

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

**Public Hearing on the 2007-2008 School Budget – 6:30 P.M.**

The North Clay Community Unit #25 Board of Education met for the Public Hearing on the 2007-2008 Budget, September 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, Christine Erwin, Tony Smith, Mike Worthey, and Darren Bailey.

Members absent: Sherry Porter

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

President Bailey asked if there were any questions concerning the 2007-2008 budget. With no questions being asked, the Public Hearing was closed and the board entered into regular session.

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President Bailey called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:33 P.M. in the North Clay Unit District Office.

Members present were: Troy Britton, Cecil Cochran, Christine Erwin, Tony Smith, Mike Worthey, and Darren Bailey.

Members absent: Sherry Porter -- arrived at 6:42 P.M.

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

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

A motion was made by Erwin, seconded by Smith, to approve all sick leave and personal leave requests presented plus board bills covered by checks #32,132 through #32,351 were in the following amounts: Educational Fund: \$74,981.42; Building Fund: \$17,736.23; Transportation Fund: \$22,823.44; IMRF/SS: \$4,234.19; F/PS: \$43,577.55 plus the August payroll of \$199,953.34 less deductions of \$38,105.22 making a total of \$325,200.95. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, 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.

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**INTRODUCTIONS OF NEW STAFF**

Mrs. Healy introduced 3 out of 4 of their new employees on staff. They were: Rachel Thompson – 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Stacey Lux – P.E., and John Smith – Special Ed Resource.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Jackie Walker, Special Education Coordinator and Mrs. Healy, Principal, did a presentation of a new program called Response to Intervention. This program is designed to identify the special needs of the students earlier, to provide individual needs of instruction, and have the students monitored though out the year to help them succeed at a much faster pace than in the past. The board thanked them for the time of presenting this program.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Worthey, to approve the minutes from the August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Board meeting. Ayes: Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Smith, to amend the agenda with the following additions:

**Under #11** – Approve “See You at the Pole” event on Wed., Sept. 26, 2007 at 7:00 a.m.

**Under #10** – Approve a donation of \$6,200.00 from Wabash Telephone Cooperative for video equipment for the North Clay Channel 250 and Video Editing class. Ayes: Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Cochran, to adopt the District’s budget for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. Ayes: Worthey, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Smith, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

The board voted unanimously to put on the first reading the following revision to the Board Policy Manual:

- a. 5:340 Non-certified Personnel – Sick Leave

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Erwin, to approve the District Improvement Plan as required by the IL State Board of Education. This is basically another combination of each school improvement plan that is required on the IIRC website. Ayes: Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Cochran, to approve the Title I Plan as required by the IL State Board of Education. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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Principal, Julie Healy, updated the board on the ISAT trend data which showed North Clay Students making Adequate Yearly Progress.

A motion was made by Worthey, seconded by Smith, to approve the JMTC Conference dues of \$100. Ayes: Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Cochran, seconded by Porter, to accept a donation of computer equipment from FCB Bank in Swansea, IL and a \$6,200.00 donation of video equipment from Wabash Telephone Cooperative to North Clay High School. The board thanked Lyle Allen, Tim Mathis, and Phil Bute for assisting in making the donation of computer equipment from FCB Bank possible. Also, a thank you to Wabash Telephone Cooperative for their donation of video equipment. The video equipment will enhance the Video Editing class and North Clay Channel 250 to provide quality programming. Ayes: Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Smith, to approve the following upcoming field trips, fundraisers, workshops, and "See You at the Pole" event on Wed., Sept. 26, 2007 at 7:00 a.m.

