

**NORTH CLAY COMMUNITY UNIT #25 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2008**

The North Clay Community Unit #25 Board of Education met in regular session, Monday, January 7, 2008 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, Chrissy Erwin, Sherry Porter, Tony Smith, Mike Worthey, and Darren Bailey.

Members absent: None.

Others present were: Superintendent, Monty Aldrich, Principals, Carolyn Grahn and Julie Healy, and Recording Secretary, Cheryl Kuhlig.

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

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Smith, to approve all sick leave and personal leave requests presented plus board bills covered by checks #33,156 through #33,310 were in the following amounts: Educational Fund: \$65,656.88; Building Fund: \$44,138.49; Transportation Fund: \$33,872.14; IMRF/SS: \$13,139.83; F/PS: \$1,600.00 plus the December payroll of \$275,254.82 less deductions of \$63,019.74 making a total of \$370,642.42. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, 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.

PRESENTATION –Rich Grubaugh – 2009 Inauguration trip and the Social Science Curriculum. Mr. Grubaugh took a small number of students to the last Presidential Inauguration and sought board approval for the trip to be considered a school trip so it wouldn't count against a student's attendance record. He said the trip offered through the educational organization, World Strides, would be available to all Clay County high school students and the total cost of the trip would be \$1,424 with a \$79 deposit required by the end of the month. The trip is county-wide for 9th-11th graders and is self-funded. Following the presentation of the 2009 Inauguration trip and the Social Science curriculum to the Board, a motion was made by Smith and seconded by Cochran to proceed with the planning of the 2009 trip. Ayes: Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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

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

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

- a. Amy Tarr, Terry Branch – FCAE Winter Section Meeting, Mt. Carmel, Jan., 2008
- b. Amy Tarr – Made for Excellence Conference, Collinsville, Jan., 2008
- c. Amy Tarr, Terry Branch – Science in the South Conference, SIU-C, March 2008
- d. Erika Ginder – FAFSA Training and Financial Aid, Lake Land College, Jan. 2008
- e. Rich Grubaugh, Johnny Zink – Univ. of IL Baseball Clinic, Jan., 2008

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

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Britton, to ban Becky McKnelly effective Jan. 8, 2008 – June 8, 2008 from all athletic events with the exception of 8th Grade Recognition Night. The motion died for lack of a second. Then a motion was made by Porter, seconded by Britton, to ban Becky McKnelly for 5 months from all athletic events effective January 8, 2008 - June 8, 2008 with the exception of allowing her the opportunity to attend the 8th Grade Recognition Night ceremonies and walk-through before the game on Thursday, Jan. 10, 2008. Ayes: Britton, Erwin, Porter, Smith, and Bailey. Nays: Worthey and Cochran. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Worthey, seconded by Porter, to deny the request by Debra Grahn, for one personal day and three unpaid leave days, Feb., 2008. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Smith, to approve the purchase of a 2007 lease return 65 passenger bus. Ayes: Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Britton, to authorize the superintendent to begin preparing a budget for the 2008-2009 school year. Ayes: Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

After the board discussed ADA building requirements and improvements for construction purposes, the board authorized Superintendent, Monty Aldrich, to proceed with construction needed to comply with ADA requirements for the high school building. The tentative plans are for construction this summer. District Site and Construction Fund money will pay for the project. Ayes: Smith; Worthey, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Erwin, to enter closed session for the purpose(s) of:

- a. Reviewing for approval the closed session minutes from July, 2007 – December 2007
- b. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, security, or dismissal of specific employees of the district 5 *ILCS 120/2© (1)*.

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

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The board met in closed session from 8:10 P.M. to 9:25 P.M.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Erwin, to enter open session. Ayes: Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, 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 Britton, seconded by Smith, to leave the closed session minutes from July, 2007 to December, 2007 closed. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Erwin, to accept the resignation from Jason Lewis as Asst. Baseball Coach at the High School. Ayes: Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Worthey, seconded by Erwin, to accept the resignation from Rusty Harper as Asst. High School Basketball Coach effective 12-20-07. Ayes: Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Smith, to move Rich Grubaugh from Volunteer Asst. to paid Asst. High School Basketball Coach on a pro-rated basis. Ayes: Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Worthey, seconded by Smith, to move Johnny Zink from Volunteer Assistant to paid Assistant High School Baseball Coach. Ayes: Worthey, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Smith, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Erwin, to authorize days as needed to Stephanie Williams due to a fire destroying her home. Ayes: Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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Superintendent's Report:

- a. Superintendent Aldrich briefed the board on upcoming regulations and plans regarding 403b changes.
- b. The Local Government Debt Reform Act – Supt. Aldrich updated the board on information regarding possible local sales tax funding and how this act could benefit county school district.
- c. Board member, Mike Worthey, brought up the possibility of implementing intramural 5th and 6th grade basketball in replacement of the current program. More information would be gathered and discussed.

President Bailey adjourned the meeting at 9:50 P.M.



President



Secretary