

**NORTH CLAY COMMUNITY UNIT #25 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JANUARY 15, 2009**

The North Clay Community Unit #25 Board of Education met in regular session, Thursday, January 15, 2009 in the North Clay Unit District Office. President Bailey called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Roll call was taken with the following members present: Troy Britton, Cecil Cochran, Chrissy Erwin, Tony Smith, Mike Worthey and Darren Bailey.

Members absent: Sherry Porter

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

Vice-President Britton led the board in prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

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

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Worthey, to approve all sick leave and personal leave requests presented plus board bills covered by checks #35,774 through #35,956 were in the following amounts: Educational Fund: \$68,021.66; Building Fund: \$2,837.93; Transportation Fund: \$9,243.29; IMRF/SS: \$5,991.63; plus the December payroll of \$291,934.76 less deductions of \$67,535.22 making a total of \$310,494.05. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Smith, Worthey, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were none.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Erwin, to approve the minutes from the December 18th, 2008 Board Meeting. Ayes: Erwin, Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Worthey, to authorize the superintendent to begin preparing a budget for the 2009-2010 school year. Ayes: Worthey, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Smith, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Cochran, to renew agreement with Karl Meurlot as the school district's attorney for an annual retainer fee of \$1,200.00 from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. Ayes: Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Smith, Worthey, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

After a presentation to the board from High School Principal, Mrs. Carolyn Grahn, a motion was made by Worthey, seconded by Smith, to approve an academic restructuring plan for NCHS. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Smith, Worthey, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Erwin, seconded by Smith, to accept and thank Bonnie Fender for a donation of \$100.00. Ayes: Erwin, Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Smith, to renew a contract from 2010 - 2013 with Taylor Publishing for the high school yearbook. Ayes: Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Cochran, to approve the following field trips:

- a. Team Quest Competition, Mt. Vernon, IL, four teams, Feb. 24-27, 2009, cost \$180.00 per team
- b. Rhode Island Scrabble Trip, April 23-26, 2009, Providence, RI

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

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Smith, to approve a Professional Development Request by Amy Tarr, on January 15th & 16th, 2009, at the Leon Agricultural Fair. Ayes: Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Smith, Worthey, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Review for approval the closed session minutes from July, 2008 to December, 2008 was moved to closed session to discuss, review, and decide whether or not to keep these minutes closed.

President Bailey appointed Tony Smith to act as Secretary of the Board in Sherry Porter's absence.

A motion was made by Erwin, seconded by Smith to enter closed session for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, security, or dismissal of specific employees of the district 5 *ILCS 120/2© (1)* and review of closed minutes. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Smith, Worthey, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

The board met in closed session from 7:42 P.M. – 8:20 P.M.

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

Upon entering open session, President Bailey reported that the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, security, or dismissal of specific employees of the district 5 *ILCS 120/2© (1)* was discussed.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Erwin, to leave the closed session minutes from July, 2008 to December, 2008 closed. Ayes: Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Worthey, seconded by Erwin, to approve Rachel Thompson, a maternity leave from late March for approximately 8 weeks. Ayes: Worthey, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Smith, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.


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A motion was made by Worthey, seconded by Smith, to approve a leave of absence for four days (Jan. 12-15) for Mark Schletter. Ayes: Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Smith, Worthey, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

- a. Scheduled a special board meeting for the purpose of strategic planning and to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, security, or dismissal of specific employees of the district 5 *ILCS 120/2© (1)*. The special board meeting will be held on Friday, January 30, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the North Clay Unit Office. This meeting will serve as a discussion of possible budget cuts necessary with the absence of state funding.
- b. School board candidate petitions will be accepted Tuesday, January 20 instead of Jan. 19 due to Martin Luther King holiday.

President Bailey adjourned the meeting at 8:44 P.M.



President



Secretary