus routes; and

WHEREAS, due to the addition of new bus routes, excessive bus driver absenteeism, bus driver turnover, and other reasons, it continues to be difficult for the District to meet its transportation needs on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, the District has experienced and expects to continue to experience reductions in reimbursable State transportation payments as well as late payments; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 10-22.34c(a) of the Illinois School Code, the Board has the authority to enter into a contract with a third party for non-instructional services currently performed by an employee or bargaining unit member or lay off those educational support personnel employees upon 90 days written notice to the affected employees, provided that the Board follows the requirements of that Section and meets all of its obligations under the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act; and

WHEREAS, in order to address District transportation operational issues and determine any cost savings that may be achieved by contracting with a third party for transportation services, the Board desires to solicit bids for third party transportation services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5, MCLEAN AND WOODFORD COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Superintendent is authorized and directed to solicit bids for third party transportation services in accordance with Section 10-22.34c(a) of the Illinois School Code and other applicable laws and to take any additional actions necessary to advertise for and receive said bids or required by Section 10-22.34c(a).

Section 2. The Clerk of the Board is authorized and directed to provide notice to the public of the date, time, and location of a public hearing to discuss the Board’s proposal to contract with a third party for transportation services prior to the solicitation of bids for such services.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and in effect upon its passage.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5, MCLEAN AND WOODFORD COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, BY A MAJORITY VOTE THEREOF IN REGULAR AND PUBLIC SESSION THIS 14TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2011.

AYES:  7

NAYS:  0

ABSENT:  0

ATTEST:

Mark Pritchett
Secretary, Board of Education

John Puzauskas
President, Board of Education