

**NORTH CLAY COMMUNITY UNIT #25 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JUNE 12, 2006**

The North Clay Community Unit #25 Board of Education met in regular session Monday, June 12, 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, Recording Secretary, Cheryl Kuhlrig, reporters, Alta Mayhugh Alex Haglund and Pat Garrett. Other visitors were Mr. Dale Murbarger, Ms. Debbie Cox, Ms. Rhonda Clark, Mr. Kenny Todd, Ms. Julie Barbee, Keri Murphy, Kelsey Aldrich, and Josh Mathis.

***PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2005-2006 AMENDED SCHOOL BUDGET
6:30 P.M. IN THE UNIT OFFICE.**

President Bailey opened the meeting by offering time for public comment on the amended budget that had been on display since the regular monthly meeting on May 8, 2006. With no comments being made, President Bailey closed the hearing. A motion was made by Kessler, seconded by Porter, to adopt the 2005-2006 amended school budget. Ayes: Brooks, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Porter, to approve all sick leave and personal leave requests presented plus board bills covered by checks #27,847 through #28,385 were in the following amounts: Educational Fund: \$87,768.36; Building Fund: \$15,309.58; Transportation Fund: \$14,687.07; IMRF/SS: \$12,482.87; F/PS: \$58,050.30 plus the May payroll of \$270,883.32 less deductions of \$64,090.03 making a total of \$395,091.47. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, Brooks, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

President Bailey recognized those visitors & staff who were in attendance and thanked all those who worked on the Student Random Drug Testing Committee that were in attendance.

A motion was made by Erwin, seconded by Britton, to approve the minutes from the May 8th, 2006 board meeting. Ayes: Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, Brooks, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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

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President Bailey recognized those on the Student Random Drug Testing Committee. Mr. Dale Murbarger was the representative for the committee and presented the draft policy and information pertaining to the development of the policy. Mr. Murbarger addressed the issue of having a private vendor doing the testing which would alleviate school personnel being put on the spot. After much discussion, a motion was made by Kessler, seconded by Britton, to approve the 1st reading of the draft policy for Random Student Drug Testing and accept Superintendent Aldrich's recommendation of using the Clay County Hospital as the District's vendor. Ayes: Porter, Britton, Erwin, and Bailey. Nays: Brooks and Cochran. The motion carried.

Next on the agenda was discussing the possibility of expanding the Pre-K Program with transportation dependent upon availability of grant funds. President Bailey recognized Rhonda Clark, Early Childhood Coordinator, to update the board on an early childhood program. Ms. Clark works with Carol Steinman, Reg. Supt. Ms. Clark presented a community based pre-K program in cooperation with the ROE, school, and city. Carol Steinman's office would actually write for new money to develop this program within our community and possibly at any day care providers as well. She explained that the kids in need would benefit the same, and that they would have someone operating the entire program. The district would keep the Pre-K program at school, and all would work together in the screening process so that it wouldn't be competitive. Following Mr. Clark's presentation, a motion was made by Cochran, seconded by Porter, to develop an agreement with the Regional Office of Education #12, Carol Steinman, and Rhonda Clark to work together in implementing a community-wide early childhood program to either be housed through a current or new day care program or through the school district. Ayes: Britton, Brooks, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Porter, to adopt the fiscal year of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 and continue all policies, contracts, and program in force on June 30, 2006. Ayes: Brooks, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Kessler, to adopt a meeting schedule with dates and times for school board meetings for the 2006-2007 school year. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, July 10, 2006	Monday, August 14, 2006	Thursday, Sept. 14, 2006 (to allow budget on display allotted amount of time.)
Tuesday, October 10, 2006 (holiday, Mon., Oct. 9)	Monday, November 13, 2006	Monday, December 11, 2006
Monday, January 8, 2007	Tuesday, February 13, 2007 (holiday, Mon., Feb. 12)	Monday, March 12, 2007
Tuesday, April, 2007 (Easter Break - Mon. Apr. 9)	Monday, May 14, 2007	Monday, June 11, 2007

