

**NORTH CLAY COMMUNITY UNIT #25 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
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AMENDED BUDGET HEARING

President Bailey called the Amended Budget Hearing to order at 6:30 P.M. in the North Clay Unit District Office.

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: Mike Worthey

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

With no comments being made, President closed the hearing at 6:31 P.M.

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The North Clay Community Unit #25 Board of Education met in regular session, Monday, May 19, 2008 in the North Clay Unit District Office. President Bailey called the meeting to order at 6:31 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, and Darren Bailey.

Members absent: Mike Worthey
Mike Worthey arrived at 6:32 P.M.

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

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

A motion was made by Erwin, seconded by Porter, to approve all sick leave and personal leave requests presented plus board bills covered by checks #33,105 through #34,356 were in the following amounts: Educational Fund: \$104,235.92; Building Fund: \$10,732.16; Bond & Interest Fund: \$19,818.75; Transportation Fund: \$22,394.75; IMRF/SS: \$21,560.29; S & C Fund: \$6,562.50; F/Ps Fund: \$300.00 plus the April payroll of \$291,474.87 less deductions of \$68,356.56 making a total of \$408,722.68. 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. Bob and Sue Britton responded that they would like to address the board privately.

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PRESENTATION – Amy Tarr and Terry Branch, FFA – The board viewed a power point presentation prepared by Mrs. Tarr and Mr. Branch to update the board on the curriculum that was being taught, current happenings in their programs and in the FFA. The board thanked them for coming.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Smith, to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2008 Board Meetings. Ayes: Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Britton, to approve the amended budget for the 2007-2008 school year. Ayes: Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Porter, to enter closed session to discuss a student-related issue. Ayes: Worthey, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Smith, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

The board met in closed session from 7:00 P.M. to 8:15 P.M.

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

President Bailey reported that no action was taken towards the closed session. The board resumed with the agenda.

In review of the Random Student Drug Testing Policy for the 2007-08 school year, Superintendent Aldrich reported that 102 random student drug tests were performed during this school year compared to last year of 53 tested. Mr. Aldrich noted that testing results and statistics remained confidential to protect the students. During the discussion, Tony Smith stated that he would like to see more money put in for prevention than testing, Darren Bailey stated he would like to see a reduction in number of those tested, and Cecil Cochran inquired as to how many students were qualified to be tested. Mrs. Grahm reported that there were around 75-80% that were qualified for testing. After a lengthy discussion on this, a motion was made by Worthey to terminate the Random Student Drug Testing Policy for the 2008-2009 school year with a second by Tony Smith. Ayes to terminate the Drug Policy: Worthey, Cochran, and Smith. Nays to not terminate and keep the Drug Policy in place: Britton, Erwin, Porter, and Bailey. The motion failed to terminate the Drug Policy. The policy will stay in place for the 2008-2009 school year.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Smith, to approve the application for unemployment insurance claim control through NSN Employer Services sponsored by Illinois Association of School Boards. Ayes: Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Worthey, to approve a professional Development Request by Stephanie Williams, ASHA Schools Conference, at Lake Buena Vista, Florida from July 24-27, 2008 and pay the registration fees for the conference. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Worthey, to approve the 2008-09 school district registration dates for Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2008, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Ayes: Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Worthey, to approve the following Board Policy Manual changes:

- a. 4:150 Facility Management and Building Programs
- b. 7:100 Health and Dental Examinations, Immunizations, and Exclusion of Students
- c. 6:170 Title I Programs

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

After hearing from Principal, Julie Healy, on the proposed changes to the Elem/Jr. High Student Handbook, a motion was made by Smith, seconded by Porter, to accept the Elem. /Jr. High Handbook with changes. Ayes: Smith, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. Worthey was not present for this vote. The motion carried.

High School Principal, Carolyn Grahn, presented to the board proposed changes to the High School Handbook. A lengthy discussion developed over the changes in the High School Handbook which included a demerit point system proposal. A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Britton, to approve all the changes made in the High School Handbook. Ayes: Britton, Erwin, and Porter. Nays: Worthey, Cochran, Smith, and Bailey. The motion failed. This in turn created more discussion on the point system and a motion was made by Smith to accept the High School Handbook with recommended changes except for the discipline Policy #5 and to retain the former discipline policy. This motion died for lack of a second. With more discussion developing after the 2 previous failed motions, Cochran made a motion to adopt the proposed High School Handbook as presented with the exception of limiting the first section of the demerit system to punishment at the discretion of the administration instead of making that category worth a 5 point demerit. Ayes: Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Smith, and Worthey. Nays: Porter, and Bailey. The motion carried.

