

**NORTH CLAY COMMUNITY UNIT #25 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2006**

The North Clay Community Unit #25 Board of Education met in regular session Monday, February 13, 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, Sherry Porter, and Darren Bailey.

Members absent: Sharon Kessler arrived at 6:35 P.M.

Others present were: Superintendent, Monty Aldrich, Principals, Carolyn Grahn and Julie Healy, Assistant Principal, Sharon Mayes, Recording Secretary, Cheryl Kuhlig, reporters, Alta Mayhugh, and Mary Maxwell. Other visitors in attendance were Mr. & Mrs. Lonnie Cook, Josh Mathis, District Architect, Paul Lunsford, Tim King of Griffin, Kubik, Stephens & Thompson, Inc., Kevin Johnson of First Midstate Inc. and Dr. Bill Harrison.

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

A motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Erwin, to approve all sick leave and personal leave requests presented plus board bills covered by checks #26,432 through #26,770 were in the following amounts: Educational Fund: \$104,928.77; Building Fund: \$3,191.88; Transportation Fund: \$7,522.21; IMRF/SS: \$11,037.58 plus the January payroll of \$257,484.18 less deductions of \$60,974.10 making a total of \$323,190.52. Ayes: Brooks, Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

President Bailey recognized visitors, Lonnie & Sherri Cook. They wished to address the board about their son recently being left on a school bus. Information regarding the incident was addressed, and the board acknowledged the situation was being reviewed. The board extended an apology to Mr. & Mrs. Cook and stated it was the District's goal to keep the children safe and for this not to happen again.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Brooks, to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2006 board meeting. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, Brooks, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

President Bailey stated the agenda needed to be amended to reflect item 13 b. to read, "The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body 5 *ILCS* 120/2 © (6). A motion was made by Kessler, seconded by Brooks, to amend the agenda to reflect the reading of item 13 b. Ayes: Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, Brooks, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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

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In Positive News:

Elementary/Jr. High: Mrs. Healy reported that the Scrabble group was meeting periodically and that they had received a grant through Southwire. Mrs. Healy also stated that the mentoring program had started, the Enrichment team had advanced to Team Quest state competition, the 4th & 5th graders had raised over \$2,000 in Hoops for Heart, the student body had collected 929 lbs. of food for the Clay County Farm Bureau, the 6th & 7th grade had had a field trip to Mt. Vernon, and the Elementary Jr. High held an awards day by taking particular students bowling and to a movie

High School: Mrs. Grahn reported that on January 19, 2005, Rep. Shimkus visited with the juniors and seniors, and March 13, John O. Jones and David Reis would be coming to the school.

District Architect, Paul Lunsford, presented the board with a handout addressing the life safety repair work needing to be done on the High School Roof and Lintel Repairs and the Junior High Roof Replacement/Junior High Truss Repairs. Included on the handout was the proposed schedule of work and the proposed amount of life safety bonds. The board thanked Mr. Lunsford for helping with the resolutions.

The board then heard bond proposals and presentations from Tim King of Griffin, Kubik, Stephens & Thompson, Inc. and Kevin Jonson of First Midstate Inc. The board took no action on the bond proposals.

A motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Erwin, to approve the following requests of personnel for personal days and/or to be off without pay:

- a. Glenda Liggett, bus driver, 3 ½ days unpaid leave, Jan. 31 (1/2 day), Feb. 1, 2 & 3, 2006.
- b. Betty Klanke, bus driver, unpaid leave of absence March 15 (anticipated) through end of school year.
- c. Shirley Kessler, requesting the use of three personal days and one day without pay (Feb. 28-March 3).

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

A motion was made by Kessler, seconded by Porter, to approve the following Building Usage Request:

- a. Sports Boosters, to use high school gym for Super Cards on March 24, 2006.

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

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Britton, to approve a request by Cara Rinehart for professional development workshops on March 8th and April 21st, 2006, for certification. Ayes: Brooks, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made Porter, seconded by Kessler, to approve the amount of \$7,381.63 through the Illinois Textbook Loan program. The reviewing of the selection of particular textbooks will be at a later date. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, Brooks, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Porter, to approve the following field trip requests:

- a. Letterman's Club, to SIU-C for basketball game, Feb. 25, 2006 (Sat.)
- b. Team Quest, to state competition in Chester, Sat., May 6, 2006.
- c. 8th Grade students to Swartbaugh's home, aviation project, March 24, 2006.

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

A motion was made by Cochran, seconded by Kessler, to renew the contract with Dave Juelich, Inspector, Project Manager, and Air Sampling Professional, for July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009 at a reduced rate of \$1,600.00 per year. Ayes: Kessler, Porter, Britton, Brooks, Cochran, Erwin, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

The board discussed using the upstairs of the Clay County Republican for putting up a batting cage. A motion was made by Kessler, seconded by Porter, to approve using the upstairs at the Clay County Republican building for Jr. High and High School Baseball and for High School softball with supervision. Ayes: Porter, Britton, Brooks, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Erwin, to enter closed session for the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, security, or dismissal of specific employees of the districts 5 *ILCS 120/2*©(1) and the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body 5 *ILCS 120/2* ©(6).

The board met in closed session from 8:05 P.M. – 11:55 P.M.

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

President Bailey reported that appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, security, or dismissal of specific employees of the districts 5 *ILCS 120/2*©(1) and no action was taken on the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body 5 *ILCS 120/2* ©(6) was discussed.

A motion was made by Kessler, seconded by Brooks, to adopt a resolution for life safety amendments in our district in the amounts of \$698,000 and \$42,000. Ayes: Brooks, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Cochran, seconded by Erwin, to accept the resignation of Gary Phillips, custodian, effective February 13, 2006. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, Brooks, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Erwin, to authorize the administration to hire a sub driver as needed. Ayes: Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, Brooks, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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A motion was made by Erwin, seconded by Brooks, to accept the resignation of Stephanie McCollum as high school assistant volleyball coach at the end of the 2005-06 school year. Ayes: Kessler, Porter, Britton, Brooks, Cochran, Erwin, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Erwin, seconded by Porter, to approve Johnny Zink as a volunteer assistant baseball coach at the North Clay High School. Ayes: Porter, Britton, Brooks, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Kessler, seconded by Britton, to advertise for mowing and trimming school grounds at a rate of \$8.50 per hour. Ayes: Britton, Brooks, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Superintendent, Monty Aldrich, reported on the following:

- a. Wabash Valley IASB Semi-Annual Meeting: March 9, 2006 at Red Hill (6:00 p.m. meal and 7:00 p.m. meeting)
- b. Updated the board on the FFA Alumni cooperating with the students in farming ground. the alumni are organizing and contributing to current students farming and harvesting crops (among other projects) on the recently acquired 20 acres of ground.
- c. Received a 10-year intergovernmental agreement with the North Clay Park District.
- d. No action taken yet on a plan date for strategic planning meeting.

President Bailey adjourned the meeting at 12:00 P.M.



President



Secretary