

**NORTH CLAY COMMUNITY UNIT #25 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
AUGUST 14, 2006**

The North Clay Community Unit #25 Board of Education met in regular session Monday, August 14, 2006, in the North Clay 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, Cecil Cochran, Sharon Kessler, Sherry Porter, and Darren Bailey.

Members absent: Janice Brooks and Christine Erwin.

Others present were: Superintendent, Monty Aldrich, Principals, Carolyn Grahn and Julie Healy, Assistant Principal, Terry Irvin, Recording Secretary, Cheryl Kuhlig, reporters, Alta Mayhugh Alex Haglund, Pat Garrett and Smitty, and District Cook, Jennifer Stine. Several visitors were in attendance as well as the District's newly employed staff who were to be introduced to the Board Members.

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

A motion was made by Kessler, seconded by Porter, to approve all sick leave and personal leave requests presented plus board bills covered by checks #28,783 through #29,042 were in the following amounts: Educational Fund: \$116,347.14; Building Fund: \$16,432.76; Transportation Fund: \$4,345.62; IMRF/SS: \$2,052.58; F/PS: \$259,265.37 plus the July payroll of \$79,141.70 less deductions of \$18,015.55 making a total of \$459,569.62. Ayes: Porter, Britton, Cochran, Kessler, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

President Bailey recognized those visitors in attendance and the introductions of new staff at North Clay were done by the Principals. Those new staff members for the North Clay Unit 25 School District are: Terry Irvin, District Assistant Principal; Brian Wattles, HS Physical Education and Health; DeDe Heuerman, HS Science; Erika Ginder, Guidance Counselor; Carrie Kuhl, HS English; Seferina VanPelt, HS Spanish I, II, III; and Lindsay Keppler, JH Social Studies. The board thanked them for taking the time to come and wished them well in the upcoming year with the District.

President Bailey stated that the agenda needed to be amended. A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Porter, to amend the agenda. Ayes: Britton, Cochran, Kessler, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

President Bailey reported that the amended agenda should include adding the July 31, 2006 minutes to be approved and amend #16 and #17 to read as follows: #16: Discuss/approve additional work on Jr. High gym trusses as needed, and #17: Unpaid Leave request by Linda McPeak for an anticipated two weeks. A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Britton, to accept the amended items. Ayes: Cochran, Kessler, Porter, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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

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Superintendent, Monty Aldrich, presented the board with a revised Random Student Drug Testing Policy, taking into consideration concerns and questions raised during the June board meeting. A light discussion of the board took place before a motion to adopt the revised policy was put on the table. Board President, Darren Bailey, asked both the board and the audience if there were any other questions or concerns before the vote. With no comments being made, a motion was made by Kessler, seconded by Porter, to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the revised Random Student Drug Testing Policy and let lay until September 14, 2006, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading for adoption. Ayes: Porter, Britton, Cochran, Kessler, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made Britton, seconded by Porter, to approve an agreement with the Clay County Hospital to provide drug testing lab services. Ayes: Britton, Cochran, Kessler, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

With no comments being made at the public hearing on a request for a modification of Illinois School Code to attend school on Lincoln's Birthday, a motion was made by Cochran, seconded by Porter, to proceed with the application in renewing a five-year modification to attend school on Lincoln's birthday with ISBE for further approval. Ayes: Cochran, Kessler, Porter, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Cochran, seconded by Britton, to approve the District's tentative budget for the 2006-2007 fiscal year and approve a resolution to place the tentative budget on file in the Unit Office and set a date of September 14, 2006, for the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. which would be held for comments on the proposed budget. Ayes: Kessler, Porter, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Ms. Jennifer Stine presented to the board the many changes in the school lunch menus that had been made to reflect the recently adopted Wellness Policy. Ms. Stine reported that more items and variety would be added to the menu, with fat content, total calories, etc. available for each daily menu. She also stated that there would be options for Jr. High and High School students to purchase additional entrees, and fresh fruit, veggie trays, salads, and deli sandwiches would also be available at times. The board thanked Ms. Stine for her hard work in developing the menus.

Superintendent, Monty Aldrich, reported to the board that Clay City Superintendent, David Mills, had spoken to him about the possible deactivation of the Clay City High School. Discussion was held by the board on accepting students, possibilities that the Clay City Board of Education could take, transportation issues, boundary issues, tuition cost for those students to attend, and what options North Clay might desire. No decision was made, but the board directed Superintendent Aldrich to get more information on the issue, including how the students would be divided, so that the board could possibly make an informed decision at another meeting.

