

**NORTH CLAY COMMUNITY UNIT #25 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2007**

The Board meeting was to be held on February 13th, 2007, but due to inclement weather, was changed to February 19, 2007.

The North Clay Community Unit #25 Board of Education met in regular session, Monday, February 19, 2007, in the North Clay Unit District Office. President Bailey called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Board member, Troy Britton, led the board in prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

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

Members absent: Cecil Cochran

Others present were: Superintendent, Monty Aldrich, Principals, Carolyn Grahn and Julie Healy, Recording Secretary, Cheryl Kuhlrig, reporters, Pat Garrett and Alex Haglund, and visitors, Josh Mathis and Curtis and Rachel Thompson.

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

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Brooks, to approve all sick leave and personal leave requests presented plus board bills covered by checks #30,293 through #30,646 were in the following amounts: Educational Fund: \$106,399.71; Building Fund: \$5,384.14; Transportation Fund: \$14,525.93; IMRF/SS: \$13,283.10; plus the January payroll of \$276,875.98 less deductions of \$64,290.13 making a total of \$352,178.73. Ayes: Porter, Britton, Brooks, Erwin, Kessler, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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

President Bailey opened the floor for any comments for consideration of modification of Illinois School Code concerning Pulaski Day from 2007-20011-12 school year. With none being made, the public hearing was closed.

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

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Brooks, to approve the minutes from the January 8th, 2007, regular board meeting. Ayes: Brooks, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Porter, to approve a workshop request by Jackie Cummings and Marcy Flessner to attend the Illinois Reading Council Conference, in Springfield, IL on March 15-17, 2007. Ayes: Porter, Britton, Erwin, Kessler, Brooks and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Kessler, seconded by Porter, to ban Gary Phillips from all athletic events from January 13, 2007 (date of the incident) to Jan. 13, 2008. Ayes: Britton, Erwin, Kessler, Brooks, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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After much discussion on the life safety work for the High School repairs, a motion was made by Erwin, seconded by Britton, to approve pursuing life safety work on the high school building this summer using Option 2, installing an EIFS System over the exterior of the High School using Option 1 of Bonding Options to pay for the repairs through Griffin, Kubik, Stephens & Thompson, Inc. Option 1 would add the cost of the project to the existing bonds equally. Also included in this motion, Superintendent Aldrich would begin the process of approval of life safety amendments, work with the district's architects to begin the bidding process, and pursue the possibility of replacing the wooden bleachers at the high school gym. The board also requested Superintendent Aldrich to seek out possible bids on repairing the north gym wall underground where water had leaked inside the building and pursue financing options with Tim King of Griffin, Kubik, Stephens & Thompson, Inc. with life safety bonds. Ayes: Erwin, Kessler, Brooks, Porter, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Included in the above discussion of buildings was the possibility of planning and pursuing a building addition in the future. Discussion included a new addition with additional classrooms, a large gym, community fitness center, and other options. The Board will begin discussing a possible project at upcoming meetings.

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

- a. Walk Day in Illinois – May 1, 2007, Grades 1-3, Charley Brown Park (Wellness Activity)
- b. Band/Chorus Trip – March 6, 2007, Powell Symphony Hall, St. Louis, Mo
- c. Scrabble Club – May 4-5, 2007, National School Scrabble Tournament, Providence, RI
- d. 8th Grade Trip – May 11, 2007, 2007, St. Louis (City Museum, Union Station, Fox Theater)
- e. Drama Club – Attend musical production at Effingham H.S. or Newton H.S. (No Cost)
- f. North Clay Jr. High School Cheerleaders – attend as spectators a state cheerleading competition, April 1-2, 2007, overnight
- g. High School Band/Chorus – overnight to Chicago, possible dates in April, view performances
- h. Jr. High Solo & Ensemble Contest – March 24
- i. High School Solo & Ensemble Contest – March 3
- j. Billy Coble/Jr. High Basketball Team – attend Class A high school tournament, March 10, 2007

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

A request by Jean Porter for four days personal leave (one without pay) – March 6-9, 2007 was denied due to no motion being made.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Brooks, to approve Glenda Liggett, bus driver, to have unpaid leave days on February 28, March 1, and 6, 2007. Ayes: Brooks, Porter, Britton, Erwin, Kessler, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Kessler, seconded by Erwin, to approve the following Building Usage Requests:

- a. Wabash Telephone Cooperative, High School Gym, April 26, 2007
- b. Post Prom, High School Gym, April 20-22, 2007, based upon proof of liability insurance

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

The Board was addressed by Josh Mathis on scheduling issues for next year. The Board directed Athletic Director, Josh Mathis, to pursue contacting North Wayne School District to see if they would have interest in co-op golf team with North Clay.

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Mr. Curtis Thompson, Girl's Basketball Coach, addressed the Board concerning additional Fresh/Soph games added to next year's schedule. The board directed Mr. Thompson to work with the Athletic Director to arrange possible contests.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Brooks, to approve a tentative school calendar for the 2007-08 school year. Ayes: Britton, Erwin, Kessler, Brooks, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Erwin, to approve purchase of new textbooks for Social Science at grades 9-12 through the Illinois State Board of Education Illinois Textbook Loan Program. The Textbook Loan will be around \$9,000.00. Ayes: Erwin, Kessler, Brooks, Porter, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Kessler, to approve the School Library Per Capita Grant in the amount of \$501.25 for fiscal year 2007. Ayes: Kessler, Brooks, Porter, Britton, Erwin, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Erwin, to enter closed session for

- a. The purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, security, or dismissal of specific employees of the district 5 *ILCS 120/2* © (1).
- b. Possible litigation 5 *ILCS 120/2* © (11).

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

The board met in closed session from 8:08 P.M. – 10:38 P.M.

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

President Bailey reported that the following were discussed:

- a. The appointment, employment compensation discipline, performance, security or dismissal of specific employees of the district 5 *ILCS 120/2* © (1).
- b. Possible litigation 5 *ILCS 120/2* © (11).

A motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Britton, to accept the resignation from Bonnie Porter, custodian, effective January 26, 2007. Ayes: Britton, Erwin, Kessler, Brooks, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Erwin, to employ Mary Kelso as Speech/Language Pathologist for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year. Ayes: Erwin, Kessler, Brooks, Porter, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Erwin, seconded by Britton, to employ Lucinda Wiegel as custodian at the grade school effective immediately. Ayes: Kessler, Brooks, Porter, Britton, Erwin, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Erwin, seconded by Brooks, to accept the resignation from Kim Harrison as high school volleyball coach. Ayes: Brooks, Porter, Britton, Erwin, Kessler, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Porter, to employ Dave Shymick as a substitute bus driver and substitute custodian based upon completion of requirements. Ayes: Porter, Britton, Erwin, Kessler, Brooks, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Kessler, to approve Stephanie Williams to go on maternity leave on a tentative date in March through the remainder of the 2006-07 school year. Ayes: Britton, Erwin, Kessler, Brooks, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Erwin, seconded by Britton, to re-employ administrators, Carolyn Grahn for the 2007-08 school year at a salary of \$70,900.00, Julie Healy for the 2007-08 school year at a salary of \$59,100.00, Terry Irvin for the 2007-08 school year at a salary of \$45,000.00, and set the salary of Superintendent, Monty Aldrich, at \$92,000.00 for the 2007-08 school year. Ayes: Erwin, Kessler, Brooks, Porter, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

There was no superintendent's report.

President Bailey adjourned the meeting at 10:42 P.M.

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President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sharon Kessler", written over a horizontal line.

Secretary