

**NORTH CLAY COMMUNITY UNIT #25 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING MEETING – 2006-2007 SCHOOL BUDGET
SEPTEMBER 14, 2006**

The North Clay Community Unit #25 Board of Education met for the Public Hearing on the 2006-2007 Budget, Thursday, January 14, 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, Cecil Cochran, Christine Erwin, Sherry Porter, and Darren Bailey.

Members absent: Janice Brooks and Sharon Kessler.

Others present were: Superintendent, Monty Aldrich, Principals, Carolyn Grahn and Julie Healy, Recording Secretary, Cheryl Kuhlig, reporter, Alex Haglund, and other visitors in attendance were Josh Mathis, Mrs. Joni Pierson, Mrs. Julie Galloway, Ms. Rhonda Clark, and Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Pilcher.

President Bailey asked if there were any questions concerning the 2006-2007 budget. With no questions being asked, the Public Hearing was closed and the board entered into regular session.

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President Bailey called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:33 P.M. in the North Clay Unit District Office.

Members present were: Troy Britton, Cecil Cochran, Christine Erwin, Sherry Porter, and Darren Bailey.

Members absent: Janice Brooks and Sharon Kessler.

Others present were: Superintendent, Monty Aldrich, Principals, Carolyn Grahn and Julie Healy, Recording Secretary, Cheryl Kuhlig, reporter, Alex Haglund, and other visitors in attendance were Josh Mathis, Mrs. Joni Pierson, Mrs. Julie Galloway, Ms. Rhonda Clark, and Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Pilcher.

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

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Cochran, to approve all sick leave and personal leave requests presented plus board bills covered by checks #29,043 through #29,289 were in the following amounts: Educational Fund: \$76,060.17; Building Fund: \$6,016.68; Transportation Fund: \$8,346.12; IMRF/SS: \$2,491.68; F/PS: \$18,822.48 plus the August payroll of \$60,773.43 less deductions of \$12,761.02 making a total of \$159,749.54. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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

Board member, Sharon Kessler, arrived at 6:35 P.M.

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New Business:

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Erwin, to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2006 board meeting. Ayes: Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Britton, to approve a request by Joe Smith for personal days to be off without pay on August 16, 17, and 25th (1/2) day. Ayes: Porter, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Erwin, seconded by Cochran, to approve the following building usage requests:

- a. Commons – Jr. High Dance, sponsored by USNC, Sept. 29, 2006
- b. Commons – Clay County Farm Bureau Meeting, November 13, 2006
- c. Commons – County Line Sodbusters, January 6, 2007

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

A motion was made by Cochran, seconded by Britton, to adopt the District's budget for the 2006-07 fiscal year. Superintendent, Monty Aldrich, reported the district would have a balanced budget; therefore the district would not have to adopt a three-year reduction plan. Ayes: Erwin, Cochran, Kessler, Porter, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

There was a discussion regarding the status of the Pre-K program and the new Preschool for All grant program with Ms. Rhonda Clark, who works for the ROE #12 regarding the new Preschool for All program. After a lengthy discussion on possibilities with the Pre-K programs and a possible daycare facility, a motion was made by Cochran, seconded by Kessler, to pursue the transportation grant and provide transportation for the Pre-K – A.M., Mid-day, and P.M. contingent on available funding and working with the Administration. Ayes: Cochran, Kessler, Porter, Britton, Erwin, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

The Board expressed interest in pursuing the possibility of accepting students should a deactivation occur next year in Clay City. Superintendent Aldrich reported that the ROE #12 would act as a liaison for all school districts that have interest in a possible deactivation. All the schools interested would have representatives meet to discuss possibilities at a date to be determined later if the referendum for a tax increase did not pass in the Clay City School District.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Kessler, to approve the suggested additions and/or revisions to the following board policy manual:

- a. 7:135 Random Student Drug Testing Policy.

