

**McLean County Unit District No. 5
Board of Education Special Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Public Session - 4:00pm (Sign up for public comments will be open from 2:45pm - 3:45pm)

Unit 5 District Office

1809 W Hovey

Normal, IL 61761

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

3. **ACTION**

A Resolution providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of increasing the existing tax rate for educational purposes to the voters of the District at the consolidated election to be held on the 4th day of April, 2023.

2

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

MINUTES of a special public meeting of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois, held at the District Office, 1809 West Hovey Avenue, Normal, Illinois, in said School District at 4:00 o'clock P.M., on the 11th day of January, 2023.

* * *

The meeting was called to order by the President, and upon the roll being called, Barry Hitchins, the President, and the following members were physically present at said location:

The following members were allowed by a majority of the members of the Board of Education in accordance with and to the extent allowed by rules adopted by the Board of Education to attend the meeting by video or audio conference: _____

No member was not permitted to attend the meeting by video or audio conference.

The following members were absent and did not participate in the meeting in any manner or to any extent whatsoever: _____

The President announced that the Board of Education would next consider the adoption of a resolution providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of increasing the existing tax rate for educational purposes to the voters of the District at the consolidated election to be held on April 4, 2023.

Whereupon Member _____ presented and the Secretary read by title a resolution as follows, a copy of which was provided to each member of the Board of Education prior to said meeting and to everyone in attendance at said meeting who requested a copy:

RESOLUTION providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of increasing the existing tax rate for educational purposes to the voters of Community Unit School District Number 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois, at the consolidated election to be held on the 4th day of April, 2023.

* * *

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the “*School Board*”) of Community Unit School District Number 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois (the “*District*”), is presently authorized to levy a tax annually for educational purposes at the rate of 2.72 percent upon all the taxable property of the District at the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue; and

WHEREAS, the School Board does hereby find and determine that the existing tax rate for educational purposes is not sufficient to provide funds to pay the cost of providing an efficient and adequate program to meet the educational needs of the District; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby found and determined by the School Board that the need exists for increasing the present educational tax rate of the District and establishing the same at 3.60 percent upon all the taxable property of the District at the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue; and

WHEREAS, before the School Board is authorized to levy taxes at the increased rate of 3.60 percent for educational purposes, a proposition therefor must be submitted to the voters of the District as provided by Article 17 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, and approved by a majority of the voters of the District voting on such proposition at an election to be held in and for the District, and it is deemed advisable, necessary and in the best interests of the District that the proposition of increasing said educational tax rate and establishing the same at the rate of 3.60 percent be submitted to the voters of the District at an election to be held and conducted in accordance with the general election law:

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It and It Is Hereby Resolved by the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. That the School Board hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Resolution are full, true and correct and does incorporate them into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. That it is necessary and in the best interests of the District that in order for the District to maintain and operate an efficient system of schools the present annual tax rate of the District for educational purposes be increased to 3.60 percent upon all the taxable property of the District at the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue.

Section 3. That the proposition hereinabove referred to be submitted to the voters of the District in accordance with the general election law at the consolidated election to be held on Tuesday, the 4th day of April, 2023, between the hours of 6:00 o'clock A.M. and 7:00 o'clock P.M. of said day (the "*Election*").

Section 4. That the Election shall be held in the voting precincts and at the polling places established by the County Boards (the "*County Boards*") of The Counties of McLean and Woodford, Illinois (the "*Counties*"), for voters of the District at the Election.

Section 5. That the County Clerks of the County (the "*County Clerks*") shall each give notice of the Election (the "*Notice*") in accordance with the general election law by (i) publishing the Notice once not more than 60 nor less than 10 days prior to the date of the Election in a local, community newspaper having general circulation in the District, and (ii) posting a copy of the Notice at least 10 days before the date of the Election at their principal office.

Section 6. That the Secretary of the School Board shall post a copy of the Notice at the principal office of the District.

Section 7. That it is hereby found and determined that *The Pantagraph* is a local, community newspaper having general circulation in the District as required by Section 12-5 of the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended (the “*Election Code*”).

Section 8. That the Notice shall appear over the name or title of the respective County Clerk and shall be substantially in the following form:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the consolidated election to be held on Tuesday, the 4th day of April, 2023, the following proposition will be submitted to the voters of Normal Community Unit School District Number 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois:

Shall the maximum annual tax rate for educational purposes for Normal Community Unit School District Number 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois, be increased and established at 3.60 percent upon all the taxable property of said School District at the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, instead of 2.72 percent, the present maximum rate otherwise applicable to the next taxes to be extended for said purposes?

