

**NORTH CLAY COMMUNITY UNIT #25 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX LEVY  
DECEMBER 11, 2006**

The North Clay Community Unit #25 Board of Education met in session on Monday, December 11, 2006, in the North Clay Unit District Office for the Public Hearing on the Proposed Tax Levy. President Bailey called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Members present were: Darren Bailey, Troy Britton, Janice Brooks, Cecil Cochran, Chrissy Erwin, Sharon Kessler, Sherry Porter.

Members absent: None.

Others present were: Superintendent, Monty Aldrich, Principals, Carolyn Grahm and Julie Healy, Recording Secretary, Cheryl Kuhlig, and reporter, Alta Mayhugh. Other visitors were Lyle Allen and Josh Mathis.

President Bailey opened the floor for any public comments on the proposed tax levy. With no comments being made, the Public Hearing was closed.

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The North Clay Community Unit #25 Board of Education met in regular session, Monday, December 11, 2006, in the North Clay Unit District Office. President Bailey called the meeting to order at 6:35 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, Cecil Cochran, Chrissy Erwin, Sharon Kessler, Sherry Porter, Troy Britton, and Darren Bailey.

Members absent: None.

Others present were: Superintendent, Monty Aldrich, Principals, Carolyn Grahm and Julie Healy, Recording Secretary, Cheryl Kuhlig, and reporter, Alta Mayhugh. Other visitors were Lyle Allen and Josh Mathis.

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

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Brooks, to approve all sick leave and personal leave requests presented plus board bills covered by checks #29,796 through #30,119 were in the following amounts: Educational Fund: \$56,752.97; Building Fund: \$5,555.35; Transportation Fund: \$8,568.79; IMRF/SS: \$13,948.30; F/PS: \$3,511.00 plus the November payroll of \$288,830.12 less deductions of \$66,848.80 making a total of \$310,317.73. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, 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.

A motion was made by Erwin, seconded by Britton, to approve the minutes from the November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006, regular board meeting. Ayes: Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, Brooks, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Britton, to approve and adopt the district's tax levy for funds to be received for the 2007-2008 school year. The total of the levy was \$972,200.00. Ayes: Porter, Britton, Brooks, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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

- a. Steven Burgener – personal leave December 21, 2006, with pay and December 22, 2006 without pay.
- b. Machea Robinson – unpaid leave of absence through January 3, 2007.

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

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Erwin, to approve the following workshops:

- a. Debbie Grahn and Barbara Clifton – Reading Recovery Workshop on January 11 & 12, 2007, in Chicago.
- b. Richard Grubaugh, Mike Jones, Jason Lewis, and Johnny Zink to the University of Illinois Baseball coaches Clinic on January 19 & 20, 2007, for a cost of \$60.00 each plus hotel and mileage.

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

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Erwin, to approve the purchase of tickets for the girls and boys state basketball tournaments. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, Brooks, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Josh Mathis, High School Athletic Director, presented some information on the possible merger to the North Clay School Board. Five out of eight school boards in the Midland Trail Conference have to approve the merger. The merger would affect tournaments in fall baseball, volleyball, boy's basketball and softball, but not girls' basketball. After much discussion, a motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Erwin, to approve pursuing a merger of some Mid-South Conference school districts into the MTC in the future. The board emphasized that the preference would be to have the boys' basketball divided into a north and south division instead of the tentative proposal of east/west. The board directed High School Athletic Director, Josh Mathis, to begin pursuing this with the MTC representatives. Ayes: Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, Brooks, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Erwin, to renew SIJHSAA dues of \$180.00. Ayes: Kessler, Porter, Britton, Brooks, Cochran, Erwin, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Cecil Cochran to approve the screening dates for Birth to 3, Pre-K, and Kindergarten on Feb. 13-16, 2007, at the First Baptist Church with Erwin seconding the motion. Board Member, Cecil Cochran, stated that the Board appreciated the First Baptist Church for letting the District use their facilities. Ayes: Porter, Britton, Brooks, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Kessler, to approve the retainer with Karl Meurlot for labor relations and legal services January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 for a fee of \$1,500.00 per year with an additional service rate of \$160.00 per hour. Ayes: Britton, Brooks, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Brooks, to approve the renewal of the IASB sponsored property/casualty insurance with the Illinois School District Agency with a cost of \$72,575.00. Superintendent, Monty Aldrich, stated he would be checking other insurance companies in the next year. Ayes: Brooks, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

After a lengthy discussion on many possibilities that North Clay could pursue if the deactivation occurred at Clay City, a motion was made by Cochran that the District was interested in what was in the best interest of the students and would accept those students from Bible Grove, Hoosier and Pixley if Clay City deactivated and/or on a permanent basis. The motion died for lack of a second.

A motion was then made by Porter, seconded by Brooks, that the North Clay District was willing to work with the Clay City School District and that the North Clay District was interested in a proposal from Clay City regarding students within the Bible Grove, Hoosier, and Pixley Townships in the Clay City District. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, Brooks, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried. Superintendent Aldrich told the Board he would communicate the Board's decision to the Clay City District.

Board Member, Cecil Cochran, then asked the board to vote on the motion, that he proposed earlier, which died for lack of a second, be stricken from the records, because it might send out a message that North Clay did not want to work with Clay City. Kessler seconded the motion. Ayes: Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, Brooks, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Kessler to approve the following Revised Board Policy Manual changes from the November 14, 2006 regular board meeting:

- a. 5:60 Expenses
- b. 5:80 Court Duty
- c. 5:110 Recognition For Service (delete)
- d. 5:150 Personnel Records
- e. 5:185 Family and Medical Leave
- f. 5:310 Compensatory Time-Off (delete)
- g. 5:330 Educational Support Personnel: Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
- h. 5:340 Non-Certified Personnel
- i. 2:10 School District Governance
- j. 2:20 Powers and Duties of the School Board
- k. 2:50 Board member Term of Office
- l. 2:80 Board member Oath and Conduct
- m. 2:110 Qualifications, Terms, and Duties of Board Officers
- n. 2:140 Communications To and From the Board
- o. 2:200 Types of School Board Meetings
- p. 2:210 Organizational School Board Meeting
- q. 2:220 School Board Meeting Procedure
- r. 3:60 Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal
- s. 4:10 Fiscal and Business Management
- t. 4:40 Incurring Debt
- u. 4:170 Safety
- v. 5:30 General Personnel – Hiring Process and Criteria

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- w. 5:30 AP2 General Personnel – Investigations
- x. 5:90 General Personnel – Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
- y. 6:60 Curriculum Content
- z. 6:60--- AP Comprehensive Health Education Program
- aa. 6:250 Community Resource Persons and volunteers
- bb. 7:20 Administering Medicines to Students

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

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Britton, 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, Brooks, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

The board met in closed session from 8:32 P.M. – 9:38 P.M.

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

A motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Porter, to employ Lucinda Wiegel as a sub cook and custodian dependent upon background check. Ayes: Brooks, Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Brooks, to accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement from Barbara Clifton effective the end of the 2006-07 school year. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, Brooks, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

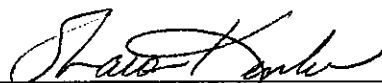
A motion was made by Kessler, seconded by Porter, to employ Lois Jean McKnelly as a sub aide. Ayes: Erwin, Kessler, Porter, Britton, Brooks, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

There was no Superintendent's Report.

President Bailey adjourned the meeting at 9:42 P.M.



**President**



**Secretary**