

**NORTH CLAY COMMUNITY UNIT #25 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2009**

The North Clay Community Unit #25 Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, November 12th, 2009 in the North Clay District Office. President Bailey called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. and led the board in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance

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

Members absent: Troy Britton, Darrell McKnelly, and Chris Rinehart
Darrell McKnelly arrived at 6:38 P.M., Troy Britton arrived at 7:05 P.M.,
and Chris Rinehart arrived at 7:21 P.M.

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

President Bailey placed the treasurer's report for October 8th, 2009 on file.

A motion was made by Cochran, seconded by Smith, to approve all sick leave and personal leave requests presented plus board bills covered by checks #37,566 through #37,820 were in the following amounts: Educational Fund: \$129,479.00; Building Fund: \$11,208.20; Bond & Interest Fund: \$215,400.00; Transportation Fund: \$25,370.33; IMRF/SS: \$13,211.13; Tort Fund: \$5,510.75; plus the October payroll of \$289,781.04 less deductions of \$62,103.28 making a total of \$627,857.17. Ayes: Cochran, Smith, Worthey, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors and Public Comments: There were none.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Worthey, to approve the minutes from the October 8th, 2009 board meeting. Ayes: Smith, Worthey, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Cochran, to amend the agenda to reflect the addition of – Renew the IASB sponsored property/casualty insurance with the Illinois School District Agency, and consider approval of a three-year guarantee agreement. Ayes: Worthey, Cochran, Smith, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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

Bob Sellers, Jackie Leuking, and Teresa Warfel presented the Board with first aid kits from the Clay County Hospital. A motion was made by Worthey, seconded by Smith, to approve the donation of first aid kits for our schools and thanked the Clay County Hospital for their donation. Ayes: McKnelly, Smith, Worthey, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Worthey, to approve the renewal of the IASB sponsored property/casualty insurance and approved a three-year rate guarantee agreement. Ayes: Smith, Worthey, Cochran, McKnelly, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Worthey, seconded by Cochran, to approve the following trip requests:

- a. Jr. High boy's basketball fundraiser request
 - b. 7th grade trip (movie in Effingham)
 - c. 8th grade trip (Six Flags) – tabled from previous board meeting - approved with the stipulation that a curriculum with lesson plans be submitted to Mrs. Healy before the trip.
- Ayes: Worthey, Cochran, McKnelly, Smith, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

After reviewing the district's estimated tax levy for the 2009-2010 school year, a motion was made by Smith, seconded by Worthey, to approve the district's estimated tax levy for 2009-2010 and set a date of December 10th, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. in the District's Unit Office for the public hearing before adoption. Ayes: Britton, Cochran, McKnelly, Smith, Worthey, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

One sealed bid was received for each school district van, but the Board rejected those bids for the vans. Plans were to establish another method for selling the surplus equipment.

Acting upon a request from the coaches on the philosophy and coaching within the district, Richard Grubaugh, spokesperson for all of the coaches within the district, presented information that was requested. Emphasis of the discussion was on playing time for athletes and on the balance of family time vs. sports practice and contest scheduling. Josh Mathis, Athletic Director, presented more information on the schedules and athletic handbook for the district. After a lengthy discussion, no motions were made, but the board relayed their appreciation for the time that was spent gathering the information they had requested.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Rinehart, to approve the following proposed board policy changes for first reading:

- a. 2:20 Powers and Duties of the School Board
- b. 2:40 Board Member Qualifications
- c. 2:110 Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers
- d. 3:40 Superintendent
- e. 4:30 Revenue and Investments
- f. 4:40 Incurring Debt
- g. 4:100 Insurance Management
- h. 4:110 Transportation
- i. 4:140 Waiver of Student Fees
- j. 5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria
- k. 5:90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
- l. 5:100 Staff Development Program
- m. 5:120 Ethics

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- n. 5:250 Professional Personnel-Leaves of Absence
- o. 5:280 Educational Support Personnel-Duties and Qualifications
- p. 5:330 Educational Support Personnel-Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
- q. 7:190 Student Discipline
- r. 7:240 Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities
- s. 7:300 Extracurricular Athletics
- t. 8:100 Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies

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

A motion was made by Cochran, seconded by Smith, to approve an application for the FY 2010 School Library Per Capita Grant. Ayes: McKnelly, Rinehart, Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Worthey, to renew an intergovernmental contract with Clay County Health Department. Ayes: Rinehart, Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, McKnelly, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

District Band Director, David Brown, presented to the Board some budgetary information that he felt was needed by the band program. The Board directed the administration to look into the band program's needs and work with him on completing a budget for needed equipment.

A motion was made by Cochran, seconded by Smith, to approve a three-year agreement with Mose, Yockey, Brown & Kull, LLC for annual audit services. Ayes: Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, McKnelly, Rinehart, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Worthey, seconded by Rinehart, to approve a building request by the County Line Sodbusters, for use of the commons on Jan. 16, 2010. Ayes: Worthey, Britton, Cochran, McKnelly, Rinehart, Smith, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Rinehart, 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: Britton, Cochran, McKnelly, Rinehart, Smith, Worthey, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

The board met in closed session from 8:37 P.M. to 8:50 P.M.

The board voted unanimously to return to open session.

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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 120/2*© was discussed.

A motion was made by Worthey , seconded by Smith, to accept the resignation from Shelley Fritch as a full-time bus driver effective November 13, 2009 and keep her employed as a substitute bus driver. Ayes: Cochran, McKnelly, Rinehart, Smith, Worthey, Britton, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Rinehart, to hire Steve Wilson as a full-time bus driver. Ayes: McKnelly, Rinehart, Smith, Worthey, Britton, Cochran, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Superintendent's Report:

a. Superintendent Aldrich reported that the Illinois Textbook Loan Program was eliminated from the state budget this year and the loss was around \$16,000 to the district. The Block Grant was reduced 75% this year as well and the district will only receive \$5,440.00. Normally, the district receives around \$35,000-\$40,000 for use in purchasing new textbooks each year. The district will only have the \$5,440 this year to help in the purchasing of new books and materials.

b. Budget Forecast – More information will be coming in December.

President Bailey adjourned the meeting at 9:00 P.M.



President



Secretary