- (a) The approximate amount of taxes extendable for educational purposes under the maximum rate now in force in said School District is the sum of \$63,176,192.
- (b) The approximate amount of taxes extendable for educational purposes under the proposed increased rate is the sum of \$83,615,548.
- (c) The total dollar amount of the most recently approved annual budget of said School District is the sum of \$203,153,666; the total dollar amount of said annual budget, if increased by the amount of additional tax which may be levied if the proposition is approved, is the sum of \$223,593,022; the percentage of increase in the total dollar amount of the most recently approved annual budget of said School District, if such total dollar amount were increased by the amount of additional tax which may be levied if the proposition is approved, is 10.06 percent.
- (d) The percentage of increase between the maximum rate at which such taxes for educational purposes may be levied if the proposition is approved and the annual rate at which such

taxes for educational purposes is currently levied is
32.35 percent.

The polls at the election will be open at 6:00 o'clock A.M. and will continue to be open
until 7:00 o'clock P.M. of that day.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2023.

County Clerk, The County of _____,
Illinois

Section 9. That the ballot to be used at the Election shall be in substantially the following
form, with such necessary alterations, changes, deletions and insertions as may be required by
Articles 24A, 24B or 24C of the Election Code if an electronic, mechanical or electric voting
system is used at the Election:

(Face of Ballot)

OFFICIAL BALLOT

PROPOSITION TO INCREASE MAXIMUM ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL TAX RATE

(INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: Mark a cross (X) in the space opposite the word indicating the way you desire to vote.)

Shall the maximum annual tax rate for educational purposes for Normal Community Unit School District Number 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois, be increased and established at 3.60 percent upon all the taxable property of said School District at the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, instead of 2.72 percent, the present maximum rate otherwise applicable to the next taxes to be extended for said purposes?	YES	
	NO	

- (a) The approximate amount of taxes extendable for educational purposes under the maximum rate now in force in said School District is the sum of \$63,176,192.
- (b) The approximate amount of taxes extendable for educational purposes under the proposed increased rate is the sum of \$83,615,548.
- (c) The total dollar amount of the most recently approved annual budget of said School District is the sum of \$203,153,666; the total dollar amount of said annual budget, if increased by the amount of additional tax which may be levied if the proposition is approved, is the sum of \$223,593,022; the percentage of increase in the total dollar amount of the most recently approved annual budget of said School District, if such total dollar amount were increased by the amount of additional tax which may be levied if the proposition is approved, is 10.06 percent.
- (d) The percentage of increase between the maximum rate at which such taxes for educational purposes may be levied if the proposition is approved and the annual rate at which such taxes for educational purposes is currently levied is 32.35 percent.

(Back of Paper Ballot)

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Official ballot for voting on the proposition to increase the maximum annual educational tax rate of Normal Community Unit School District Number 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois, at the consolidated election held on April 4, 2023.

Precinct Number: _____

Polling Place: _____

(Facsimile Signature)

County Clerk, The County of _____,
Illinois

Section 10. That the Election shall be conducted by the election judges appointed by the County Boards to act in the precincts at which said proposition will be submitted to the voters of the District.

Section 11. That after the adoption hereof and not less than 68 days prior to the date of the Election, the Secretary of the School Board shall certify a copy hereof to the County Clerks in order that the proposition set forth herein may be submitted to the voters of the District at the Election.

Section 12. That the Election shall be held and conducted and the returns thereof duly canvassed, all in the manner and time as provided by the general election law.

Section 13. That if any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

Section 14. That all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed, and that this Resolution be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption.

Adopted January 11, 2023.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

Member _____ moved and Member _____
seconded the motion that said resolution as presented and read by title be adopted.

After a full discussion thereof, the President directed that the roll be called for a vote upon
the motion to adopt said resolution.

Upon the roll being called, the following members voted AYE: _____

and the following members voted NAY: _____

Whereupon the President declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted and did
sign and approve the same in open meeting and did direct the Secretary to record the same in the
records of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 5, McLean and
Woodford Counties, Illinois, which was done.

Other business not pertinent to the adoption of said resolution was duly transacted at the
meeting.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Board of Education

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF MCLEAN)

CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION AND MINUTES

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education (the “*School Board*”) of Community Unit School District Number 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois (the “*District*”), and that as such official I am the keeper of the records and files of the School Board.

I do further certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete transcript of that portion of the minutes of the meeting of the School Board held on the 11th day of January, 2023, insofar as the same relates to the adoption of a resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of increasing the existing tax rate for educational purposes to the voters of Community Unit School District Number 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois, at the consolidated election to be held on the 4th day of April, 2023.

a true, correct and complete copy of which said resolution as adopted at said meeting appears in the foregoing transcript of the minutes of said meeting.

I do further certify that the deliberations of the Board on the adoption of said resolution were conducted openly, that the vote on the adoption of said resolution was taken openly, that said meeting was called and held at a specified time and place convenient to the public, that notice of said meeting was duly given to all of the news media requesting such notice, that an agenda for said meeting was posted at the location where said meeting was held and at the principal office of the Board at least 48 hours in advance of the holding of said meeting, that a true, correct and complete copy of said agenda as so posted is attached hereto as *Exhibit A*, that at least one copy of said agenda was continuously available for public review during the entire 48-hour period preceding said meeting, that said meeting was called and held in strict compliance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, and with the provisions of the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, and that the Board has complied with all of the provisions of said Act and said Code and with all of the procedural rules of the Board.