**Field Trips –Grade School**

- a. *Teamquest – Nov. 5-7, 2007 (grade level dates TBA)*
- b. *Pre-Kindergarten: Tradition Farms in Iola (40 students; 10 chaperones), Oct. 2007, Times TBD*
- c. *Kindergarten: Rose Farms, McDonalds, and William Jennings Bryan Park in Salem (60 students; 13 chaperones), April 2008, Departure time: 8:30 a.m. Return time: 2:30 p.m.*
- d. *1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Tradition Farms in Iola (60 students; 12 chaperones), Oct. 10, 2007, Departure time: 9:00 a.m. Return time: 2:15 p.m.*
- e. *2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Flora Veterinary Clinic (Flora) and Tradition Farms, Inc. (Iola) (49 students; 9 chaperones), October 5, 2007, Departure time: 8:25 a.m. Return time: 2:50 p.m.*
- f. *3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Farm Safety Camp (Charlie Brown Park, Flora) (58 students; 6 chaperones), October 16, 2007, Departure time: 8:30 a.m. Return time: 2:30 p.m.*
- g. *Centralia Cultural Society (Play: "Child's Play Touring Theatre: Premiere Performance", April 15, 2008, Departure time: 9:00 a.m. Return time: 2:15 p.m.*
- h. *4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Lincoln Museum. Lincoln's Tomb (Springfield) (45 students; 7 chaperones), TBA*
- i. *5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Conservation Day (Charlie Brown Park, Flora) (58 students; 9 chaperones), Spring 2008, Departure time: 8:30 a.m. Return time: 2:30 p.m.*
- j. *New Harmony Indiana (58 students; 9 chaperones), April 2008, Departure time: 8:15 a.m. Return time: 2:30 p.m.*
- k. *6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Play in Centralia, IL (70 students; 7 chaperones), 2/12/08, Departure time: 9:00 a.m. Return time: 2:15 p.m.*
- l. *7<sup>th</sup> Grade: St. Louis Science Center (40 students; 4 chaperones), Spring 2008, Departure time: 7:15 a.m. Return time: 4:30 p.m.*
- m. *8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Lincoln Museum. Capitol building, Lincoln's Tomb (Springfield); (40 students; 4 chaperones), TBA, Departure time: 7:00 a.m. Return time: 6:00 p.m.*

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- n. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Enrichment Trip: Oil Belt Service Camp, Flora (12 students; 2 chaperones), Oct. 17-18, 2007, Departure time: 3:30 p.m. Return time: 3:00 p.m.
- o. Jr. High Chorus: Little Theater on the Square (Sullivan, IL) (56 students; 8 chaperones), Week of April 7-11, 2008, Departure time: 8:00 a.m. Return time: 4:00 p.m.
- p. Jr. High Band: St. Louis Symphony Orchestra Educational Concert (27 students; 6-8 chaperones), Feb. 26, 2008, Departure time: 8:00 a.m. Return time: TBA
- q. Birth to 3 Class: Streif's Country Market, Pumpkin Patch, 20 students, 15-20 chaperones. Oct. 5 or Oct. 12, 2007, Departure: 9:45 a.m. Return: ?

**Field Trips – High School**

- a. Business Club, Spring 2008, Area Businesses (normally Effingham)
- b. FFA, Oct. 24-26, 2007, FFA Convention, Indianapolis
- c. Chorus, March 13-14, 2007, Fox Theatre, St. Louis
- d. Drama Club, Jan. 10-12, 2007, Illinois High School Theatre Festival, ISU (Normal)
- e. Student Council, Oct. 23, 2007, High School Leadership Conference, EIU
- f. Video Editing Class, March 2008, Mt. Vernon Christian Church
- g. Consumer Ed., March 2008, Caterpillar, Decatur
- h. Science Club, Spring 2008, Giant City State Park/Shawnee Nat'l Forest or St. Louis Zoo
- i. Enrichment, May 5 (4:00 p.m.)- May 6 (2:30 p.m.), 2008, Oil Belt Service Camp, Flora
- j. Band, March 4-5, 2008, My Fair Lady, Clowes Hall, Indianapolis
- k. FCCLA Events:
  - Fall & Spring Leadership Conf. Planning Meetings, usually at Fairfield. 4 students, van or mileage
  - Peer Leadership Conf., Oct. 14-15, 2007, 8 students and sponsor, van needed
  - District Leadership Conf., Oct. or Nov., 2007, EIU or SIU, if more than 6 goes bus needed, otherwise van
  - Fall 2007 Section 6C Fall Leadership Meeting, TBA, 2-5 p.m., van or bus
  - Section 6C Spring Leadership Meeting, Fairfield, Jan. 2008, van
  - Section 6C Spring Leadership Conf., TBA, 2-5 p.m., bus or van
  - FCCLA State Leadership Conf., Springfield, April 10-12, 2008, van
  - FCCLA State Competition Coordinators Meeting, March 2008, Springfield
  - FCCLA Advisor Update Meetings - TBA

