

McLean County Unit District No. 5

Board of Education Meeting Agenda

Special Meeting ~ Wednesday, April 29, 2009 4:45 p.m.

Location: District Office, 1809 West Hovey Avenue, Normal, Illinois

1.0 Roll Call (Jay Reece)

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

3.0 Public Comments

Persons addressing the Board should be guided and constrained by Board Policy 2.230 found in the "Welcome to Your Unit 5 Board of Education Meeting" brochure available by the sign-in sheet at Board meetings. Following Public Comments, those who desire to leave should feel free to do so.

4.0 Certify Election Results

4.1 Adopt Resolution Certifying Election Results (John Puzauskas, Local Election Official)

The following election results for the April 7, 2009 school Board election were received from the election authorities for Mclean and Woodford Counties and the City of Bloomington.

- Jay Reece received 5769 votes
- Meta Mickens-Baker received 5468 votes, and
- John Puzauskas received 5417 votes

Based on the election results and canvass from the McLean County Clerk, I hereby proclaim Jay Reece, Meta Mickens-Baker, and John Puzauskas to be elected to full terms on the Unit 5 Board of Education.

You have before you a Resolution Certifying the April 7, 2009 election results.

Is there is a motion from the Board to adopt this Resolution?

Recommended Motion: Move to adopt the Resolution Certifying the April 7, 2009 Election Results as presented.

5.0 Administer the Board Member Oath (Jay Reece)

Since the Board President and Vice-President can not administer the Oath this evening, the Board member with the longest service on the Board will assume this duty.

Gail Ann Briggs

Newly elected Board members Meta Mickens-Baker, John Puzauskas, and Jay Reece will read the following oath of office aloud in unison before taking their seat on the Board. Please ask new members to stand and read the Board Member Oath.

Meta Mickens-Baker, John Puzauskas, Jay Reece

Please read in unison:

I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of member of the Board of Education of McLean County Unit School District No. 5, in accordance with the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and the laws of the State of Illinois, to the best of my ability.

I further swear that:

I shall respect taxpayer interests by serving as a faithful protector of the District's assets; I shall encourage and respect the free expression of opinion by my fellow Board members and others who seek a hearing before the Board, while respecting the privacy of students and employees;

I shall recognize that a Board member has no legal authority as an individual and that decisions can be made only by a majority vote at a public Board meeting; and

I shall abide by majority decisions of the Board, while retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions through ethical and constructive channels.

6.0 Appointment of Temporary Chair (Gail Ann Briggs)

Recommended Motion: Move to appoint Superintendent Niehaus as temporary chair following adjournment sine die until election of a new Board President.

7.0 Adjournment Sine Die (Gail Ann Briggs)

Recommended Motion: Move to adjourn sine die for the seating of the new Board.

8.0 Organization of the Board (Gary Niehaus)

Will the Clerk please call the roll for the newly seated Board of Education.

8.1 Roll Call of the New Board

9.0 Board Member Code of Conduct (Gary Niehaus)

At this time, would the new Unit 5 Board of Education please stand and site the District Code of Conduct.

Board members will read script as follows:

Wendy Cannell

"As members of our local Board of Education, we shall do our utmost to represent the public interest in education by adhering to the following commitments:

We shall represent all school district constituents honestly and equally and refuse to surrender our responsibilities to special interest or partisan political groups."

Scott Lay

"We shall avoid any conflict of interest or the appearance of impropriety which could result from our position, and shall not use our Board membership for personal gain or publicity.

We shall recognize that a Board member has no legal authority as an individual and that decisions can be made only by a majority vote at a Board of Education meeting."

John Puzauskas

"We shall take no private action that might compromise the Board or administration and we shall respect the confidentiality of privileged information.

We shall abide by majority decisions of the Board, while retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions through ethical and constructive channels."

Jay Reece

"We shall encourage and respect the free expression of opinion by our fellow Board members and others who seek a hearing before the Board.

We shall be involved and knowledgeable about not only local education concerns, but also about state and national issues."

Meta Mickens-Baker

"In addition, we shall encourage all Board of Education members to pursue the following goals:

The development of educational programs which meet the individual needs of every student, regardless of ability, race, sex, creed, or social standing."

Gail Ann Briggs

"The development of procedures for the regular and systematic evaluation of programs, staff performance, and Board operations to ensure progress toward educational and fiscal goals.

The development of effective school Board policies which provide direction for the operation of our schools and delegate authority to the superintendent for our administration.”

Mark Pritchett

The development of systematic communications which ensure that the school Board, administration, staff, students, and community are fully informed and that the staff understands the community’s aspirations for its schools, and

The development of sound business practices which ensure that every dollar spent produces maximum benefits.”

10.0 Election of Board Officers (Gary Niehaus)

By Board policy, terms of office are for one-year. Nominations for officers do not require a second.

After the nomination(s), the chair will declare nominations to be closed and call for a motion to elect.

(In the event of more than one nomination, the chair will take the vote on the candidates in the order in which they were nominated. Members should vote yes for the candidate they want and vote no for the other candidates as they are voted on. The first candidate to receive a majority vote wins. This procedure will also apply in the event of more than one nomination for all other Board officers.)

Note:

Board members will not change seating assignments at this evening’s meeting. Seat assignments for newly elected officers will begin at the first Board meeting in May. The newly elected Board President will assume duties where originally seated this evening.

11.0 Election of Board President (Gary Niehaus)

Niehaus will call for nominations for Board President.

Recommended Motion: Move to elect (Name) as Board President.

Clerk will call the roll.

12.0 New Board President Will Assume Duties for Organization of the Board (New Board President)

13.0 Election of Board Vice President (New Board President)

The Board President will call for nominations for Board Vice President.

Recommended Motion: Move to elect (Name) as Board Vice President.

Clerk will call the roll.

14.0 Election of Board Secretary (Board President)

The Board President will call for nominations for Board Secretary.

Recommended Motion: Move to elect (Name) as Board Secretary.

Clerk will call the roll.

**15.0 Organization of the Board of Education
Board President:**

I declare that the Unit 5 Board of Education is officially organized and ready to consider matters which may come before it.

16.0 Adoption of Board Policies (Board President)

Recommended Motion: Move to adopt Board Policies as currently in effect.

Clerk will call the roll.

17.0 Selection of Day, Hour and Place for Board Meetings (Board President)

Recommended Motion: Move to set the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month as the official Board meeting days, with meetings to begin at 7:00 p.m., and the official meeting place to be the District Office, 1809 West Hovey Avenue, Normal, Illinois.

Clerk will call the roll.

***18.0 Adjournment**

*The Board meeting will adjourn at 5:45 p.m. due to the Staff Appreciation Banquet being held at the ISU Bone Student Center.