

**NORTH CLAY COMMUNITY UNIT #25 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JULY 16, 2007**

The North Clay Community Unit #25 Board of Education met in regular session, Monday, July 17, 2007 in the North Clay Unit District Office. President Bailey called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Board Member, Darren Bailey, led the board in prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call was taken with the following members present: Troy Britton, Sherry Porter, Tony Smith, Mike Worthey, and Darren Bailey.

Members absent: Cecil Cochran and Chrissy Erwin

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

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

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Porter, to approve all sick leave and personal leave requests presented plus board bills covered by checks #31,700 through #31,920 were in the following amounts: Educational Fund: \$272,345.14; Building Fund: \$14,852.97; Transportation Fund: \$26,375.84; IMRF/SS: \$3,977.09; plus the June payroll of \$261,139.37 less deductions of \$55,715.74 making a total of \$522,974.67. Ayes: 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.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Britton, to approve the minutes from the June 18th, 2007 and June 30th, 2007, Board Meetings. Ayes: Smith, Worthey, Britton, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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

With only one bid for milk from Prairie Farms, a motion was made by Britton, seconded by Porter, to award the bid for milk to Prairie Farms out of Olney, IL. Ayes: Britton, Porter, Smith, Worthey, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

There were two bids for bread products from Lewis Bakeries and Interstate Brands Companies. With Interstate Brands Companies having the lowest bid, a motion was made by Smith, seconded by Porter, to award the bid for bread products to Interstate Brands Companies out of St. Louis, MO. Ayes: Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Two bids were opened for fuel. The bids were from Effingham-Clay Service and Kincaid Oil. Effingham-Clay Service's bids for both gasoline and diesel were \$.08 above refinery price while Kincaid Oil was \$.105 above refinery price on Diesel and \$.095 above refinery price on Gasoline. A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Britton, to award the bid for Gasoline and Diesel to Effingham-Clay Service Company. Ayes: Smith, Worthey, Britton, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Porter, to adopt a resolution to re-establish the Working Cash Fund for the 2007-2008 school year. Ayes: Worthey, Britton, Porter, Smith, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Britton, to adopt the approved revisions on first reading from the June 18, 2007 regular board meeting.

1. Continue with the Random Student Drug Testing Policy for the 2007-2008 school year.
2. Recommend to the Board that Voluntary Consent is written into the policy for revision (Voluntary Consent-at registration on August 6-7, parent/guardian of student at the high school level will be offered an opportunity to authorize child to be entered into the random drug testing pool even if the child does not participate in extra-curriculars or park on campus).
3. The committee recommended authorizing the administration to revise forms within the policy as needed. This would include completion of new form waiving rights to be called/present before random testing or having the right to be present if chosen for testing.
4. The committee is willing to work as directed by the Board to study other options that the school district may have in the prevention of drug abuse.
5. The committee recommended that the random testing stay at the 9-12 grade level for the coming year. Next year, the committee will review the possibility of testing at the Jr. High level.

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

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Smith, to approve paying the custodial salaries from the Operations/Maintenance Fund for the 2007-2008 school year. Ayes: Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Smith, to approve a Building Use Request by the Clay County Farm Bureau to use the Commons on November 5, 2007, for their annual meeting. Ayes: Smith, Worthey, Britton, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Porter, to approve a deposit for the Driver Education car from Louis Ochs Chevrolet-Olds in Newton. Ayes: Worthey, Britton, Porter, Smith, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Smith, to approve the recommendations for curriculum changes at the Jr. High Level. The curriculum changes would be 8th Grade Introduction to Keyboarding which would be introduced at the North Clay Elem./Jr. High one day per week during the school year. Ayes: Britton, Porter, Smith, Worthey, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Britton, to increase Book Rental fees for K-12 by \$2.00 per student with all other fees for computer classes, lab fees, milk, breakfast, lunch, driver education, and athletic events remaining the same. The fees are as follows:

Book Rental K-8	\$37	Health Care	\$37
Book Rental 9-12	\$41	Adult Living	\$8.75
Lunch – regular	\$1.45	Comp. I & II	\$10
Lunch – Adult	\$1.75	Political Science Class	\$5
Head Start – Lunch	\$1.85	Driver Education	\$30
Lunch – reduced	\$0.40	Keyboarding	\$10
Breakfast	\$0.85	Bus. Tech.	\$10
Breakfast – reduced	\$0.30	Accounting	\$20
Milk	\$0.25	Food Service	\$7.50
Production Tech.	\$15	Advanced Woods	\$10
Energy Utilization	\$15	Communications	\$10
Transportation	\$10	CAD	\$10
Module Tech.	\$10	Spanish	\$10

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

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Britton, to approve renewing agreement with IASB Unemployment Insurance Cost Control Program at \$1.70 per employee. Ayes: Smith, Worthey, Britton, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Porter, to approve a lease agreement with CEFS Economic Opportunity Corporation for two (2) classrooms and designated office space at the old kindergarten building for the 2007-2008 program year in the amount of \$11,000.00. Ayes: Worthey, Britton, Porter, Smith, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Britton, to approve the following Board Policy Manual changes which were approved at the first reading:

- a. 4:120 Food Services
- b. 6:310 Credit for Alternative Courses and Programs, and Course Substitutions
- c. 7:70 Attendance and Truancy
- d. 7:190 Student Discipline

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

After hearing the presentation on the e-School Improvement Plan by High School Principal, Carolyn Grahn, a motion was made by Porter, seconded by Britton, to approve the e-School Improvement Plan. Ayes: Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Smith, 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)*.
- b. Self-evaluation, practices and procedures or professional ethics, when meeting with a representative of a statewide association of which the public body is a member (*5ILCS 120/2©(16)*)

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

The board met in closed session from 6:55 P.M. – 8:31 P.M.

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

President Bailey reported that the following was discussed:

- a. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, security, or dismissal of specific employees of the district 5 *ILCS 120/2©(1)*.
- b. Self-evaluation, practices and procedures or professional ethics, when meeting with a representative of a statewide association of which the public body is a member (*5ILCS 120/2©(16)*)

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Smith, to keeping the closed session minutes from Jan. 2007 to June 2007 closed. Ayes: Britton, Porter, Smith, Worthey, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Britton, to employ Rachel Thompson as 5th Grade Teacher for the 2007-08 school year. Ayes: Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton. Bailey abstained. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Porter, to authorize the administration to offer a contract to a Speech and Language Pathologist. Ayes: Smith, Worthey, Britton, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Porter, to accept the resignation of Joni Pollard as Title I Teacher and accept the resignation of Marcie Auvil as Special Education Teacher. Ayes: Worthey, Britton, Porter, Smith, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Britton, to accept the resignation of Becky Cain as bus driver and accept the resignation of Cara Rinehart as Jr. High Cheerleading Sponsor. Ayes: Britton, Porter, Smith, Worthey, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Porter, to authorize the administration to offer contracts as needed for the positions of Special Education. Ayes: Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Britton, to employ James Allen Lucas and Dave Shymick as full time bus drivers for the 2007-2008 school year. Ayes: Smith, Worthey, Britton, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Smith, to approve the purchase of a van for a special route for the 2007-2008 school year. Ayes: Worthey, Britton, Porter, Smith, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

- a. End of the Fiscal Year Report – Superintendent Aldrich presented some information on year ending finances.
- b. Future construction options/timelines. – The board discussed parking lot additions and other improvements to the grounds, but took no action. The Building and Grounds Committee will meet at some point to develop a plan to address these issues.

President Bailey adjourned the meeting at 9:10 P.M.



President



Secretary