

**NORTH CLAY COMMUNITY UNIT #25 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2008-09 SCHOOL BUDGET
SEPTEMBER 18, 2008**

The North Clay Community Unit #25 Board of Education met in regular session, Thursday, September 18, 2008 in the North Clay Unit District Office for the Public Hearing on the 2008-09 School Budget. President Bailey called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

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

Members absent: Cecil Cochran.

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

With no questions being asked about the 2008-2009 budget, President Bailey closed the Public Hearing and continued into regular session.

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Members absent: Cecil Cochran.

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

President Bailey placed the treasurer's report for August 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 #34,931 through #35,117 plus check numbers #33,181 & #33,182 were in the following amounts: Educational Fund: \$122,145.08; Building Fund: \$7,039.51; Transportation Fund: \$11,030.28; IMRF/SS: \$10,012.18; S/C Fund: \$17,555.40, plus the August payroll of \$207,408.87 less deductions of \$39,946.78 making a total of \$335,244.54. Ayes: Britton, Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, 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.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF: Those new staff present was: Jerin Romack - H.S. Guidance Counselor, Crystal Hatley - L.D. Teacher, Karyn Gilbert - Speech Teacher, Jennifer Gawthrop - Band Teacher, and Katie Smith, Elem. Teacher. President Bailey welcomed them to the District.

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A motion was made by Erwin, seconded by Smith, to amend the agenda to include item #1 to read: Approve the minutes from the August 14, 2008 Board Meeting and the September 4, 2008 Special Board Meeting. Ayes: Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Smith, to approve the minutes from the August 14th, 2008 Board Meeting and the September 4th, 2008 Special Board Meeting. Ayes: Smith, Worthey, Britton, Erwin, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Britton, to adopt the District's budget for the 2008-2009 school year. Ayes: Worthy, Britton, Erwin, Porter, Smith, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Erwin, to authorize a permanent transfer of \$30,085.75 from the Education Fund to the newly created Tort Immunity Fund. Ayes: Britton, Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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

- a. Joni Pollard's Tumbling -- Tumbling Competition, Sat., November 8, 2008
- b. Clay County Farm Bureau -- Commons, November 17, 2008

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

A motion was made by Worthey, seconded by Porter, to approve the following Fundraiser request:

- a. USNC Club, November 7, 2008, 6:30-8:00 p.m., "Rock for Change" Lawn Concert, NCHS Gym (alternate for weather)

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

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Porter, to approve a leave request by Lucinda Wiegel for two unpaid leave days, November, 2008. Ayes: Smith, Worthey, Britton, Erwin, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Terry Irvin, Assistant Principal, presented information on an incident that occurred at a Jr. High Baseball Game involving Bob Stortzum, Brian Wattles, and Curtis Thompson. The Board discussed the North Clay Athletic Policy and how it related to the incident involving Bob Stortzum, grandparent of a student athlete. The Board heard evidence and documentation from Mr. Irvin regarding the incident that occurred and Mr. Irvin also reported that a meeting was held with Mr. Stortzum, Julie Healy, Josh Mathis, Curtis Thompson, and Brian Wattles with a resolution made regarding the circumstances of the incident. After Mr. Stortzum addressed the Board about this incident, the Board deliberated with no action being taken.

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The Board then heard from Julie Healy and Carolyn Grahn about the recent test scores from last year's ISAT/PSAE tests.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Smith, to approve the JMTC Conference dues of \$100.00. Ayes: Worthey, Britton, Erwin, Porter, Smith, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Josh Mathis then addressed the board on the IHSA Sportsmanship Program that is forthcoming. The board approved a related survey to be distributed as desired. Ayes: Britton, Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Porter, to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Louisville for use of their haunted trail for a fundraiser. Ayes: Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Smith, to appoint Cheryl Kuhlrig and Monty Aldrich as designated election officials for the upcoming April 7, 2008 Board of Education election. Ayes: Smith, Worthey, Britton, Erwin, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Erwin, to approve the following fundraisers and workshops for the 2008-2009 school year.