**Professional Development:**

- a. Stephanie Harrison & Jackie Cummings – ITA Annual Conference, two dates in September
- b. Stephanie Harrison – IMEA All-State Conference, Peoria; \$65 plus mileage
- c. Stephanie Harrison – Music Express Workshop and Training; Cowden-Herrick, \$15 plus mileage
- d. Erika Ginder & Jennifer Traub, State Universities of Illinois Articulation Conference, EIU
- e. Melissa Smith, IBEA Fall Conference, Springfield, IL
- f. Melissa Smith, Illinois Ed and Tech Conference, Springfield
- g. Brian Wattles, Billy Coble, Rusty Harper, Jason Lewis, Illinois Men's Basketball Coaches Clinic. Champaign
- h. Nancy Lewis, IAHCDEA, Effingham
- i. IAHPERD, St. Charles, IL
- j. Josh Mathis, Athletic Directors Conference, Peoria
- k. Karen Ritter, IACTE Professional Development Institute, Springfield, registration and mileage
- l. Karen Ritter, Connections Conference, St. Charles, IL, hotel, registration, mileage
- m. Karen Ritter, IFACSTA Conference, Springfield, registration and mileage
- n. Karen Ritter, IFACSTA Region Meetings, two meetings (fall/spring), \$16 + mileage each meeting

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- o. Karen Ritter, IFACSTA Executive Committee Meetings – usually on Saturdays, mileage or use of van
- p. Karen Ritter, ACTE Annual Conference, Las Vegas, registration of \$305
- q. Karen Ritter, IACTE & ACTE Policy Seminar, TBA dates, Washington D.C.

**Fundraisers:**

- a. Jr. High Girls Basketball – window clings from Mike Warren
- b. Jr. High Chorus – Auntie Anne Pretzels and Sweet Treats (Oct. 3-17)
- c. Enrichment – Pizza Sales, Oct. 9-16, 2007, and Jan. 7-14, 2008

**USNC Volunteer Events Schedule**

See attached schedule for list of events for approval

**Enrichment Activities:**

- a. Archeology Camp, Sept. 13-14, 2007 (approved last year)
- b. Oil Belt Camp (6<sup>th</sup> grade), Oct. 17-18, 2007
- c. Speech Contest, April 18, 2008
- d. Trivia Night, Jan. 26, 2008
- e. Family Olympiad, March 17, 2008
- f. Shakespeare Play, April 8, 9, and 12
- g. Oil Belt Camp (high school), May 5-6, 2008
- h. Washington D.C., June 2-4, 2008

**USNC Volunteer Events Schedule**

Aug. 28	Open House
Sept. 18	Blood Drive Assembly
Sept. 20	Nursing Home
Sept. 26	Blood Drive
Sept. 28	Back to School Dance
Oct. 22-26	Red Ribbon Week
Oct. 27	Walk in parade to promote "Walk for Change"
Oct. 29	Give ad to newspaper for Food Drive
Nov. 3	"Walk for Change"
Nov. 5-15	Thanksgiving Food Drive: 10 Days of Giving
Nov. 19-20	Sorting and boxing food
Nov. 20	Delivering food
Nov. 26	Give ad to newspaper for "Adopt a Family"
Dec. 1-14	Door Decorating Contest
Dec. 7	Winter Concert
Dec. 14	Door Judging
Dec. 14	Money due for "Adopt a Family"
Dec. 19	Thank You to newspaper
Dec. 20	Delivering gifts for "Adopt a Family"
January	Carnival Planning
Feb. 13	Nursing Home: Flowers and Cards
Mar. 10	ISAT Assembly
Mar. 25/27	Grandparents Lunch
April 1/3	Grandparents Lunch
April 11	Education Fair
April 18	Spring Concert

