

Minutes
McLean County Unit District No. 5
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Session
April 8, 2009

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois met in regular session on April 8, 2009 at approximately 6:07 p.m. at the District Office, 1809 W. Hovey Avenue, Normal, Illinois.

Roll Call

Members present: Gail Ann Briggs, Wendy Cannell, Scott Lay, Meta Mickens-Baker, Mark Pritchett, John Puzauskas, and President Jay Reece. Members absent: None.

Closed Session

At approximately 6:07 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" specified as follows:

- Section 2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees or legal counsel,
- Section 2(c)(11) Litigation against, affecting or on behalf of McLean County Unit District No. 5 which has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or is probable or is imminent,
- Section 2(c)(2) Collective negotiating matters with employees or their representatives or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees,
- Section 2(c)(5) The purchase or lease of real property for use by McLean County Unit District No. 5., and
- Section 2(c)(21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed.

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

Return to Public Session

At 7:07 p.m., Briggs moved, Mickens-Baker seconded, to come out of closed session and return to public session. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Lay, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Also present: Superintendent Gary Niehaus, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources John Pye, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Jim Braksick, Chief Financial Officer James Gillmeister, Director of Operations Joe Adelman, Clerk of the Board Donna Evans, Dayna Brown, Jim Fitzpatrick of WJBC, Tom Eder, Aidan Rich, Randy Middleton of Middleton Associates, Inc., Jeff Monahan, Chuck Bartlett, Kelly King, Jo Nancy Warren, Steve Robinson of the *Normalite*, Jonathan Suh (and parents), Sharla Brown-Ajayi Brian Foster, Cory Harper, Jordan Benson, Gloria Jameson, Alicia Mallory, Jonathan Sapp, Mark Jolicoeur, Jon Butler, Chuck Hartseil, Virginia Benson, Fred Walk, Michele Steinbacher of *The Pantagraph*, Matthew Benson, Gloria Jameson, Frank Miles, Marlys Bennington, Dr. Scott Peterson, Ken Sapp, Neil Finlen, Dominique Durbin, Gary Hill, and others.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Focus on Students and Good News Reports

- Oakdale student Jonathan Suh ~ McLean, Livingston, Dewitt County Spelling Bee
- Dr. Scott Peterson ~ Oakdale Volunteer
- NCHS Students Jordan Benson, Brian Foster, Cory Harper, and Jonathan Sapp ~ African/American History Challenge

Public Comments

Dominique Durbin, Durbin Enterprises Beecher City IL ~ Geothermal work at new Unit 5 construction sites.

Action

Accept Bids for Construction Work at Sugar Creek Elementary School

Ach presented information and recommendations for the following contractors for construction work for Sugar Creek Elementary School: (Attachment #1)

- Dynamic Sports Construction, Inc. Bid Package #8 (alternate) for athletic wood flooring Bid award: \$54,600.00
- Imbert International, Inc. Bid Package #16 for mechanical equipment and heat pumps. Bid award: \$288,000.00

Pritchett moved, Mickens-Baker seconded, to approve Bid Package #8 alternate for athletic wood flooring and Bid Package #16 for mechanical equipment and heat pumps for construction project at Sugar Creek Elementary School as recommended. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Lay, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Accept Bids for Construction Work at Cedar Ridge Elementary School

Ach presented information and recommendations for the following contractors for construction work for Cedar Ridge Elementary School: (Attachment #2)

- Dynamic Sports Construction, Inc. Bid Package #8 (alternate) for athletic wood flooring Bid award: \$59,100.00
- Imbert International, Inc. Bid Package #16 for mechanical equipment and heat pumps. Bid award: \$306,000.00

Briggs moved, Cannell seconded, to approve Bid Package #8 alternate for athletic wood flooring and Bid Package #16 for mechanical equipment and heat pumps for construction project at Cedar Ridge Elementary School as recommended. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Lay, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Accept Bids for Construction Work at Benjamin Elementary School

Ach presented information and recommendations for the following contractors for construction work for Cedar Ridge Elementary School: (Attachment #3)

- Kiefer Specialty Flooring Bid Package #8 (alternate) for athletic wood flooring. Bid Award: \$59,950.00
- Imbert International, Inc. Bid Package #16 for mechanical equipment and heat pumps. Bid Award: \$306,000.00
- Automatic Fire Sprinkler, LLC Re-Bid Package #12 for fire protection. Bid Award: \$137,300.00
- Pipeworks, Inc. Bid Package #13 for heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and temperature controls. Bid Award: \$1,151,000.00
- Anderson Electric, Inc. Re-Bid Package #14 for electrical and technology. Bid Award: \$979,500.00.