FIELD TRIPS, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND FUNDRAISER REQUESTS

WORKSHOP REQUESTS

- **Stephanie Harrison/Jennifer Gawthorp**, IMEA All-State Music Conference, Peoria, Registration: \$65/each plus mileage
- **Cara Rinehart**, "The Tornado Within" 9/25/08, St. Louis, MO, Registration: \$159 and mileage
- **Nancy Lewis**, IAHPERD State Convention, November, St. Charles, IL, \$50 and mileage
- **Nancy Lewis**, IHSCDEA, October, Effingham, IL; \$15 plus mileage
- **Terry Branch & Amy Tarr** January 9, Sectional Ag Teacher Mtg, Wabash Valley College (district reimbursed for substitute teachers)
- **Karen Ritter**, Connections Conference, March 25-26, Springfield, IL (registration, mileage)
- **Karen Ritter**, IACTE/IFACSTA, June 14-18, Tinley Park, IL (registration, mileage)
- **Jerin Romack**, ACT Educator Workshop -- College and Career Readiness; Sept 24, EIU, (mileage)

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FUNDRAISER REQUESTS

- **Jr. High Chorus--Paragon--Auntie Anne's pretzels**
- **Jr. High Band--Yankee Candles**
- **Enrichment--Concessions at all home games**
- **Enrichment--Pizza sales**
- **Fourth Grade--Collecting used and non-working printer cartridges, cell phones, etc.**
- **Softball selling concessions at baseball games**
- **Business Club Butter Braid frozen pastry and frozen cookie dough**
- **Drama Club School spirit t-shirts**
- **HS Chorus and Band Rada and That's My Pan**
- **HS Enrichment, pizzas**
- **HS Volleyball, T-shirts and ads for a sports calendar**
- **HS Boy's basketball, Dollar Donation and Breakfast**
- **HS Boy's baseball, Baseball shirts at tournaments; admission fee to NC Showcase, Wayne Dietrich Fundraising**
- **FCCLA, Kleinhenn Products and student union vending/snack machine**
- **FFA, Pepsi machines, fruit and food orders**
- **Student Council, Gatorade machine in student union and Homecoming Week shirts**
- **Post Prom Committee Fundraiser – Haunted House on hiking trail**
- **Senior Class – Oct. 3 & 6, 2008 – Baseball cookout**

FIELD TRIP LIST

- **Birth-to-Three: Pumpkin Patch, Louisville (Approx. 19 students/15-19 parent chaperones)**
Date: October 10 or October 17 Times: 9:45 a.m. departure
- **Pre-Kindergarten: Tradition Farms in Iola (Approx. 20 students/5 chaperones per class—2 classes)** Date: October 8, 2008/Times: TBD
- **Kindergarten: Rose Farm, William Jennings Bryan Park, and McDonald's in Salem (Approx. 69 attending)** Date: April 2009/Times: 8:30 a.m. departure/2:30 p.m. return
- **First Grade: St. Louis Zoo (Approx. 54 students/18 chaperones)** Date: May 7, 2009/Times: 8:15 a.m. departure/6:00 p.m. return
- **Second Grade: Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site in Charleston (Approx. 60 students/15 chaperones)** Date: October 3, 2008/Times: 8:30 a.m. departure/2:45 p.m. return
- **Third Grade: Farm Safety Camp, Charley Brown Park, Flora (Approximately 45 students/6 chaperones)** Date: October 7, 2008/Times: 8:45 a.m. departure/2:30 p.m. return
- **Centralia Cultural Society for puppet show "Aesop's Fables"; Fairview Park in Centralia for lunch (Approx. 45 students/9 chaperones)** Date: April 21, 2009/Times: 9:00 a.m. departure/2:15 p.m. return
- **Fourth Grade: The Arch in St. Louis (Approx. 57 students/12 chaperones)**
Date: Spring 2009 Times: 7:00 a.m. departure/5:00 p.m. return
- **Fifth Grade: New Harmony, IN for Heritage Week (Approx. 44 students/8 chaperones)**
Date: April 24, 2009 Times: 8:15 a.m. departure/2:45 p.m. return
- **Conservation Day, Charley Brown Park, Flora (Approx. 44 students/8 chaperones)** Date: Spring 2009 Times: 8:15 a.m. departure/2:45 p.m. return

