

**NORTH CLAY COMMUNITY UNIT #25 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MARCH 12, 2007**

The North Clay Community Unit #25 Board of Education met in regular session, Monday, March 12, 2007 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, Chrissy 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, Terry Irvin, Recording Secretary, Cheryl Kuhlig, reporters, Pat Garrett, Alex Haglund, and Jason Short, visitors, Josh Mathis and Bob Stortzum, and teachers, Amy Walker, Rosemary Hawkins, and Seferina VanPelt.

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

A motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Kessler, to approve all sick leave and personal leave requests presented plus board bills covered by checks #30,647 through #30,907 were in the following amounts: Educational Fund: \$90,653.37; Building Fund: \$8,126.87; Transportation Fund: \$12,030.44; IMRF/SS: \$13,025.99; plus the February payroll of \$279,953.64 less deductions of \$64,646.38 making a total of \$339,143.93. Ayes: Brooks, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, 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.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Brooks, to approve the minutes from the February 19, 2007, regular board meeting. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, Brooks, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Britton, to amend the agenda by adding under 5, 5b. to read: Shirley Wildbur, unpaid leave day, March 16, 2007. Ayes: Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Brooks, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Kessler, seconded by Brooks, to approve a Life Safety amendment for the EIFS system, bleacher replacement, and waterproofing at the high school. Also, approved in this motion, was to replace the HVAC controls at the grade school with previously approved life safety funds, and to authorize payment to Lunsford Architects for services rendered out of the Operations & Maintenance fund. Ayes: Porter, Brooks, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Brooks, to approve the following professional development requests:

- a. Cara Rinehart – Self-Mutilation Workshop, Evansville, IN, April 24, 2007
- b. Stephanie Harrison – Music Workshop, St. Charles, IL, July 2007
- c. Mandy Turner – Parents as Teachers Workshop, MO, no cost (paid by Clay Co. Health Dept.) with a special thanks to Clay Co. Health Dept. for providing this opportunity for the district.
- d. Josh Mathis, Illinois Athletic Director’s Conference, May 5, 2007

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

The leave request by Rosemary Hawkins, for 5 days without pay, either April 16-20 or April 23-27, 2007 died for lack of a motion; therefore the leave request was not approved.

The leave request by Shirley Wildbur, for one unpaid leave day on March 16, 2007, died for lack of a motion; therefore the leave request was not approved.

A motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Porter to approve the following Building use requests:

- a. Grade School Gym, NCA Cheerleading Camp, no cost, last week in June, 2007
- b. Both gyms, Oil Belt Service Camp, weeks of July 8 & 15, 2007 contingent upon no construction being present at the high school that would interrupt gym usage.

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

High School Principal, Mrs. Carolyn Grahn, presented the board with curriculum changes and updates. After her presentation, a motion was made by Porter, seconded by Erwin, to adopt the following curriculum changes for the 2007-08 school year:

- a. Change Business to meet new state requirements for grant reimbursement purposes.
- b. Switch Lab I and Lab II at the high school science level.
- c. Offer one semester of Speech.
- d. Offer Spanish IV.

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

A motion was made by Kessler, seconded by Porter, to approve the Pre-K Class to Charley Brown Park, Little Toot, on May 14, 2007, (grant funded). Ayes: Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Brooks, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Mrs. VanPelt asked the board to consider a trip to Spain for 9-10 days with 5-10 students from her Spanish II-IV during the summer of 2008 using EF Educational Tours at a cost of \$1,120.00 per student. The board tabled this item and invited Mrs. VanPelt to come back and present at the regular board meeting in April more details and an itinerary of the trip.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Erwin, to approve having a senior awards night in conjunction with the Academic Foundation banquet. Ayes: Kessler, Porter, Brooks, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Kessler, to set the High School graduation for Saturday, May 19 at 2:00 p.m./3:00 p.m., and grade school promotion for Monday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m. Ayes: Porter, Brooks, Britton, 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 the renewing of the South East Purchasing Cooperative Intergovernmental Agreement for joint purchasing for the 2007-08 school year. Ayes: Brooks, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Brooks, to approve placing on first reading the following proposed Board Policy Manual Changes:

- a. 5:300 Educational Support Personnel: Schedules and Employment Year (delete)

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

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Kessler, 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).

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

The board met in closed session from 7:35 P.M. – 9:25 P.M.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Kessler, to enter open session. Ayes: Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Brooks, Britton, Cochran, 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).

A motion was made by Brooks, seconded Britton, to adopt a resolution to honorably dismiss first-year Title I teacher, Christina Clifton, until grant funds are determined at a later date. Ayes: Kessler, Porter, Brooks, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Britton, to accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement from Kay Newby as cook for the district since 1972, effective March 30, 2007, and accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement from Don Lilley, high school custodian, effective March 30, 2007. The board thanked Kay and Don for their years of dedication to our district. Ayes: Porter, Brooks, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Brooks, to accept the resignation from Sonja King as Assistant Jr. High Cheerleader Sponsor. Ayes: Brooks, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Kessler, seconded by Erwin, to accept a leave of disability for Joni Pierson, due to the birth of her child, tentatively set for late April or early May. Ayes: Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Brooks, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Erwin, seconded by Britton, to authorize the administration to offer contracts for a custodian and a cook for the district. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Brooks, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Erwin, to employ Dean Harlow to do the mowing for the upcoming summer. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Brooks, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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A motion was made by Kessler, seconded by Porter, to employ Kay Newby as a substitute cook effective April 1, 2007. Ayes: Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Brooks, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Superintendent's Report:

- a. School Report Cards – Superintendent Aldrich reported that there was an error on the school report card at the high school and that the district will release those to parents and media once the report is completed.
- b. Preschool for All – ISBE requirements for next year with the ROE 12 preschool class include a need to fill both classes to 20 students each to insure full funding. Superintendent Aldrich updated the board on where the program was.
- c. Financial Report – Superintendent Aldrich reported on the overall state of the budget and gave an update on the district's efforts to collect outstanding debts.
- d. Health Insurance – The district is in the process of finalizing new bids for group health insurance. This will be included in the April board meeting.

President Bailey adjourned the meeting at 9:40 P.M.



President



Secretary