

**NORTH CLAY COMMUNITY UNIT #25 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MAY 14, 2007**

The North Clay Community Unit #25 Board of Education met in regular session, Monday, May 14, 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: Janice Brooks, Troy Britton, 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, new board members to be seated, Tony Smith and Mike Worthey, and several visitors.

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

A motion was made by Erwin, seconded by Britton, to approve all sick leave and personal leave requests presented plus board bills covered by checks #31,155 through #31,443 were in the following amounts: Educational Fund: \$121,907.56; Building Fund: \$28,018.71; Transportation Fund: \$34,264.32; IMRF/SS: \$14,800.60; plus the April payroll of \$289,109.49 less deductions of \$67,704.92 making a total of \$420,695.76. Ayes: Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Brooks, 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 adjourned the current school board meeting Sine Die.

President Bailey served as President Pro Tem for administering the oath and swearing in the newly elected board members, Tony Smith and Mike Worthey.

ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS:

President Bailey served as President pro tem and called the North Clay School Board meeting to order. President pro tem Bailey opened the floor for nominations for President. Sherry Porter nominated Darren Bailey for President. President pro tem Bailey closed the floor for nominations. Ayes: Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, and Bailey. Nays: None. Darren Bailey was re-elected as President.

President Bailey opened the floor for nominations for Vice President. Sherry Porter nominated Troy Britton for Vice President. President Bailey closed the floor for nominations. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, and Bailey. Nays: None. Troy Britton abstained. Troy Britton was elected as Vice-President.

President Bailey opened the floor for nominations for Secretary. Chrissy Erwin nominated Sherry Porter for Secretary. President Bailey closed the floor for nominations. Ayes: Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. Sherry Porter was elected as Secretary.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Erwin, to appoint Judy VanDyke as Treasurer. Ayes: Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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The following dates and location were set for the Regular Meetings for the upcoming 12 month board meetings. The meetings will be held in the Unit Office at 6:30 P.M. on the following dates:

Monday, June 18, 2007
Monday, July 16, 2007
Monday, August 13, 2007
Thursday, September 13, 2007 – (to allow budget on display allotted amount of time)
Tuesday, October 9, 2007 (holiday Mon., October 8)
Monday, November 12, 2007
Monday, December 10, 2007
Monday, January 7, 2008
Monday, February 11, 2008
Monday, March 10, 2008
Tuesday, April 14, 2008
Monday, May 12, 2008
Monday, June 9, 2008

These dates were unanimously approved.

The following people were appointed to serve on the following Committees.

Building & Grounds: Cecil Cochran and Troy Britton
Technology & Curriculum: Cecil Cochran and Chrissy Erwin
Public Relations: Tony Smith and Sherry Porter
Finance: Sherry Porter and Darren Bailey
Policy: Troy Britton and Mike Worthey
Negotiations: Mike Worthey and Troy Britton
North Clay Academic Foundation Member: Troy Britton
SESE Governance Representative: Darren Bailey

New Business:

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Erwin, to approve the minutes from the April 10th and May 1 2007 Board Meetings. Ayes: Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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

Superintendent, Monty Aldrich, updated the Board of the Random Student Drug Testing Policy for the 2006-2007 school year. Mr. Aldrich reported that 83 random tests were performed and there were 6 testing periods. Each test cost \$27.00 which was contracted with the Clay County Hospital. The specimens were transported to the LabCorp for review. The total cost of the program for the year was \$2,239.65 and the same allocation is expected for the next school year. The testing process used was a split-screen specimen collection which eliminated another test needing to be performed. In the split-screen testing, if LabCorp detected an initial positive result, the second specimen was then sent on to another lab to accurately detect what the actual substance was. This eliminated the possibility for a false positive. One suggestion was discussed regarding voluntary consent for any parent to submit permission for their child to be in the pool for random testing. This may be done at registration by offering all parents who register children to submit a request for random student drug testing.

President Bailey called a special meeting on Tuesday, May 22, at 6:30 P.M. to adopt the District's amended budget for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. The vote was unanimous.

