

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

The North Clay Community Unit #25 Board of Education met in regular session Monday, March 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, Cecil Cochran, Christine Erwin, Sharon Kessler, and Darren Bailey.

Members absent: Janice Brooks. Sherry Porter arrived at 6:37 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, Mary Maxwell and Pat Garrett. Other staff and visitors in attendance were: Mr. Jerod Specht, M/M Nathan Kitzman, Mrs. Leslee West, Bill Harrison, Josh Mathis, a few students from North Clay High School, and Mr. Tim King of Griffin, Kubik, Stephens & Thompson, Inc.

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

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Kessler, to approve all sick leave and personal leave requests presented plus board bills covered by checks #26,771 through #27,047 were in the following amounts: Educational Fund: \$84,977.77; Building Fund: \$3,016.57; Transportation Fund: \$12,035.42; IMRF/SS: \$7,669.48; F/PS: \$40,000.00 plus the February payroll of \$275,215.84 less deductions of \$63,772.38 making a total of \$359,142.70. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Britton, Kessler and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

President Bailey recognized visitors in attendance. Two students spoke favorably on behalf of Mr. Specht, NCHS P.E./Health Teacher. President Bailey stated that the comments from the students would be taken in consideration.

A motion was made by Kessler, seconded by Britton, to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2006 board meeting. Ayes: Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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

President Bailey stated that the meeting would now be open for a public hearing concerning the intent of the district to sell Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds and asked if anyone came to address the Board about the Bond Issue. With no comments being made about the intent of the District to sell bonds, a motion was made by Cochran, seconded by Britton, to close the public hearing. Ayes: Porter, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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Tim King of Griffin, Kubik, Stephens and Thompson, Inc. addressed the board on working out a contract to issue Life Safety Bonds. After Mr. King addressed the board on the bond issue, Superintendent, Monty Aldrich told the board that Architect, Paul Lunsford, could not be there because of family illness. Mr. Aldrich stated that the low bid for roofing the Elementary/Junior High had been received and was recommended for acceptance. However, bids for electrical work and the need for and type/extent of needed decking had not yet been determined. Superintendent Aldrich indicated he was pleased with the bid for the roofing. The original estimate for the roofing project was in excess of \$500,000.00. Martinsville Roofing, with the low bid of \$253,544.00, gave a guarantee to begin work on June 1 and have that work completed by Aug. 1. Architect Lunsford's recommendation was to bid the electrical work to be performed during the roofing project separately, along with the possibility of having to replace the plywood decking if necessary. The need for either plywood or metal decking could not be determined until the old roof was removed from the building – sometime in mid to late June.

Following the discussion of issuing bonds and needed repairs recommended, a motion was made by Porter, seconded by Erwin, to approve a contract with Tim King of Griffin, Kubik, Stephens, and Thompson, Inc. with the amount to be issued and the length of issue to be announced at a later date and to accept the low bid of \$253,544.00 from Martinsville Roofing of Martinsville. Ayes: Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

In Positive News:

Elementary/Jr. High: Mrs. Healy reported a North Clay seventh grader was the winner of the Clay County Spelling Bee, elementary school students participated in the FFA petting zoo recently and North Clay students again won the regional Scrabble tournament – they will be traveling to Boston, MA to compete in the national tournament in April. Also reported was an assembly on rainforest animals and a successful Grandparent's Day luncheon.

High School: Mrs. Grahn reported on a successful assembly put on by a Chicago troupe, MWAH! jointly sponsored by the North Clay FCCLA, Clay City FCCLA and the Clay City Excellence in Education Foundation and a recent appreciation dinner for staff was successful as was the recent Trivia Night.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Porter, to approve a professional development request by Amy Tarr to attend the Connections Conference, Illinois State University, on April 11-12, 2006. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Kessler, seconded by Britton, to approve the following personnel requests:

- a. Herb Williams – 4 personal days for family reasons, March 27-30, 2006
- b. Teresa Williams – 4 unpaid leave days for family reasons, March 27-30, 2006

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

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A motion was made by Kessler, seconded by Erwin, to approve the following field trip requests:

- a. Mrs. Tarr – April 3, 2006, Starlight, IN, to Forest Discovery Center “Wonder of Wood” (students will pay admission and meal)
- b. Enrichment Students/Mrs. Rudy – May 8-9, 2006, Chicago Museums
- c. Students/Mrs. Rudy – April 21-22, 2006, Boston, MA for National Scrabble Tournament
- d. Next Year’s 5th Grade Enrichment Students – Sept. 14-15, 2006, Archeology Camp
- e. Jr. High Chorus – Little Theatre in Sullivan, IL, April 7, 2006, *Aladdin Jr.* – school week
- f. 8th Grade Trip – St. Louis, April 28, 2006, Holocaust museum, IMAX, Science Center
- g. Jr. High Band – Greg Downes, to St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, April 25, 2006
- h. H.S. Band & Chorus – Stephanie Harrison/Greg Downes, to Chicago, overnight, May 2

