

**NORTH CLAY COMMUNITY UNIT #25 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**March 10, 2008**

The North Clay Community Unit #25 Board of Education met in regular session, Monday, March 10, 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, Assistant Principal, Terry Irvin, and Recording Secretary, Cheryl Kuhlig. Principal, Julie Healy arrived around 9:45 P.M.

President Bailey placed the treasurer's report for February 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 #33,629 through #33,841 were in the following amounts: Educational Fund: \$92,705.65; Building Fund: \$4,665.36; Transportation Fund: \$17,817.87; IMRF/SS: \$13,395.14; plus the February payroll of \$286,778.43 less deductions of \$66,692.93 making a total of \$348,669.52. 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 – Melissa Smith and Jennifer Traub – Video Editing Class**

Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Traub presented several pieces of student work and accomplishments, which were very impressive, through their programs at the North Clay High School. The Board was very appreciative of the time they had spent on preparing this presentation and thanked them for their time and to the Wabash Telephone Cooperative for making this dream come true! Both instructors informed the board that the enrollments in their classes were increasing due to the interest being developed in these classes.

A motion was made by Erwin, seconded by Cochran, to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2008, Board Meeting. Ayes: Erwin, Porter, 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: Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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Due to Lunsford Architects not being able to attend the Board Meeting, Superintendent, Monty Aldrich, presented estimates and drawings to the board for the upcoming ADA work to be done at the high school this summer. A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Worthey, to authorize Lunsford Architects to solicit bids on ADA compliance work at the high school. Ayes: Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Josh Mathis presented the board with information he had obtained from State Tournament Surveys and the MTC Schedule for the 2008-09 school year. Also, in his presentation, he reported to the board the future of the spring track program. The immediate issue that has dampened track's availability is the wet weather that has left standing water on the track. Mathis gave suggestions on the estimated cost of getting the track in condition along with equipment that might be needed for track, such as high jump mats. Due to the time-line of getting things in shape on the track, the board decided not to hold any track meets at North Clay this 07-08 year. The Board also decided to table any other decisions until the administration and the athletic director could gain more information and guidelines from the coaching/sponsor staff. This would be presented and discussed at a future meeting. MTC changes with teams, format of schedule, and timelines were presented as well. No action was taken.

An interruption during the open session agenda items deemed it necessary to go into closed session at this time – 8:08 P.M.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Porter to enter closed session for the purpose of:

- a. 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, Bailey, Smith, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

The board met in closed session from 8:08 P.M. to 11:48 P.M.

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

A motion was made by Erwin, seconded by Porter, to pass a resolution to honorably release Rachel Thompson as first-year teacher dependent upon need and Title II grant funds next year. Ayes: Erwin, Porter, Bailey, Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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A motion was made by Britton, seconded, by Porter, to re-employ probationary certified personnel for the 2008-09 school year. Ayes: Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Erwin, to approve the resignation from Cara Rinehart as Jr. High Cheerleading Sponsor effective the end of this school year. Ayes: Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Erwin, seconded by Porter, to hire Craig Huddlestun as a Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach at the North Clay High School. Ayes: Worthey, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Smith, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Porter, to rescind the motion to hire Robert Vice as substitute custodian. Ayes: Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Erwin, seconded by Britton, to approve a maternity leave for Trisha Compton with an anticipated due date of May 5, 2008. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Porter, to hire Jamilyn Anderson as a substitute aide upon completion of requirements. Ayes: Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Cochran, seconded by Britton to terminate the employment of Kris Dane, bus driver, effective immediately. Ayes: Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Erwin, seconded by Porter, to uphold the suspension of student 3-10-08A and not allow said student to participate in the senior trip. Ayes: Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

**The Board then proceeded with resuming on regular agenda items at 11:57 p.m.**

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Smith, to approve a professional development request from Helen Williams for a Movie Editing Workshop in Effingham at the High School on March 2008 at a cost of \$25. Ayes: Smith, Worthey Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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

- a. Business/Computer Students Competition
- b. Wood Construction and AG Business Classes, Forest Discovery Center at the Koetter Wood Plant, Joe Huber Farm/Orchard, Starlight, IN – Van
- c. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip, St. Louis City Museum, Union Station, Louisville Sites – May 16, 2008.
- d. High School Science Trip, Giant City State Park, Sat., April 5, 2008

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

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After some discussion, a motion was made by Erwin, seconded by Smith, to approve the following building use request pending they get insurance liability:

a. Louisville Slugger tryouts, March 15, 12-4 p.m. in the High School Gym  
Ayes: Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Smith, and Bailey. Nays: Worthey. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded, by Britton, to allow Vic Ackerson to take one day of unpaid leave, May 5, 2008. Ayes: Erwin, Porter, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: Smith, Worthey, and Cochran. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Britton, to allow Genay Hembree a ½ day unpaid leave, for chaperoning on the 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip. Ayes: Porter, Britton, Smith, Erwin, and Bailey. Nays: Cochran and Worthey. The motion carried.


A motion was made by Cochran, seconded by Worthey, to approve High School curriculum changes which will include Speech being added as a senior/graduation requirement in Language Arts department and approve the recommended changes regarding 8<sup>th</sup> grade/freshman level math courses. Ayes: Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Cochran, seconded by Porter, to accept the recommendation of the administration and set the High School graduation for Saturday, May 17, with Baccalaureate at 3:00 p.m. and Graduation at 4:00 p.m. and the Grade School Promotion will be on Thursday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

**Superintendent's Report:**

- a. Superintendent Aldrich presented information on some options regarding modifications of the Illinois School Code and possibilities. More information will be researched and brought back at a future date.

President Bailey adjourned the meeting at 12:26 a.m.

  
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President

  
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