A motion was made by Kessler, seconded by Porter, to approve a Building use request for the Commons area from the NCHS Baseball Team for a benefit dinner on October 14, 2006 at 6:30 P.M. Ayes: Porter, Britton, Cochran, Kessler, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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A motion was made by Britton to adopt a resolution to retain the approved status of hazardous routes for the North Clay Community Unit School District #25. Ayes: Britton, Cochran, Kessler, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Kessler, to renew the intergovernmental agreement with the Clay County Health Dept. for the Prevention Initiative program at \$125.00 a month for ½ of a classroom for office space at the old kindergarten building. Ayes: Cochran, Kessler, Porter, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Kessler, to approve the updated job description manual within the district. Ayes: Kessler, Porter, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Britton, to approve a Red Cross blood drive with the USNC assisting on September 27, 2006, from 1:30 – 6:30 p.m. in the Commons. Ayes: Porter, Britton, Cochran, Kessler, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Kessler, to approve renewal of dues for the IASA Wabash Valley Region Division of \$50.00. Ayes: Britton, Cochran, Kessler, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

After discussion of the work on the JH Gym trusses, the board unanimously agreed to proceed as previously approved with repair on two trusses.

A motion was made by Cochran, seconded by Porter, to approve an unpaid leave request by Linda McPeak for approximately 2 weeks. Ayes: Cochran, Kessler, Porter, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Before going into closed session, President Bailey once again asked if there were any questions or comments from the audience. With that being asked, a parent wanted to know, that since the board had adopted the changes in the previously approved policy, if students who had not signed the old agreement would be allowed to drive to school and participate in extracurricular activities. Superintendent Aldrich reminded the audience that the current policy was in effect until September's second reading, so those students who either didn't sign the policy, or had parents who didn't sign the policy, would not be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities. This in turn created more discussion as to what activities that might include. Board member, Cecil Cochran, asked if the board had the option to delay "any" random drug testing until after the Sept. 14 second reading of the revised policy. After much discussion on this issue, Cochran made a motion that no students will be subjected through the randomly selected process until after September 14, 2006 with Britton seconding that motion. Ayes: Kessler, Porter, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Porter, to enter closed session for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, security, or dismissal of specific employees of the district 5 *ILCS 120/2©(1)*. Ayes: Porter, Britton, Cochran, Kessler, and Bailey.

The board met in executive session from 7:53 p.m. – 9:25 p.m.

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

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President Bailey reported that the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, security, or dismissal of specific employees of the district 5 *ILCS 120/2* was discussed.

A motion was made by Kessler, seconded by Porter, to accept the resignation from Teresa Williams as bus driver effective August 18, 2006. Ayes: Cochran, Kessler, Porter, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Kessler, to employ Kris Dane as full-time bus driver effective August 21, 2006. Ayes: Kessler, Porter, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Kessler, to employ Betty Stanford as part-time custodian at the old kindergarten building effective immediately. Ayes: Porter, Britton, Cochran, Kessler, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Kessler, to employ Allen Lucas as substitute bus driver pending completion of requirements. Ayes: Britton, Cochran, Kessler, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Kessler, to recall teacher aides, Karen Williamson, Brooke Greenwood, and Kim Haun. Ayes: Cochran, Kessler, Porter, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Kessler, seconded by Porter, to accept the resignation of Elizabeth Todd as Title I Teacher for the 2006-07 school year. Ayes: Kessler, Porter, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

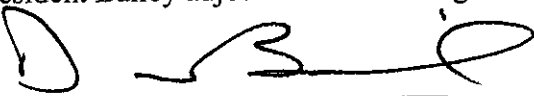
A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Britton, to employ Christina Clifton as Title I Teacher for the 2006-07 school year. Ayes: Porter, Britton, Cochran, Kessler, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Kessler, to employ Dana Adams as substitute cook, secretary, and bus driver dependent upon completion of requirements. Ayes: Britton, Cochran, Kessler, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Superintendent Aldrich reported on the following:

- a. Health Insurance Rates – Increases ranged from 2%-10% in various options available for employees.
- b. Reported on last year's breakfast/lunch program, and monthly budget summary
- c. Reported that a possible auction of surplus goods may occur this fall to free up storage areas.

President Bailey adjourned the meeting at 9:37 P.M.

  
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