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A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Britton, to approve the application for the School Board Legal Liability (Errors and Omissions) coverage and Unemployment Insurance Claim Control Program through the Worker's Compensation Self-Insurance Trust sponsored by the Illinois Association of School Boards. Ayes: Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

After hearing the request from Bill J. Milner, Attorney, to allow Cheryl Yates to attend the 8th Grade Promotion and High School Graduation ceremonies, a motion was made by Cochran, seconded by Britton, to support the administration and teachers by upholding a ban for the period of one year from the date of the incident to Cheryl Yates. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Porter, and Britton. Nays: Smith, Worthey, and Bailey. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Porter, to approve a fundraiser request from the Jr. High Cheerleaders- June, 2007, for a Walk-a-Thon. Ayes: Erwin, Porter, Britton, Smith, Worthey, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Porter, to approve Christina Clifton a leave of disability for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year. Ayes: Porter, Britton, Smith, Worthey, Cochran, Erwin, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Britton, to approve the 2007-2008 registration dates of Monday, August 6 and Tuesday, August 7, 2007. Ayes: Britton, Smith, Worthey, Cochran, Erwin, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Porter, to approve the following Board Policy Manual changes for the first reading:

- a. 4:120 Food Services
- b. 6:310 Credit for Alternative Courses and Programs, and Course Substitutions
- c. 7:70 Attendance and Truancy
- d. 7:190 Student Discipline

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

A motion was made by Cochran, seconded by Smith, to approve the recommended changes by Principal, Julie Healy, for the 2007-2008 Elementary/Jr. High Student Handbook. Ayes: Worthey, Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Britton, Smith, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

After reviewing recommended changes by Principal, Carolyn Grahm, for the 2007-2008 High School Student Handbook, a motion was made by Smith, seconded by Britton to approve those changes. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Britton, Smith, Worthey, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

After the vote, Superintendent Aldrich brought up a problem with cell phone usage on campus. After a lengthy discussion, the Board authorized Superintendent Aldrich to review some other school district policies regarding this issue and report back in June for consideration.

Assistant Principal, Terry Irvin, updated the board on the need for construction work that needed to be done on the Jr. High Softball field inside of the track area. Mr. Irvin reported that this project would rely heavily on donations of labor, equipment, etc. that can be available. He also stated that this would alleviate a problem with practices, game field usage at the park, etc. A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Porter, to approve proceeding with the construction of a field inside the track. Ayes: Erwin, Porter, Britton, Smith, Worthey, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Porter, to enter closed session for the purpose of:

- 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)*.

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

The board met in closed session from 8:01 P.M. to 10:05 P.M.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Smith, to enter open session. Ayes: Britton, Smith, Worthey, Cochran, Erwin, Porter, 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 Britton, seconded by Erwin, to employ Stacey Lux as Physical Education Teacher and Jr. High Softball Coach at the grade school for the 2007-2008 school year. Ayes: Smith, Worthey, Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Worthey, seconded by Smith, to accept the resignation from Johnny Zink as Assistant Jr. High Baseball Coach. Ayes: Worthey, Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Britton, Smith, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Cochran, seconded by Smith, to accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement from Violet Lilley effective May 24, 2007, and thanked her for her years of service to the district. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Britton, Smith, Worthey, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Cochran, to employ Violet Lilley as a substitute custodian. Ayes: Erwin, Porter, Britton, Smith, Worthey, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Britton, to accept the resignation from Brooke Greenwood as teacher aide effective the end of this school year. Ayes: Porter, Britton, Smith, Worthey, Cochran, Erwin, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Britton, to employ Angie Stanfield as Assistant Jr. High Girl's Basketball Coach for the 2007-2008 school year. Ayes: Britton, Smith, Worthey, Cochran, Erwin, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Smith, to accept the resignation of Dave Schymick as substitute custodian effective May 1, 2007. Ayes: Smith, Worthey, Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Worthey, seconded by Britton, to employ Brian Wattles as the Head Basketball Coach at the NCHS for the 2007-2008 school year. Ayes: Worthey, Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Britton, Smith, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Erwin, seconded by Smith, to accept the resignation from Shirley Wildbur as bus driver effective May 22, 2007, and thank her for her years of service to the district. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Britton, Smith, Worthey, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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A motion was made by Cochran, seconded by Smith, to authorize the administration to fill the vacancy of custodian. Ayes: Erwin, Porter, Britton, Smith, Worthey, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

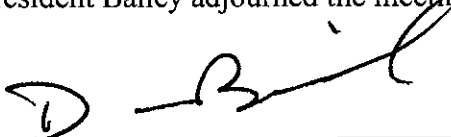
A motion was made by Erwin, seconded by Cochran to adopt the attached resolution to suspend Joni Pollard without pay for 15 working days beginning May 15, 2007, issue a Notice to Remedy, and possibly reassign her position as needed. Ayes: Erwin, Porter, Britton, Smith, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: Worthey. The motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Monty Aldrich reported on the following:

- a. New Board of Education Training/Retreat – the board authorized Supt. Aldrich to look into opportunities for board training and a strategic planning meeting this summer.
- b. Financial Report/NCLB Projections – Title I fund projections are out, and North Clay will be down around \$18,000.00 in Title I. All other grants are expected to remain steady in allocations.
- c. Graduation Arrangements

President Bailey adjourned the meeting at 10:25 P.M.



President



Secretary