Lay moved, Pritchett seconded, to approve Bid Package #8 alternate for athletic wood flooring, Bid Package #16 for mechanical equipment and heat pumps, Re-Bid Package #12 for fire protection, Re-Bid Package #13 for heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and temperature controls, and Re-Bid package #14 for electrical and technology for construction project at Benjamin Elementary School as recommended. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Lay, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Accept Bids for Construction Work at Evans Jr. High School

Ach presented information and recommendations for the following contractors for construction work for Evans Jr. High School: (Attachment #4)

- Stark Excavating, Inc. Bid Package #1 for mass grading, structural excavation, concrete, site utilities, curb, asphalt and concrete pavement, site concrete, and landscaping. Bid Award: \$2,792,000.00
- Construction Systems Bid Package #2 for structural and miscellaneous steel. Bid Award: \$1,446,526.00
- J.J. Braker and Sons, Inc. Bid Package #3 for masonry. Bid Award: \$3,015,000.00
- East Moline Glass Bid Package #5 for glass and glazing. Bid Award: \$645,000.00
- Felmley-Dickerson Co. Bid Package #6 for general trades, demolition, doors, hardware, marker boards, site labor, precast concrete, drywall, plaster, acoustical, ceiling, metal stud framing, plastic laminate casework, elevator, and painting. Bid Award: \$3,033,000.00
- Great Lakes West Bid Package #10 for kitchen equipment. Bid Award: \$580,121.00
- Commercial Mechanical, Inc. Bid Package #11 for plumbing. Bid Award: \$1,204,000.00
- Valley Fire Protection Systems, LLC Bid Package #12 for fire protection. Bid Award: \$198,800.00

- Pipeworks Bid Package #13 for heating, ventilating, air conditioning, and temperature controls. Bid Award: \$2,073,500.00
- Durbin Enterprises Bid Package #15 for geo field well drilling. Bid Award: \$811,000.00
- Mid-Illinois Mechanical, Inc. Bid Package #16 for mechanical equipment and heat pumps. Bid Award: \$517,900.00

Cannell moved, Briggs seconded, to approve Bid Package #1 for mass grading, structural excavation, concrete, site utilities, curb, asphalt and concrete pavement, site concrete, and landscaping, Bid Package #2 for structural and miscellaneous steel, Bid Package #3 for masonry, Bid Package #5 for glass and glazing, Bid Package #6 for general trades, demolition, doors, hardware, marker boards, site labor, precast concrete, drywall, plaster, acoustical ceiling, metal stud framing, plaster laminate casework, elevators, and painting, Bid package #10 for kitchen equipment, Bid Package #11 for plumbing, Bid Package #12 for fire protection, Bid Package #13 for heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and temperature controls, Bid package #15 for geo field well drilling, and Bid Package #16 for mechanical equipment and heat pumps for construction project at George L. Evans Jr. High School site as recommended. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Lay, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Progress Report on New School Construction

Mark Jolicoeur of Perkins + Will, David Henebry of LZT, Associates, and Gary Hill and Richard Ach of Turner Construction Company provided an up-to-date summary of construction projects and renovations. Design and construction teams met earlier today for a partnering session. Teams included Turner Construction, Unit 5, Perkins + Will and LZT. Discussion included the roles and responsibilities of each team, organizational charts, and how to continue the flow of information and communication. Other topics included a review of what has worked well in the past and what has not. It was reported that the Facilities Review Committee will begin to meet twice a month.