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

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

- a. Boys basketball camp, Jr. High & H.S. Gym, May 22-26, 2006
- b. Lynn Rudy/Scrabble – commons area for benefit auction, March 31, 2006
- c. PTO – addition of Vintage Car Show to Educational Fair date approved previously
- d. Sports Boosters – commons area, May 13, 2006, for banquet

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

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Erwin, to approve the proposed 2006-2007 school calendar with August 18, 2006 being the first day of school with a Teacher’s Institute and student’s first attendance day on Monday. Ayes: Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Erwin, seconded by Porter, to approve the following graduation dates:

- Friday, May 19 at 7:00 P.M. – Junior High Graduation
- Saturday, May 20, at 2:00 P.M. - High School Baccalaureate
- Saturday, May 20, at 3:00 P.M. – High School Graduation

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

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Kessler, to renew the intergovernmental agreement between North Clay CUSD #25 and SEPCO (South East Purchasing Cooperative) for joint purchasing of district cafeteria products. Ayes: Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Kessler, seconded by Erwin, to approve an agreement with Lifetouch which is based out of Maryville, IL to publish the grade school yearbook. Ayes: Kessler, Porter, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Kessler, seconded by Erwin, to proceed with introducing the implementation of random student drug testing on the April regular monthly meeting agenda. Community input will be sought and the public will be encouraged to attend the April school board meeting. It was suggested to hold the April meeting at the Commons to allow for more attendance and comments on this issue.

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A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Britton, to approve a request from the North Clay Athletic Director, Josh Mathis, to raise officials' rate of pay for all athletics at the High School in the 2006-2007 school year. Ayes: Porter, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

The board tabled a request to split the cost of the upcoming Sports Boosters banquet meal in May.

The board tabled indefinitely a request from Patricia Curran to implement a 2nd & 3rd grade basketball program this spring.

The first reading for the following proposed Board Policy manual changes are as follows:

- a. 2:30 School District Elections
- b. 2:50 Board Member Term of Office
- c. 2:210 Organizational School Board Meeting
- d. 4:60 Purchases and Contracts
- e. 5:90 General Personnel – Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
- f. 6:50 School Wellness

Mr. Aldrich stated the last policy addresses state legislation requiring the establishment of a committee on school wellness and the abolishment of junk food at the Elementary/Junior High level. He noted the requirement addresses nutrition guidelines as well as physical fitness.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Porter, 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). Ayes: Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

The board met in closed session from 7:43 P.M. – 12:00 P.M.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Kessler, to enter open session. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, 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) were discussed 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 Erwin, seconded by Cochran, not to re-employ Jared Specht, H.S. P.E./Health Teacher at the North Clay High School for the 2006-07 school year. Ayes: Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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A motion was made by Cochran, seconded by Porter, not to re-employ Nathan Kitzman, Jr. High Social Studies Teacher for the 2006-07 school year. Ayes: Kessler, Porter, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Porter, to employ Marcy Flessner as a teacher for the 2006-07 school year. Ayes: Porter, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Britton, to employ Sefrina VanPelt as Spanish teacher for the 2006-07 school year. Ayes: Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Cochran, seconded by Erwin, to employ Ernest and Mona Harlow for the upcoming mowing for the district at \$8.50 per hour. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Cochran, to employ Joe Smith as full-time custodian at the Elementary/Jr. High School. Ayes: Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Cochran, seconded by Erwin, to employ Mona Harlow as substitute bus driver. Ayes: Kessler, Porter, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Erwin, seconded by Kessler, to approve rehiring Karen Breeding as ½ time Speech and Language Teacher for the 2006-07 school year. Ayes: Porter, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Kessler, to employ Elem. /Jr. High Principal, Mrs. Julie Healy, for the 2006-2007 school year and set salary at \$56,500.00. Ayes: Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Erwin, seconded by Kessler, to employ High School Principal, Mrs. Carolyn Grahn, for the 2006-2007 and set salary at \$67,800.00. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Britton, to employ Mrs. Sharon Mayes, Curriculum Coord./Assistant Principal for the 2006-2007 school year and set salary at \$49,800.00. Ayes: Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Kessler, seconded by Cochran, to employ Monty Aldrich, District Superintendent, with a 4% raise plus benefits for the 2006-07 school year, and extend his contract through the 2010-2011 school year. Ayes: Kessler, Porter, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Aldrich did not have anything to report on at this time.

President Bailey adjourned the meeting at 12:05 P.M.



President



Secretary