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- **Sixth Grade:** Booth Library, Tarble Arts Center, Doudna Fine Arts Building at Eastern Illinois University (Approx. 54 students/9 chaperones) Date: May 11, 2009 Times: 8:00 a.m. departure/3:15 p.m. return
- **Seventh Grade:** St. Louis Science Center (Approx. 63 students/15 chaperones) Date: Late April or Early May Times: 7:00 a.m. departure/4:30 p.m. return
- **Eighth Grade:** State Capitol, Lincoln's Tomb, and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum in Springfield (Approx. 40 students/4 chaperones) Date: Nov. 2008 Times: 6:50 a.m. departure/5:30 p.m. return
- **Eighth Grade End-of-Year Trip:** Historical sites in Louisville, St. Louis City Museum, Union Station (Approx. 40 students/4 chaperones) Date: May 15, 2009 Times: 8:30 a.m. departure/8:00 p.m. return
- **Jr. High Choir:** St. Louis Fox Theater (Approx. 40 students/5 chaperones) Date: January 29, 2009 Times: 8:00 a.m. departure/7:00 p.m. return
- **Jr. High/HS Bands:** March in the Mt. Carmel Christmas Parade (Approx. 41 students/1 chaperone) *event pays \$250 Date: December 6, 2008 Times: 8:00 a.m. departure/12:30 p.m. return
- **Jr. High Band,** St. Louis Symphony Orchestra "Young People's Concert", Feb. 18, 2009 (25 students/2 chaperones)
- **HS Science Classes,** Rubbish Gobbler landfill, Effingham, approximately 35 students, March 2009, 3:30-6:00 pm
- **HS Science Club,** St. Louis, MO, approximately 30 students, first of May, 2009
- **HS Microbiology Class,** Giant City State Park, 2nd Saturday in November, 8:00 am-5:00 pm
- **HS Drama,** Attend a drama workshop, SIU-C, March 25, 2009
- **HS Drama Club,** St. Louis Fox Theater to see "Hairspray" April 24
- **HS Chorus,** St. Louis Fox Theater to see "Radio City Christmas Spectacular, Dec 17, financed by themselves
- **HS Band/Chorus,** Chicago to see "Mary Poppins", May 11 & 12,
- **HS Business Club,** Effingham local businesses, late April/early May,
- **HS Business Club,** area Businesses, Late April
- **HS Band,** Powell Hall, St Louis; Young Adult Concert
- The following FFA activities are during the school day. There are additional activities, but they are scheduled for either after school or on Saturdays (An itemized list will be provided.)
HS FFA, National FFA Convention, October 22 and 23; Indianapolis, IN
 October 9, Section 23 Land Use, Richland Co 11:30 a.m.
 January 9, Sectional Ag Teacher Mtg, Wabash Valley College
 January 23 & 24, Made for Excellence Conference, Collinsville
 February 5, FFA Degree Interviews, Fairfield
 April 16, Section 23 Livestock Judging and Horticulture, Olney 11:30 a.m.
 April 28, State Livestock, Dairy and Horticulture, Champaign
- The following FCCLA(Family, Career and Communities-Leader of America) activities are during the school day. There are additional activities, but they are scheduled for either after school or on Saturdays. (An itemized list will be provided.)
HS FCCLA, Fall Sectional Leadership Mtg, TBA, request mileage
 October 6, Peer Leadership Conference, Springfield (request mileage)
 October 30 District FCCLA Leadership Conference, EIU (mileage)
 Spring, Spring Leadership Mtg, TBA, (mileage)
 April 16-17, Annual State Leadership Conference, Springfield (request mileage)

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

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A motion was made by Britton, 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. Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

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

The board met in closed session from 7:52 P.M. to 9:33 P.M.

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

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)* and Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees was discussed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. Enrollment Update

Grade Level	2007-08 (Sept. 1)	Average Class Size	2008-09 Enrollment as of Sept. 2, 2008	Average Class Size
Pre-K	39	19.5	40	20.0
K	56	18.7	49	16.4
1	60	20.0	54	18.0
2	49	16.3	60	20.0
3	61	20.3	44	14.7
4	45	22.5	57+ 2 at Clay City	19.0
5	55	18.3	44 + 1 at W. Richland	22.0
6	66		52	
7	39		63	
8	36		36	
Grade School	506		Pre-K-8 = 502	
9	55		40	
10	51		51	
11	47		55	
12	46		40	
High School	199		186	
Total	705		688	

Early Childhood Education – Total Class Enrollment =6 (all 6 are North Clay students)

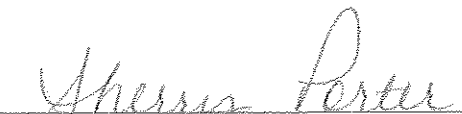
ROE 12 Pre-K A.M. Class -18 (North Clay students-we do not receive state aid for these kids)

1 student attending West Richland, 2 students attending Clay City

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President Bailey adjourned the meeting at 9:47 P.M.


President


Secretary