Approve Bids for Renovations at Hudson Elementary School

Middleton provided information on the bid process for the renovations at Hudson Elementary School. He noted that nine bids were received. (Attachment #5) It was his recommendation to award the bid to SCI General Contractors for the base amount of \$326,574.00. Mickens-Baker moved, Puzauskas seconded, to approve the bids for building renovations at Hudson Elementary School as recommended. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Lay, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Approve Agreement between Unit 5 and the Apostolic Christian Church

Neil Finlen of Farnsworth Group reported on the agreement between Unit 5 and the Apostolic Christian Church regarding sharing the cost and use of a sanitary sewage system. (Attachment #6) Puzauskas moved, Pritchett seconded, to approve the contract agreement between Community Unit School District No. 5 McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois and the Apostolic Christian Church of Bloomington/Normal as recommended.

No roll call vote on this motion was taken.

Briggs moved, Pritchett seconded, to amend the motion to include changes to the agreement as follows:

- Exchange reference to cost per acre to lump sum figures
- Exchange word “could” to “would” in paragraph on page 2 of the document to read: “Water from such basins would be made available to school to water baseball diamonds, football field and other recreational areas, provided such use does not significantly diminish the water volume of the basins so as to detract from their use as an aesthetic amenity.”

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

Roll call vote on the amended motion: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Lay, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Approve the Municipal Connection Fees for Sugar Creek Elementary School

Finlen provided a summary of the costs for water and sewer connection fees submitted from the Town of Normal for renovations to Sugar Creek Elementary. (Attachment #7) Mickens-Baker moved, Briggs seconded, to approve the municipal connection fees for Sugar Creek Elementary School as recommended.

No roll call vote on this motion was taken.

Mickens-Baker moved, Briggs seconded to amend the motion to read approve the municipal connection for Sugar Creek Elementary School. It was noted that there are no additional fees for water and sewer connection to Sugar Creek Elementary School. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Lay, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Roll call vote on the amended motion: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Lay, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Approve the Municipal Connection Fees for Cedar Ridge Elementary School

Finlen provided a summary of the costs for water and sewer connection fees submitted from the City of Bloomington for Cedar Ridge Elementary School. (Attachment #7) Pritchett moved, Mickens-Baker seconded, to approve the municipal connection fees for Cedar Ridge Elementary School as recommended. It was noted that the total fees are \$18,748.13. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Lay, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Approve the Municipal Connection Fees for Benjamin Elementary School

Finlen provided a summary of the costs for water and sewer connection fees submitted from the City of Bloomington for Benjamin Elementary School (Attachment #7) Briggs moved, Pritchett seconded, to approve the municipal connection fees for Benjamin Elementary School as recommended. It was noted that the total fees are \$116,689.93. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Lay, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Approve the Municipal Connection Fees for Evans Jr. High School

Finlen provided a summary of the costs for water and sewer connection fees submitted from the City of Bloomington for Evans Jr. High School. (Attachment #7) Lay moved, Puzauskas seconded, to approve the municipal connection fees for Evans Jr. High School as recommended. It was noted that the total fees are \$146,654.01. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Lay, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Consent Agenda

Niehaus reviewed and recommended approval of the Consent Agenda.

Personnel Matters (Attachment #8)

- Resignations/Retirements/Terminations
- Employment
- Contract Revisions
- Leave Requests

Payment of Bills and Payroll (Attachment #9)

Financial Reports

- Treasurer's Report (Attachment #10)
- Statement of Expenditures (Attachment #11)
- Investment Update (Attachment #12)

Approval of Minutes

- March 4, 2009 Special Session
- March 5, 2009 Closed Session
- March 5, 2009 Special Session

Other

- Designate June 2, 2009 as the last day of school for 2008-2009
- Accept Cooperative Paper Bids (Attachment #13)
- Renew membership IESA for CJHS, KJHS, and PJHS (Attachment #14) and IHSA for NCHS and NCWHS (Attachment #15)
- Overnight trips: PJHS Band, PJHS Student Council, and NCWHS Band
- Set date of April 29, 2009 for a Special Meeting to be held at 4:45 p.m. at the District Office, 1809 W. Hovey, Normal to certify election results, seat new Board members, and organize the new Board.
- Approve Request for Donation for KJHS Smartboards (Attachment #16)

Cannell moved, Briggs seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as recommended. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Lay, Mickens-Baker, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Reports/Discussion

42 Month Energy Conservation/Savings Progress

Boswell reported on the data collected for 42 months in the Energy Savings Program. (Attachment #17) Information provided included:

- Active sites ranked by use per floor area
- Energy use summary
- Cost savings summary from August 1, 2005 through January 31, 2009
- Total savings by energy type
- Energy cost avoidance program

Enrollment Report and Comparison Report

Pye provided the enrollment and comparison reports as of March 31, 2009. (Attachment #18) Total enrollment is 12,577. It was noted that elementary class size average remains at 22.6. Information on kindergarten enrollment numbers for 2009-2010 will be provided at the May 13 meeting.

