

**NORTH CLAY COMMUNITY UNIT #25 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
AUGUST 14, 2008**

The North Clay Community Unit #25 Board of Education met in regular session, Thursday, August 14, 2008 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, Sherry Porter, Tony Smith, Mike Worthey, and Darren Bailey.

Members absent: None. Cecil Cochran and Chrissy Erwin

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

President Bailey led the board in prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

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

A motion was made by Worthey, seconded by Smith, to approve all sick leave and personal leave requests presented plus board bills covered by checks #34,693 through #34,930 were in the following amounts: Educational Fund: \$165,914.97; Building Fund: \$21,880.77; Transportation Fund: \$79,524.83; IMRF/SS: \$15,750.52; S/C Fund: \$34,284.60, F/PS Fund: \$300.00 plus the July payroll of \$214,737.31 less deductions of \$41,719.59 making a total of \$490,673.41. 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. There were no comments from the visitors.

PRESENTATION – Lynn Rudy, Enrichment – the Board heard a presentation from Lynn Rudy, Jackie Cummings and Tonni Micklautz, regarding a recent trip to Washington D.C. A Power Point presentation was also given with several students, who were present, reporting to the Board about their trip. All were excited about the trip and thanked the Board for allowing them to go.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Porter, to approve the minutes from the July 10th, 2008 and July 14th, 2008 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.

Superintendent's Report

- a. **Financial Report on Previous Fiscal Year** – Superintendent Aldrich reported on all areas of revenues and expenses for the previous school year.
- b. **Report on Building/Maintenance Progress and Needs** – Superintendent Aldrich updated the board on several projects including progress on the elevator, painting, construction, repairs, ADA requirements and the bus barn roof.

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Superintendent Aldrich reported to the Board that the budget had been extremely difficult to project for several reasons. Those reasons included were not knowing whether school funding would follow through, cuts in several grants, uncertainty in different aspects of school funding and future expenses, fuel prices, food prices, shipping, etc. Superintendent Aldrich explained he tried to construct a tentative budget that would reflect numbers based upon previous years' experience, along with inflation and future predictions. After hearing the Superintendent's report on the tentative budget, a motion was made by Porter, and was seconded by Britton, to approve the District's tentative budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. Ayes: Britton, Porter, Smith, Worthey, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Porter, to approve a resolution to place the tentative budget on file in the Unit Office and set a date of Thursday, September 18, 2008, at 6:30 P.M. in the District Unit Office for the public hearing. Ayes: Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Britton, to approve the following Building Request:

- a. Community Prayer Walk, Grade School and High School Buildings, Sunday, August 2008.

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

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

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Troy, to renew an intergovernmental agreement with Clay County Health Dept. for the Prevention Initiative Program. Ayes: Britton, Porter, Smith, Worthey, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Britton, to accept a donation of \$1,000 from Bible Pork for purchasing athletic warm-ups. Ayes: Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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

The board met in closed session from 7:12 P.M. to 7:55 P.M.

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

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Upon returning to 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 Worthey, seconded by Porter, to hire Jennifer Gawthorp as District Band Director for the 2008-09 school year. Ayes: Worthey, Britton, Porter, Smith, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Worthey, seconded by Porter, to hire Diona Griffy and Travis Merrow as bus drivers contingent upon completion of requirements and Shelly Fritch as a Sub Bus Driver contingent upon completion of requirements. Ayes: Britton, Porter, Smith, Worthey, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Worthey, seconded by Smith, to approve Beth Albert taking a leave of absence once FMLA leave has expired through the end of the 2008-09 school year. Ayes: Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Porter, to hire Robin Hartsey as a cook. Ayes: Smith, Worthey, Britton, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Worthey, to hire Denise Smith as a teacher aide. Ayes: Worthey, Britton, Porter, Smith, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Britton, to accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement from Helen Williams effective the end of the 2008-09 school year. Ayes: Britton, Porter, Smith, Worthey, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Britton, to accept the resignation from Carrie Durre effective the end of the 2007-08 school year. Ayes: Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Porter, to hire Brian Wattles and Curtis Thompson as Co-Head Jr. High Baseball Coaches. Ayes: Smith, Worthey, Britton, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.


A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Worthey, to approve Jackie Walker as Director of Special Education in an administrative capacity upon completion of an evaluation course and adjust salary accordingly. Ayes: Worthey, Britton, Porter, Smith, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Worthey, seconded by Smith, to approve a maternity leave for Elizabeth Patridge through September 26, 2008. Ayes: Britton, Porter, Smith, Worthey, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Smith, to accept the resignation from Craig Huddleston as Head Jr. High Baseball Coach. Ayes: Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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President Bailey adjourned the meeting at 8:00 P.M.



President



Secretary