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

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A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Kessler, to put on first reading the following revisions to the Board Policy Manual:

- a. 6:310 Credit for Alternative courses and Programs, and Course Substitutions
- b. 2:250 Access to District Public Records
- c. 2:260 Uniform Grievance procedure (and appoint two complaint managers – one of each gender)
- d. 4:90 Activity Funds
- e. 4:160 Hazardous and Infectious Materials
- f. 5:150 Personnel Records
- g. 5:160 Release of Credit Information (delete)
- h. 5:300 Schedules and Employment Year
- i. 5:320 Evaluation
- j. 6:150 Home and Hospital Instruction
- k. 6:280 Grading and Promotion
- l. 7:80 Release Time for Religious Instruction/Observance
- m. 7:90 Release During School Hours
- n. 7:220 Bus conduct
- o. 7:310 Publications
- p. 8:40 Spectator Conduct and sportsmanship for Athletics and Extracurricular Events

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

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Britton, to approve the 2006-07 Application for Recognition of Schools. Ayes: Britton, Erwin, Cochran, Kessler, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Erwin, seconded by Porter, to approve paying dues for membership in the Illinois Association of Vocational Agriculture Teachers. Ayes: Erwin, Cochran, Kessler, Porter, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Cochran, seconded by Kessler, to approve the purchase of new technology equipment from Charley, Inc. of Robinson for approximately \$20,000.00. Ayes: Cochran, Kessler, Porter, Britton, Erwin, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Erwin, seconded by Britton, to approve the JMTC Conference dues of \$100.00. Ayes: Kessler, Porter, Britton, Erwin, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Kessler, to approve the Smart board Grant and consider purchase of four new Smart boards for classroom use. Superintendent Aldrich reported that he obtained a grant from SMARTer Kids Foundation that Mrs. McMahon had informed him of. The grant allowed for 1/3 of the total cost of each Smart board with additional funds that were obtained through another grant to pay for almost all of the costs involved in purchasing four Smart boards for the district. Ayes: Porter, Britton, Erwin, Cochran, Kessler, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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A motion was made by Kessler, seconded by Erwin, to approve the purchase of a voice mail system for the entire district through Wabash Telephone Cooperative at a cost of \$2,793.00. Ayes: Britton, Erwin, Cochran, Kessler, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Britton, to accept a donation of computer equipment from Vic and Erma Barbee. The board thanked them for their donation. Ayes: Erwin, Cochran, Kessler, Porter, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Erwin, seconded by Kessler, to approve the following upcoming field trips, fundraisers, and workshops:

Field Trips:

1. High School Choir – Music Festival Performance – Oct. 16, 2006, Charleston, IL
2. High School Volleyball, State Tournament – Nov. 10 & 11, 2006, cost is \$288
3. Scrabble Club – Sept. 23, 2006, fundraiser, Family Movie Night
4. Kindergarten – Rose Farms, McDonald’s, William Jennings Park – Salem, (67 students & 15 chaperones) – April 24, 2007
5. 1st Grade – Ballard Nature Center – Altamont (46 students & 9 chaperones), Oct. 13, 2006
6. 2nd Grade – Flora Veterinary Clinic, Library, Clay Co. Hospital, McDonald’s (62 students & 9 chaperones), Oct. 4, 2006
7. 3rd Grade – Centralia Cultural Society and Fairview Park – performance: “Kathleen Gibson, Whirling Rainbow Productions” (48 students & 12 chaperones), May 8, 2007.
8. 3rd Grade – Farm Safety Camp, Charlie Brown Park in Flora (48 students & 6 chaperones), Sept. 15, 2006
9. 4th Grade – Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and Lincoln Home National Historic Site (57 students & 10 chaperones), tentatively March 28, 2007
10. 5th Grade – New Harmony, IN Heritage Week (61 students & 9 chaperones), April 20, 2007
11. 5th Grade – Conservation Field Day, Flora (64 students & 4 chaperones), Spring date TBA
12. 6th Grade – Mitchell Museum (Cedarhurst), Mt. Vernon, IL, April 23, 2007
13. 7th Grade – St. Louis Science Center (37 students & 6 chaperones), May 9, 2007
14. 8th Grade – Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum & Frank Lloyd Wright Dana Thomas House, Springfield (45 students & 6 chaperones), Spring date TBA
15. 6th Grade Enrichment Class – Oil Belt Camp (overnight), Mid-October date TBA
16. 7th & 8th Grade Enrichment Students – Space Camp, Huntsville, AL, April 1-6, 2007
17. High School Enrichment Students – Several sites in Boston, MA, May 29-31, 2007
18. Fall Leadership Conference Planning Meeting, Sept. TBA at Fairfield, 3 students in van
19. Peer Leadership Conference, Springfield, Oct. 1 & 2, 2006, 5 students in van
20. District Leadership Conference at EIU, Oct., 2006/FCCLA pays registration, van
21. Section 6C Fall Leadership Meeting, TBA, Nov., 2006, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., van
22. Section 6C Spring Leadership Meeting TBA, Jan., 2007, van
23. Section 6C spring Leadership Conference, TBA, Feb., 2007, van
24. FCCLA State Leadership Conference, Springfield, FCCLA pays registration/lodging, van
25. Six Flags or Holiday World Trip – usually within first week after school is out, need bus

