

**NORTH CLAY COMMUNITY UNIT #25 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
JANUARY 9, 2006**

The North Clay Community Unit #25 Board of Education met in regular session Monday, January 9, 2006, in the North Clay Unit District Office. President Bailey called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

President Bailey led the board in prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call was taken with the following members present: Troy Britton, Janice Brooks, Cecil Cochran, Christine Erwin, Sharon Kessler, Sherry Porter, and Darren Bailey.

Members absent: None.

Others present were: Superintendent, Monty Aldrich, Principals, Carolyn Grahn and Julie Healy, Assistant Principal, Sharon Mayes, Recording Secretary, Cheryl Kuhlig, reporters, Tim Mathis, Alta Mayhugh, and Mary Maxwell. Other visitors in attendance were Josh Mathis, Senior Class sponsor, Richard Grubaugh and two members of the Senior Class, architect, Paul Lunsford, and Suzanne Weiner.

President Bailey placed the treasurer's report for December on file.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Brooks, to approve all sick leave and personal leave requests presented plus board bills covered by checks #26,201 through #26,431 were in the following amounts: Educational Fund: \$77,013.02; Building Fund: \$6,376.97; Transportation Fund: \$12,968.82; IMRF/SS: \$12,996.43; F/PS: \$1,929.38 plus the December payroll of \$264,544.08 less deductions of \$62,340.31 making a total of \$313,489.39. Ayes: Brooks, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

President Bailey recognized those visitors and staff in attendance and asked if anyone would care to address the board. With no one responding, President Bailey continued with the meeting.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Kessler, to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2005 board meeting. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, Brooks, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Kessler, seconded by Brooks to approve the agenda as written. Ayes: Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, Brooks, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

**In Positive News:**

Mrs. Grahn reported that the High School cheerleaders won the Dieterich Holiday Tourney cheerleading award, the Business Club had sponsored a "Secret Santa", Homecoming had been held with 160 students attending, Spanish Club was sponsoring a 5 yr. old Guatemala girl, and the High School would be hosting the MTC Basketball Tourney.

Mrs. Healy reported that the Elem. /Jr. High held a door decorating contest for the staff, the PTO sponsored the "Santa Shoppe: for the kids, the boys basketball team won the Cisne Tournament, the 8<sup>th</sup> graders had placed third in the Jr. MTC Basketball Tourney, DARE would begin Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> for all 5<sup>th</sup> graders, Hoops for Heart would be starting soon, and four students had placed in the Elks Hoop Shoot and would advance.

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Mr. Aldrich reported that Jon and Tim Van Dyke from Lake Land College had donated 175 folding chairs to the district for use and several “thank you’s” to the Board for the Christmas dinner.

A motion was made by Erwin, seconded by Brooks, to approve the following requests by personnel to be off without pay:

- a. Kris Dane – Family Medical Leave Act, 8-10 weeks anticipated, beginning Jan. 3, 2006.
- b. Debra Grahn – Leave of Absence, Monday, Feb. 6 – Thursday, Feb. 9, 2006, one personal day and three unpaid days leave.
- c. Kathy Roberson – Leave of Absence, Thursday, March 9 – Tuesday, March 14 (4 days), three personal days and one unpaid leave day.
- d. Marcie Auvil – Maternity Leave, March 24 – May 8, 2006 anticipated.
- e. Melissa Smith – Leave of Absence, Tuesday, Feb. 21 & Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2006 without pay, and Thursday, Feb. 23 & Friday, Feb. 24, 2006.

Ayes: Kessler, Porter, Britton, Brooks, Cochran, Erwin, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Porter, to approve a request for the following professional development:

- a. Baseball coaches, Rich Grubaugh, Mike Jones, Johnny Zink, and Jason Lewis – to attend the University of Illinois Baseball Coaches Clinic on February 10-11, 2006.

Ayes: Porter, Britton, Brooks, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

After hearing a presentation and reviewing the itinerary from Senior class sponsor, Rich Grubaugh, and two members of the Senior Class, a motion was made by Porter, seconded by Kessler, to approve the itinerary for the Senior class trip on April 11-15, 2006 to San Antonio, Texas. Ayes: Britton, Brooks, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Cochran, seconded by Britton, to renew dues for the Southern Illinois Jr. High School Association for the 2006-06 school year. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Erwin, to approve the following requests for building use:

- a. March 17, 2006 – High School Gym, St. Patrick’s Day Carnival, Senior Class
- b. April 4, 2006 – High School Gym, Annual Donkey Basketball event

Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. The motion carried.

Paul Lunsford, Architect for the district, updated the board on life safety amendment work at the Elem./Jr. High School. After much discussion, it was decided to table any decision until after closed session.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Kessler to approve semi-monthly payment of employees and the option of direct deposit for employees. Ayes: Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: Cochran. Absent: Brooks. The motion carried.

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A motion was made by Cochran, seconded by Erwin, to authorize the superintendent to begin preparing a budget for the 06-07 school year. Ayes: Kessler, Porter, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, and Bailey. Nays: none. Absent: Brooks. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Kessler, to enter closed session for the purpose consideration to hire a Co-op student for 2 ½ hours per day at the Elem. /Jr. High Office for the second semester of the 2006-07 school year, discuss life safety amendment work at the Elem. Jr. High school and the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, security, or dismissal of specific employees of the district 5 *ILCS 120/2(c) (1)*. Ayes: Porter, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, and Bailey. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. The motion carried.

The board met in closed session from 7:50 P.M. – 11:25 P.M.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Erwin, to enter open session. Ayes: Britton, Brooks, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

President Bailey reported that the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, security, or dismissal of specific employees of the district 5 *ILCS 120/2(c)(1)* was discussed.

President Bailey reported that no action was taken on the consideration to hire a Co-op student for 2 ½ hours per day at the Elem. /Jr. High office for the second semester of the 2006-07 school year.

A motion was made by Kessler, seconded by Brooks, to pursue architectural work, prepare specifications for what was needed, and to allow Paul Lunsford, Architect for the district, to begin life/safety amendment work for possible projects related to the Elem. /Jr. High and the High School. Ayes: Brooks, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Erwin, seconded by Brooks, to employ Victoria Trost as Science/Biology teacher at the North Clay High School for the remainder of the 2005-2006 school year. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, Brooks, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

After reviewing the closed session minutes from July 1, 2005 to December 1, 2005, a motion was made by Britton, seconded by Porter, to approve keeping the closed session minutes confidential. The Board found that the need for confidentiality still existed. Ayes: Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, Brooks, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Mrs. Sharon Mayes presented a drug awareness booklet and what the District is doing in March for the parents and community.

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Superintendent, Monty Aldrich, reported on the following:

- a. Board Strategic Planning Meeting – January 24, 2006 at 6:00 P.M.
- b. Announced the North Clay Academic Foundation Meeting is Tuesday, January 10, 2006 at 6:30 P.M. at the Unit Office.

President Bailey adjourned the meeting at 11:35 P.M.