

NORTH CLAY COMMUNITY UNIT #25 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
August 13, 2007

The North Clay Community Unit #25 Board of Education met in regular session, Monday, August 13, 2007 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 (by teleconference), Tony Smith, and Darren Bailey.

Members absent: Sherry Porter and Mike Worthey

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

President Bailey placed the treasurer's report for July 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 #31,921 through #32,132 were in the following amounts: Educational Fund: \$112,765.08; Building Fund: \$14,882.22; Transportation Fund: \$6,664.81; IMRF/SS: \$3,558.69; F/PS: \$187,178.00 plus the July payroll of \$199,281.04 less deductions of \$37,696.96 making a total of \$486,632.88. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin (by teleconference), Smith, 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 Smith, seconded by Britton, to approve the minutes from the July 16th, 2007, Board Meetings. Ayes: Erwin (by teleconference), Smith, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Smith, to approve the District's tentative budget for the 2007-08 fiscal year. Ayes: Britton, Cochran, Erwin (by teleconference), Smith, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Cochran, seconded by Britton, to approve a resolution to place the tentative budget on file in the unit office and set a date of Thursday, September 13, 2007 at 6:30 P.M. at the Unit Office for the Public Hearing. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin (by teleconference), Smith, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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Mrs. Van Pelt updated the board on a proposal for a ten day trip to Spain in June, 2008. She requested permission to take the intermediate-advanced Spanish classes (levels 2, 3 and 4 students) on a 10-day trip to Spain in June 2008. She reportedly had 10-15 students interested in the trip. The cost of the trip would be approximately \$2,329 per student. The board questioned whether this amount of money could be raised by each student and what would happen should the students not be able to raise all of the money. The board tabled the action until Mrs. Van Pelt could come up with an alternate trip such as Mexico that would be considerably cheaper for the students.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Britton, to approve a building request for a Community Prayer Walk, through the Grade School & High School Buildings on Sunday, August 19, 2007. Ayes: Erwin (by teleconference), Smith, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Cochran, to adopt a resolution to retain the approved status of hazardous routes for the North Clay Community Unit School District #25. Ayes: Smith, Britton, Cochran, Erwin (by teleconference), and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Cochran, seconded by Britton, to renew an intergovernmental agreement with the Clay County Health Department for the Prevention Initiative Program. Ayes: Britton, Cochran, Erwin (by teleconference), Smith, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

THERE WAS NO CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Cochran, to accept the resignation from Tiffany Lyons as Special Ed Teacher. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin (by teleconference), Smith, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Cochran, seconded by Britton, to hire Michele Lovett as Assistant Jr. High Girls Basketball Coach. Ayes: Erwin (by teleconference), Smith, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Cochran, to hire Lisa Lauritzen as Special Ed. Teacher. Ayes: Smith, Britton, Cochran, Erwin (by teleconference), and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Cochran, to hire Steven Stortzum as bus driver. Ayes: Britton, Cochran, Erwin (by teleconference) and Smith. Bailey abstained. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Cochran, seconded by Britton, to hire Joe Hembree as bus driver. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin (by teleconference), Smith, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Smith, to accept the resignation of sub bus driver Jeremy Wildbur. Ayes: Erwin (by teleconference), Smith, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Cochran, to hire Shelly Zink as substitute Teacher Aide. Ayes: Smith, Britton, Cochran, Erwin (by teleconference), and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Cochran, seconded by Britton, to hire Josh Mathis as AD at Jr. High for the 2007-2008 school year. Ayes: Britton, Cochran, Erwin (by teleconference), Smith, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Cochran, seconded by Britton, to approve professional days (not to exceed 10 days) for Karen Ritter for Illinois Family and Consumer Science Teachers Association. If more than 10 days needed, the board would need to approve those days. Ayes: Britton, Cochran, Erwin (by teleconference), Smith, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Cochran, seconded by Britton, to employ Mary Jo Patridge as a Special Education Teacher for the 2007-2008 school year. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin (by teleconference), Smith, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Cochran, seconded by Britton, to employ John Smith as a Special Education Teacher for the 2007-2008 school year. Ayes: Erwin (by teleconference), Smith, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

There was no Superintendent's Report.

President Bailey adjourned the meeting at 7:17 P.M.



President



Secretary