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Professional Development

1. Math Strategies for Jr. High – Ann Bryan, Sept. 20, 2006
2. Raising Achievement for Struggling Learners, Olney – Michelle Lovett, Joni Pollard, Amy Walker, Jennifer Iffert, Curtis Thompson – Oct. 5, 2006
3. Foreign Language Workshop, St. Louis – Seferina VanPelt, Nov. 6, 2006, cost is \$189
4. IAHPERD State Conference – Brian Wattles, Nov. 16-18, 2006
5. IAHPERD State Conference – Nancy Lewis, Nov. 16-18, 2006
6. IACTE Professional Development Institute on June 18-22, 2007 at Springfield, - Karen Ritter
7. IFACSTA Conference, Peoria, June 2007 – Karen Ritter
8. IFACSTA Conference, Peoria, June 2007-Karen Ritter
9. IFACSTA Region Meetings (fall and spring) – Karen Ritter
10. IFACSTA Executive Committee Meetings – Saturday meetings – Karen Ritter

Fundraisers:

1. Scrabble Club, School-wide Family Movie Night in commons – Sat., Sept. 23, 2006
- Ayes: Cochran, Kessler, Porter, Britton, Erwin, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Porter, to enter closed session for the purpose of:
The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, security, or dismissal of specific employees of the district 5 *ILCS 120/2 © (11)* possible litigation 5 *ILCS 120/2 © (11)*, and item 15 of the agenda.

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

The board met in closed session from 8:00 P.M. – 9:35 P.M.

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

President Bailey reported that the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, security, or dismissal of specific employees of the district 5 *ILCS 120/2 © (11)* possible litigation 5 *ILCS 120/2 © (11)*, and item 15 of the agenda was discussed.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Erwin, to authorize the administration to search for a used handicap accessible bus. Ayes: Britton, Erwin, Cochran, Kessler, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Kessler, to approve Angie Stanfield and Staci Bute as volunteer Asst. Jr. High Girl's Basketball coaches. Ayes: Erwin, Cochran, Kessler, Porter, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Cochran, seconded by Erwin, to authorize the administration to begin planning for a daycare facility and to advertise for daycare workers. Ayes: Cochran, Kessler, Porter, Britton, Erwin, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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A motion was made by Erwin, seconded by Porter, to authorize the administration to hire bus drivers as needed. Ayes: Kessler, Porter, Britton, Erwin, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Kessler, to hire Cathi Bailey as a substitute aide and secretary. Ayes: Porter, Britton, Erwin, Cochran, Kessler, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

a. Enrollment Update

Pre-K - 36

K - 67

1st - 46

2nd - 64

3rd - 49

4th - 55

5th - 63

6th - 38

7th - 38

8th - 50

9th - 54

10th - 58

11th - 48

12th - 51

For a total of 717

- b. Mr. Aldrich reported that a tree near the grade school needed removed. The board voted unanimously to approve A & R Bowen Tree Service of Louisville to have the tree near the grade school removed for a cost of \$550.00.

President Bailey adjourned the meeting at 9:38 P.M.



President



Secretary