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A motion was made by Worthey, seconded by Smith, to approve a curriculum change at the high school. The changes were those students enrolled and passing a full year of Agribusiness Management would meet the state requirements of Consumer Education provided they had followed the course sequence. This would be another way to “proficiency” out of Consumer Education requirements. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

The board then discussed proposed senior trip guidelines. A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Britton to change the proposed guidelines to read as follows:

- Any senior going on their senior trip must be passing all classes
- A student can only have one suspension during their freshman, sophomore or junior years
- A student may not have been assigned a suspension during their senior year
- A student must be in good financial standing with the office
- Any senior that does not qualify to go on the senior trip, may write a letter of request and appear before a senior trip committee that consists of the senior sponsors, principal, assistant principal and superintendent.

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

After discussing at some length on Weighted Classes, the board requested the committee continue to look into weighted grades at the high school level and the board would revisit this issue at a later date.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Porter, to approve a fundraiser request by the Jr. High Cheerleaders, Karyn Gilbert, Walk-a-Thon on May 28, 2008. Ayes: Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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

- a. FFA Officers, overnight trip, Leadership Retreat, Santa Claus, IN May 28, 2008
- b. FFA Members, FCCLA and Student Council, Abe Lincoln exhibit, Santa Claus, IN on May 29, 2008.
- c. Lynn Rudy/5th Grade Enrichment, Archeology Camp, Sept. 18-19, 2008.

Ayes: Smith, Worthey, Britton, Erwin, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. Cochran was not present for vote. The motion carried.

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

The board met in closed session from 10:15 P.M. to 10:55 P.M.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Britton, to enter open session. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, 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 Porter, seconded by Erwin, to accept the resignation from Lisa Lauritzen as Special Education Teacher at the end of the 2007-08 school year. Ayes: Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Porter, to accept the resignation from Herb Williams as a bus driver effective May 27, 2008 and thank him for his years of service. Ayes: Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Porter, to hire Tim Harmon as a full-time bus driver for the 2008-09 school year. Ayes: Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Erwin, to accept the resignation from Terry Irvin as Head High School Softball Coach at the end of the 2007-2008 school year, to accept the resignation from Rich Grubaugh as JR. Varsity Basketball Coach at NCHS at the end of the 2007-2008 school year, and to accept the resignation from Mike Jones as Jr. High Head Baseball Coach effective at the end of this 2007-2008 school year. Ayes: Worthey, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Smith, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Worthey, to hire Stacey Lux as Head High School Softball Coach for the 2008-09 school year. Ayes: Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Porter, to hire Rachel Thompson as Title II Jr. High Math, Science and Language Arts Teacher for the 2008-09 school year. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

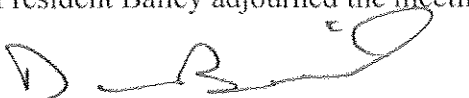
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Superintendent's Report:

- a. School Reach Program – Superintendent Aldrich presented a program for alerting all parents/guardians and staff in the event of a school-related emergency including snow, power outage, early dismissal, bomb threat, rumor, etc. This program may also be used to perform many other functions including alerting parents of buses running late, attendance calling, lunch balances, etc.

- b. NCLB Federal Grants – Superintendent Aldrich reported that the district's NCLB projected allocations for Title I, Title II-A, Title IV, and Title V federal grants are down a great amount. Title I is the major fund that we use to hire staff to teach children in need of additional instruction. We hire three teachers and a number of aides with this money. We also fund after-school tutoring with this fund. Supt. Aldrich reported that last year we had \$169,577 plus nearly a \$30,000 in additional carryover funds to operate. The coming year's projected funds are \$152,619 with little or no carryover. That may become around \$50,000 less than we had to operate with this year. Title II-A is steady within last year's funds, and Title II-D will not come out until around September. Title IV is down as well. This is the drug-free federal grant that is much needed, but the feds keep cutting funds. Title V was cut completely out of next year's budget. We have used this money for our Enrichment Program and our Team Quest academic contests. Federal funds are becoming much more restrictive and are also decreasing in allocations. This will have the trickle-down effect within the state as well. We are going to have to become more conservative with spending and look at future ways to decrease expenditures.

President Bailey adjourned the meeting at 11:15 P.M.



President



Secretary