

**NORTH CLAY COMMUNITY UNIT #25 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2008**

The North Clay Community Unit #25 Board of Education met in regular session, Monday, February 11, 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, Tony Smith, Mike Worthey, and Darren Bailey.

Members absent: Sherry Porter and Chrissy Erwin. Chrissy Erwin arrived at 7:03 P.M.

Others present were: Superintendent, Monty Aldrich, Principals, Carolyn Grahm and Julie Healy, Assistant Principal, Terry Irvin, and Recording Secretary, Cheryl Kuhlig.

President Bailey placed the treasurer's report for January 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 #33,311 through #33,628 were in the following amounts: Educational Fund: \$90,507.23; Building Fund: \$4,600.51; Transportation Fund: \$16,502.59; IMRF/SS: \$12,953.62; plus the January payroll of \$278,623.36 less deductions of \$63,170.41 making a total of \$340,016.90. Ayes: Cochran, 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 –Mandy Turner and Joni Pierson presented the programs of the 0-3 and Pre-K Programs which are grant funded. Each reported to the board the progress being made with the students and families in each program. Both reported on the upcoming activities being planned for the rest of the school year. The board thanked them for their time to come and update the board on the activities that were taking place and the progress being made with each program.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Worthey, to approve the minutes from the January 7, 2008, Board Meeting. Ayes: Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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

The Board tabled the discussion regarding MTC changes and the coaches' surveys on state tournament attendance until the March board meeting.

Superintendent Aldrich discussed possible plans for the ADA compliance construction at the high school. He reported to the board of possible plans of an elevator construction project for this summer, which was approved at the January board meeting. The plans are to install an elevator inside the high school building with an anticipated cost of around \$120,000 to \$150,000.

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A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Britton, to not approve an unpaid leave of absence for 6 weeks starting January 22, 2008 for Linda McPeak and to terminate her employment as of January 22, 2008. Ayes: Smith, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: Worthey. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Smith, to approve a Professional Development request by Melissa Smith – Video Production Work Camp, at Springfield, April 2008. The costs will be sponsored by the Wabash Telephone Cooperative. The board thanked the Wabash Telephone Cooperative for covering the cost. Ayes: Britton, Cochran, Worthey, Smith, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Worthey, to approve the following field trip requests:

- a. National Scrabble Tournament, Ms. Cummings & Ms. Rudy, May, 2008 (overnight)
 - b. High School Enrichment Trip to New York City, June 1-3, 2009
 - c. Walk Day in Illinois, Grades 1-3, April 29, 2008, Charlie Brown Park
 - d. Ms. Tarr and BSAA classes to Blair's Processing Plant – Feb. 14, 2008 –noon
- Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Worthey, Smith, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Worthey, to approve a tentative school calendar for the 2008-09 school year. The first day will be Aug. 18 with a joint institute with Flora & Clay City, Aug. 19 an institute at North Clay, and Aug. 20 would be the first full day of school for students instead of having the traditional half-day. Ayes: Erwin, Worthey, Smith, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Cochran, to approve the purchase of new textbooks for K-5 reading series for \$35,322.45 and for grades 6-8 reading series for \$14,802 through the Illinois State Board of Education Illinois Textbook Loan Program and District Funds. Ayes: Worthey, Smith, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Worthey, seconded by Erwin, to approve the preschool screening dates of April 8-11, 2008 at First Baptist Church in Louisville. The board extended their thanks to the church for the use of the building. Ayes: Smith, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Worthey, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Cochran, seconded by Erwin, to approve a contract with Egyptian Trust for employee health insurance and benefits. Ayes: Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Worthey, Smith, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Worthey, seconded by Britton, to adopt a resolution to continue the Illinois School District Agency Agreement. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Worthey, Smith, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Worthey, seconded by Erwin, to purchase self-storing handrails for grade school gym bleachers at a cost of \$1,280.00. Ayes: Erwin, Worthey, Smith, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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President Bailed appointed Chrissy to act as secretary of the Board before going into closed session in place of Sherry Porter, who was absent.

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

- a. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, security, or dismissal of specific employees of the district 5 *ILCS 120/2© (1)*.

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

The board met in closed session from 7:35 P.M. to 11:53 P.M.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Smith, to enter open session. Ayes: Smith, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, 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 Worthey, seconded by Britton, to hire Diona Griffy as sub cook and sub bus driver, Myra Cordrey as sub secretary and custodian, Tim Harmon as sub bus driver, and Robert Vice as sub custodian, all dependent upon background checks and other requirements. Ayes: Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Worthey, Smith, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Erwin, to hire Joe and Genay Hembree to do the mowing /trimming during the upcoming spring/summer. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Worthey, Smith, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Worthey, seconded by Britton, to hire Levi Webster and Vic Ackerson to do necessary painting work during the upcoming summer. Ayes: Erwin, Worthey, Smith, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Worthey, seconded by Smith, to accept the resignation of Bob Stortzum and Steve Stortzum as 5th and 6th Grade Basketball Coaches at the end of this school year. Ayes: Worthey, Smith, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.


A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Erwin to rehire administrators, Terry Irvin – 11 month contract - \$51,975.00 for 2008-2009 school year, Julie Healy - \$\$62,050.00 for the 2008-09 school year, Carolyn Grahn - \$73,736.00 for the 2008-2009 school year, and Monty Aldrich - \$96,600.00 for the 2008-2009 school year with his sick days accumulating to 232 days to align with the teacher contract. Ayes: Smith, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Worthey, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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Superintendent's Report:

- a. SESE Governing Board & IASB Wabash Valley Division Meeting at Noble March 4, 2008.
- b. Academic Foundation – discussed revitalization of the Foundation for the coming year
- c. Fiscal Year Fund Summary – reviewed fund balances from previous years

President Bailey adjourned the meeting at 12:04 A.M.



President



Secretary