I do further certify that the geographic or common name of the District by which the District is commonly known and referred to is Normal Community Unit School District Number 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois.

There is hereby certified to the County Clerks of The Counties of McLean and Woodford, Illinois, for submitting to the voters of the District at the consolidated election to be held on the 4th day of April, 2023, the proposition set forth in said resolution, which said resolution was duly adopted by the School Board on the 11th day of January, 2023.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature, this 11th day of January, 2023.

Secretary, Board of Education

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF MCLEAN)

FILING CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting County Clerk of The County of McLean, Illinois (the “*County*”), and as such official I do further certify as follows:

1. That on the ____ day of January, 2023, there was filed in my office a duly certified copy of a resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of increasing the existing tax rate for educational purposes to the voters of Community Unit School District Number 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois, at the consolidated election to be held on the 4th day of April, 2023.

duly adopted by the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois, on the 11th day of January, 2023, and that the same has been deposited in the official files and records of my office.

2. That included in said certification were the form of the public question (the “*Question*”) to be placed on the ballot at the consolidated election to be held on the 4th day of April, 2023 (the “*Election*”), and the date on which the Question was initiated by the adoption of said resolution.

3. That the Question will be submitted to the voters of the District at the Election.

4. That notice that the Question will be submitted to the voters of the District at the Election (the “*Notice*”) will be given as required by Section 12-5 of the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, by (a) publishing the Notice once not more than 60 nor less than 10 days prior to the date of the Election in *The Pantagraph*, being a local,

community newspaper having general circulation in the District, and (b) posting a copy of the Notice at my principal office at least 10 days before the date of the Election, as set forth in Section 5 of said resolution, and that the Notice will be substantially in the form set forth in Section 8 of said resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature and the seal of the County, this ____ day of January, 2023.

County Clerk, The County of McLean, Illinois

(SEAL)

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF WOODFORD)

FILING CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting County Clerk of The County of Woodford, Illinois (the “*County*”), and as such official I do further certify as follows:

1. That on the ____ day of January, 2023, there was filed in my office a duly certified copy of a resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of increasing the existing tax rate for educational purposes to the voters of Community Unit School District Number 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois, at the consolidated election to be held on the 4th day of April, 2023.

duly adopted by the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois, on the 11th day of January, 2023, and that the same has been deposited in the official files and records of my office.

2. That included in said certification were the form of the public question (the “*Question*”) to be placed on the ballot at the consolidated election to be held on the 4th day of April, 2023 (the “*Election*”), and the date on which the Question was initiated by the adoption of said resolution.

3. That the Question will be submitted to the voters of the District at the Election.

4. That notice that the Question will be submitted to the voters of the District at the Election (the “*Notice*”) will be given as required by Section 12-5 of the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, by (a) publishing the Notice once not more than 60 nor less than 10 days prior to the date of the Election in *The Pantagraph*, being a local,

community newspaper having general circulation in the District, and (b) posting a copy of the Notice at my principal office at least 10 days before the date of the Election, as set forth in Section 5 of said resolution, and that the Notice will be substantially in the form set forth in Section 8 of said resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature and the seal of the County, this ____ day of January, 2023.

County Clerk, The County of Woodford, Illinois

(SEAL)

NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the consolidated election to be held on Tuesday, the 4th day of April, 2023, the following proposition will be submitted to the voters of Normal Community Unit School District Number 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois:

Shall the maximum annual tax rate for educational purposes for Normal Community Unit School District Number 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois, be increased and established at 3.60 percent upon all the taxable property of said School District at the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, instead of 2.72 percent, the present maximum rate otherwise applicable to the next taxes to be extended for said purposes?

- (a) The approximate amount of taxes extendable for educational purposes under the maximum rate now in force in said School District is the sum of \$63,176,192.
- (b) The approximate amount of taxes extendable for educational purposes under the proposed increased rate is the sum of \$83,615,548.
- (c) The total dollar amount of the most recently approved annual budget of said School District is the sum of \$203,153,666; the total dollar amount of said annual budget, if increased by the amount of additional tax which may be levied if the proposition is approved, is the sum of \$223,593,022; the percentage of increase in the total dollar amount of the most recently approved annual budget of said School District, if such total dollar amount were increased by the amount of additional tax which may be levied if the proposition is approved, is 10.06 percent.
- (d) The percentage of increase between the maximum rate at which such taxes for educational purposes may be levied if the proposition is approved and the annual rate at which such taxes for educational purposes is currently levied is 32.35 percent.

The polls at the election will be open at 6:00 o'clock A.M. and will continue to be open until 7:00 o'clock P.M. of that day.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2023.

/s/

County Clerk, The County of _____,
Illinois