ISU Professional Development School

Representatives including Gloria Jameson (Elementary Coordinator), Fred Walk (Secondary Coordinator) and Jo Nancy Warren (Program Director) of Illinois State University as well as participants of the Professional Development School addressed the Board. A summary of the program was provided. (Attachment #19) Highlights included but were not limited to the following:

- One goal of the program is to attract and retain well-prepared new teachers to Unit 5
- There are six elementary sites in the state – CPS Little Village, Wheeling, Elgin, Pekin, Springfield and Unit 5 school districts
- Elementary experience includes a K-2 and 3-5 classroom experience
- Program begins the first day of classes
- Unit 5 has 14 secondary students participating in Unit 5
- Provides a smaller teacher to pupil ratio which increases student learning
- Program brings new ideas and instructional strategies to Unit 5
- Increased co-teaching activities
- Model provides assistance for student achievement

Board Representative Committee Meeting Reports

- Mackinaw Valley Special Education Association Council ~ Pritchett noted that the council had elected new officers at their last meeting.
- Beyond the Books Educational Foundation Board of Directors ~ Briggs reported that the applications have been reviewed. Information on grant recipients will be provided at the May Board meetings.
- Community Connections Committee ~ The next committee meeting will be held on Friday, April 17 10:00 a.m. at the District office. Topics of discussion included:
 - New home page for District website
 - Niehaus is scheduled for several upcoming speaking events
 - The Citizens Advisory Council has completed their study topics which will be presented at the April 22 meeting
 - April 22 reception for former superintendent George Evans and former Board of Education members
 - Groundbreaking ceremonies will be held on May 2 (9:00 a.m. Cedar Ridge Elementary School; 10:30 a.m. Evans Jr. High School) and May 16 (10:00 a.m. Benjamin Elementary School)
 - The Staff Appreciation Program will be held on April 29. The District will have 40 staff members retiring.
- District Continuous Improvement Team ~ Mickens-Baker reported that the DCIT met in two separate work groups in three hour sessions on April 1 at the Unit Office. Discussion included measuring success in relation to the District's Strategic Plan and the DCIT structure. The next meeting is scheduled for April 13, 4:45 p.m. at the IEA office.
- McLean County Regional Planning Commission ~ Reece reported that the commission met last week. There were no items of discussion related to Unit 5.
- Redistricting Committee ~ The committee will meet on April 14.

Announcements/Comments

- Adelman reported that Julia Turner of CTS is currently training the transportation department on customer service. This will also be available soon to the food service and custodial staff.
- Congratulations were offered to newly elected Board members Meta Mickens-Baker, John Puzauskas, and Jay Reece
- Niehaus reported he recently held several interviews and speaking events with In Focus, WJBC radio, and the Normal Rotary Club
- First Spring Meet and Greet meetings with staff was held at Hudson on Monday, April 6
- The Economic Development Council will host a meeting on April 15 and 16th on the topic of impact fees. Board members should notify Dayna Brown if they are interested in attending.
- Mickens-Baker reported that she and her husband spoke at Glenn Elementary School on Operation Respect.
- Briggs reported that she had recently made a presentation at Northpoint Elementary School's 20 Year Open House celebration.
- Events are being held at Towanda District Library and Towanda Elementary School during the week of April 13 in honor of National Library Week.
- Braksick reported that June 2 will be the last day of school with June 1 being designated as a school improvement day. Students will not attend school on June 1.
- Gillmeister commented on information received from Charlie Czachor of PMA in reference to withdrawal of proceeds on a certificate of deposit placed with Venture Bank and concerns regarding the bank's solvency.
- Gillmeister reported that he and Jon Butler attended a presentation from Blue Cross Blue Shield on ways to provide incentives on healthy lifestyles.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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

ATTEST:

**John Puzauskas, Board of Education Secretary
Approved Date: May 13, 2009**