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April ?      *Carnival*  
May          *Teacher Appreciation*  
May          *8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion*  
May 9        *USNC Banquet*

***Nursing Home Visits** – we will be visiting various local nursing homes throughout the year. By visiting and listening to the elders' stories the students will gain a better appreciation and respect for those who are older. The students will also have a buddy at the nursing home that they will send cards to each month.*

***"Walk for Change"** – we are collecting "change" to donate to St. Louis Children's Hospital and the Adopt-A-Family program. At Fall Festival we will have a demo car available for students to hit for \$1.00. USNC Club members will be painting the car with various words (cancer, drugs, violence, etc.). During the parade, USNC members will be walking and collecting "change". On Nov. 3, all students, parents, and faculty will be turning in all of their change they have saved and then will walk the community. The purpose of this project is to donate time and "change" to create a change not only for North Clay students, but for students outside the community.*

***Red Ribbon Week** – this is a nationwide program that promotes drug awareness. We will be working with this year's theme to promote the advantages of living a drug-free life.*

***10 Days of Giving** – for ten days, we will be collecting canned food for those in need during Thanksgiving.*

***Adopt-A-Family** – this program allows the community and student body to help families who cannot purchase Christmas gifts for their children. Christmas for many families is a stressful time of the year instead of one filled with excitement. By delivering gifts for their children, they are able to enjoy the holiday and reason for the season.*

The discussion regarding possible future construction to include ADA compliance work at the high school and a possible new addition at the grade school or high school was very lengthy. No action was taken regarding any of the needs the district faces with needs and improvements for construction. The board plans to meet sometime in the winter for strategic planning and develop a plan with options on what the district will need regarding construction. Superintendent Aldrich reported that he would submit an article to the media at sometime in the near future to explain possibilities for future construction/maintenance and what the financial impact could or would be.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Erwin, 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 120/21(1). Ayes: Worthey, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Smith, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

The board met in closed session from 8:23 P.M – 9:20 P.M.

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

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President Bailey reported that the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, security, or dismissal of specific employees of the district 5 *ILCS 120/21(1)* was discussed.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Porter, to hire Judith Pearson as sub cook and sub aide dependent upon a background check, employ Arlene Gunter as sub cook and sub custodian dependent upon a background check, hire Cara Rinehart and Amber Clark as Co-Cheerleading Sponsors at the Jr. High, and employ John Smith as Special Education Teacher for the 2007-2008 school year. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Britton, to rescind the hiring of Mary Jo Patridge as Special Education Teacher (took another position). Ayes: Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Britton, to grant a maternity leave for Lisa Lauritzen – November 7 anticipated delivery, return Jan. 4, 2008. Ayes: Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Porter, to re-assign Steven Stortzum to be 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Assistant Basketball Coach and Bob Stortzum to be 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Head Basketball Coach. Ayes: Worthey, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Smith, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Porter, to hire Terry Irvin as H.S. Softball Coach. Ayes: Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.


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**Superintendent's Report: - Enrollment Update ---below**

**NORTH CLAY UNIT 25 ENROLLMENT**

Grade Level	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08 (Sept. 1)	Ave. Class Size
Pre-K	30	30	34	40	37	36	39 (NC only)	19.5
K	68	47	50	60	54	67	56	18.7
1	39	70	50	47	65	46	60	20.0
2	36	34	66	50	48	64	49	16.3
3	43	38	33	64	53	49	61	20.3
4	47	42	34	34	65	55	45	22.5
5	56	54	53	36	36	63	55	18.3
6	53	54	57	54	41	38	66	
7	38	54	58	54	52	38	39	
8	46	42	57	54	54	50	36	
Grade School	456	465	492	493	505	506	506	
9	57	50	53	56	67	54	55	
10	49	66	49	53	53	58	51	
11	50	46	61	48	55	48	47	
12	38	51	41	47	35	51	46	
High School	194	213	204	204	210	211	199	
Total Enrollment	650	678	696	698	715	717	705	

President Bailey adjourned the meeting at 9:23 P.M.



President



Secretary