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

A motion was made by Kessler, seconded by Britton, to adopt the prevailing wage scales for the 2006-2007 school year. Ayes: Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, Brooks, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Kessler, seconded by Erwin, to name the Clay County State Bank as depository for District's funds for the 2006-2007 school year. Ayes: Kessler, Porter, Britton, Brooks, Cochran, Erwin, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Kessler, to approve a request by the Jr. High cheerleaders for a Walk-a-Thon fundraiser. Ayes: Porter, Britton, Brooks, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Britton, to approve a building usage request by the Clay County Farm Bureau on August 14, 2006 in the commons Area. Ayes: Britton, Brooks, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Kessler, to approve advertising for bids on milk, bread, and gasoline/diesel for the 2006-2007 school year. Ayes: Brooks, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Erwin, to approve annual dues to the Illinois Association of School Boards in the amount of \$2,458.00. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, Brooks, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Cochran, seconded by Kessler, to set salary at \$180.00 a month for the school district treasurer and employ Judy VanDyke as the school district treasurer through June 2007. Ayes: Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, Brooks, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

The board next discussed adding Cross Country as a sport at NCHS in the fall of the 2006-07 school year, but after much discussion, a motion was made by Cochran, seconded by Porter, to approve the addition of Cross Country as a sport at the North Clay High School in the fall of the 2007-2008 school year. Ayes: Kessler, Porter, Britton, Brooks, Cochran, Erwin, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Kessler, seconded by Brooks, to approve adding a Jr. High Softball program beginning with the 2007-2008 school year. Ayes: Porter, Britton, Brooks, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Kessler, seconded by Brooks, to approve converting our Jr. High Athletic Handbook to be universal with our High School Athletic Handbook. Ayes: Britton, Brooks, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

By an unanimous decision, The Student Wellness Policy was put on first reading.

A motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Britton to rescind the motion made and approved at the May 8, 2006 meeting regarding an intrafund loan to the Health Life Safety Fund from Working Cash. The district didn't believe it would receive its money in time to replenish the life safety account, but the money came in earlier than expected and the District did not have to move the money. Ayes: Brooks, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Erwin, to approve a lease agreement with CEFS Economic Opportunity Corporation for two (2) classrooms and designated office space at the old Kindergarten Building for the 2006-2007 program year in the amount of \$11,000.00. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, Brooks, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Brooks, to approve a summer school softball camp in August 2006. Ayes: Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, Brooks, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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A motion was made by Kessler, seconded by Porter, to approve a Jr. High Cheerleading Camp for July 24-26, 2006 at the grade school gym. Ayes: Kessler, Porter, Britton, Brooks, Cochran, Erwin, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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

The board met in closed session from 8:35 P.M. – 10:05 P.M.

Board Member Janice Brooks was absent during the closed session and the remainder of the meeting.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Britton, to enter open session. Ayes: Britton, 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)* had been discussed.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Erwin, to employ Brian Wattles as Physical Education Teacher and Assistant Boys Basketball Coach at the North Clay High School for the 2006-2007 school year. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Erwin, to employ DeDe Heuerman as High School Science Teacher and High School Cheerleading Sponsor at the North Clay High School for the 2006-2007 school year. Ayes: Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Britton, to employ Elizabeth Todd as Title I Tutor at North Clay Elem. /Jr. High for the 2006-2007 school year. Ayes: Kessler, Porter, Britton, Erwin, and Bailey. Nays: Cochran. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Kessler, seconded by Erwin, to accept the resignation of Shirley Kessler as Guidance Counselor at the end of the 2005-2006 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 Julie Barbee as an Elementary Teacher for the 2006-2007 school year. Ayes: Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, to employ Carrie Kuhl as Part-time Language Arts Teacher and Assistant High School Volleyball Coach at the North Clay High School for the 2006-2007 school year. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Britton, to accept the resignation from John Sandbothe as the High School Girl's Softball Coach effective immediately. Ayes: Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Kessler, to authorize the administration to hire a cook and advertise for an administrative position for the 2006-2007 school year. Ayes: Kessler, Porter, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Porter, to employ Kim Harrison as Assistant Jr. High Volleyball Coach for the 2006-2007 school year. Ayes: Porter, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Superintendent, Monty Aldrich, reported on the following:

- A. Financial Review – General State Aid and Grant Updates were given on the preliminary reports indicating an increase in state aid for the next school year. Mr. Aldrich also reported on the decrease in allocated funds for the NCLB consolidated grant applications.
- B. An update on electrical, roofing projects, and other projects in the district. Martinsville Roofing had started the roofing project by replacing the gym roof at the grade school. Tear off was slated to begin on June 14, 2006, pending weather for the remainder of the project. Electrical work was underway to route new underground wire to replace existing wiring and conduit on the old roof. Mr. Aldrich also reported that the Energy Grant was approved and work was underway to replace energy-saving fixtures, ballasts, and bulbs in the District's facilities.
- C. Hella Robotics Program.

President Bailey adjourned the meeting at 10:18 P.M.



President



Secretary