

**NORTH CLAY COMMUNITY UNIT #25 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX LEVY
DECEMBER 18, 2008**

The North Clay Community Unit #25 Board of Education met in regular session, Thursday, December 18, 2008 in the North Clay Unit District Office for the Public Hearing on the proposed tax levy. 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, Sherry Porter, Tony Smith, Mike Worthey and Darren Bailey.

Members absent: None.

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.

President Bailey opened the floor for any public comments on the Public Hearing on the proposed tax levy. With no comments about the proposed tax levy, President Bailey closed the Public Hearing.

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The North Clay Community Unit #25 Board of Education met in regular session, Thursday, December 18, 2008 in the North Clay Unit District Office. President Bailey called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M.

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

Members absent: None.

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.

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

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

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Erwin, to approve all sick leave and personal leave requests presented plus board bills covered by checks #35,562 through #35,773 were in the following amounts: Educational Fund: \$112,346.83; Building Fund: \$45,542.93; Transportation Fund: \$33,445.23; IMRF/SS: \$22,938.61; F/P Safety: \$1,600.00 plus the November payroll of \$312,849.04 less deductions of \$72,923.32 making a total of \$455,799.32. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no comments from visitors present.

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A motion was made by Worthey, seconded by Smith, to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2008 Board Meeting. Ayes: Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Britton, seconded by Smith, to approve the agenda. Ayes: Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, and Bailey. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Smith, to approve and adopt the district's tax levy for funds to be received for the 2009-2010 school year. The total tax levy was \$1,084,950.00 broken down as follows:

Educational	\$579,600.00	Operations & Maintenance	\$157,500.00
Transportation	\$ 63,000.00	Working Cash	\$ 15,750.00
Municipal Retirement	\$ 75,000.00	Social Security	\$110,000.00
Fire Prev. /Safety	\$ 15,750.00	Tort Immunity	\$ 40,000.00
Special Education	\$ 12,600.00	Leasing	\$ 15,750.00

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

Superintendent's Report:

- a. ***State Funding Concerns*** – Superintendent Aldrich presented information on the lack of state funding and that no funding had been sent from the state for Transportation or Early Childhood money. Since there was no prediction as to when the state would catch up on payments, Superintendent Aldrich discussed the need for cutbacks and there were suggestions on having a special board meeting in the future to discuss this situation further.
- b. ***Dec. 26 & Jan. 2, 2008*** – Superintendent Aldrich stated the entire district would be closed on these two dates so employees could have the time off and would serve as a cost cutting measure for the district.

At this point, a motion was made by Smith, seconded by Erwin to enter closed session to hear a parent concern and continue with closed session items - The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, security, or dismissal of specific employees of the district 5 *ILCS 120/2© (1)*. Ayes: Worthey, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Smith, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

The board met in closed session from 7:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.

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

Upon entering open session, the board continued with the rest of the agenda.

A motion was made by Worthey, seconded by Smith, to adopt the District's Compliance Document Covering 403b Plan and agreement with American Fidelity. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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A motion was made by Worthey, seconded by Porter, to approve a Building Use Request by Buy-a-Farm Land and Auction Company, for use of the Commons on Saturday, January 17, 2009. Ayes: Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Smith, to approve a Fundraiser request by the Freshman Class to have a Dodge Ball Tournament in the HS Gym in late February or March, 2009. Ayes: Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, Erwin. Nays: None. Abstained: Bailey. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Worthey, seconded by Porter, to renew the SIJHSAA dues of \$240.00. Ayes: Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Porter, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Worthey, to renew the IASB sponsored property/casualty insurance with the Illinois School District Agency at a cost of \$68,540.00. This was a \$6,000.00 savings over last year. Ayes: Worthey, Britton, Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Smith, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Erwin, to approve revised Board Policy Manual changes from the November 13, 2008 regular board meeting.

- I. Approve the following proposed board policy changes for first reading:
 - a. 2:80-E Board Member Code of Conduct
 - b. 2:220 School Board Meeting Procedure
 - c. 4:60 Purchases and Contracts
 - d. 4:70 Resource Conservation
 - e. 5:90 General Personnel – Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
 - f. 5:150 General Personnel – Personnel Records
 - g. 5:240 Professional Personnel – Suspension
 - h. 5:290 Educational Support Personnel – Employment Terminations and Suspensions
 - i. 6:10 Educational Philosophy and Objectives
 - j. 6:60 Curriculum Content
 - k. 6:120 Education of Children with Disabilities
 - l. 6:230 Library Media Program
 - m. 7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities
 - n. 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited
 - o. 7:50 School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools
 - p. 7:100 Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students
 - q. 7:210 Expulsion Procedures
 - r. 7:230 Misconduct by Students with Disabilities
 - s. 7:240 Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities
 - t. 7:300 Extracurricular Athletics

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

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A motion was made by Porter, seconded by Erwin, to accept the resignation for the purpose of an Early Retirement Option at an estimated cost of \$58,378.10 to the district for Debbie Grahn effective January 30, 2009. Ayes: Cochran, Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Worthey, seconded by Porter, to approve Thomas Taylor as a student teacher for PE and Health at NCHS effective second semester of the 2008-09 school year. Ayes: Erwin, Porter, Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

President Bailey adjourned the meeting at 8:43 P.M.



President



Secretary