

Minutes
McLean County Unit District No. 5
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Session
September 16, 2009

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois met in special session on September 16, 2009 at 4:40 p.m. at the District Office, 1809 W. Hovey Avenue, Normal, Illinois.

Roll Call

Members present: Gail Ann Briggs, Wendy Cannell, Mark Pritchett, John Puzauskas, Jay Reece, and President Meta Mickens-Baker. Members absent: Scott Lay.

Closed Session

At 4:40 p.m., Briggs moved, Puzauskas seconded, to adjourn to closed session to discuss the following matter according to the exceptions provided in the "Open Meetings Act" specified as follows:

- Section 2(c)(9) Student disciplinary cases.

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

Recess

There was a short recess at 5:00 p.m.

Return to Public Session

At 5:15 p.m., Briggs moved, Puzauskas seconded, to come out of closed session and return to public session. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece, Mickens-Baker. Nays: None. **Motion carried.** Board members set the date of September 23, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. to reconvene for a student disciplinary matter.

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

Recess

There was a short recess at 5:17 p.m.

Return to Closed Session

At 5:32 p.m., Briggs moved, Puzauskas seconded, to return to closed session. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece, Mickens-Baker. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Return to Public Session

At 6:06.m., Briggs moved, Reece seconded, to come out of closed session and return to public session. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece, Mickens-Baker. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Action From Closed Session

Puzauskas moved, Briggs seconded, to find Student #659411280 engaged in gross disobedience or misconduct under Section 10-22.6 of the School Code by purchasing an illegal drug or controlled substance and engaging in an activity that interferes with, disrupts, or adversely affects the school environment, school operations, or an educational function in violation of the Normal Community West High School handbook and Board policy 7.190. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece, Mickens-Baker. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Return to Closed Session

At 6:10 p.m., Briggs moved, Cannell seconded, to return to closed session. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece, Mickens-Baker. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Return to Public Session

At 6:30 p.m., Briggs moved, Reece seconded, to come out of closed session and return to public session. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece, Mickens-Baker. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Action From Closed Session

Puzauskas moved, Pritchett seconded, to expel Student #659411280 from McLean County Unit District No. 5 effective immediately and continuing for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year and the 2010-2011 school year. Roll call: Ayes: Briggs, Cannell, Pritchett, Puzauskas, Reece, Mickens-Baker. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

**Meta Mickens-Baker, Board of Education President
Community Unit School District No. 5
McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois**

ATTEST:

**Gail Ann Briggs, Board of Education Secretary
Approved Date: October 14, 2009**