

**NORTH CLAY COMMUNITY UNIT #25 BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Monday, March 25, 2013, 7:00 p.m.**

A Special Meeting was called by the Acting President of the North Clay Board of Education, Darrell McKnelly, to be held at the North Clay CUSD 25 Commons, Louisville, Illinois, at 7:00 p.m. 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)*

President Bailey called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call was taken with the following members present: Cecil Cochran, Darrell McKnelly, Cara Rinehart, and Darren Bailey.

Members absent: Mike Worthey- arrived at 7:02 PM. Chrissy Erwin- arrived at 7:15 PM.

Others present were: Superintendent, Monty Aldrich, Principals, Julie Healy and Penny Arnold, Assistant Principal, Terry Irvin, Special Ed. Coordinator, Jody Aldrich, and Recording Secretary, Cheryl Kuhlig.

Discussion regarding possible private funding to restore particular sports within the district. Supt. Aldrich presented facts, figures and guidelines regarding reductions regarding athletics. Also announced but not voted on officially was the results of the student/athlete ballots sent out last week. The students were to vote on their top two sports that they wanted to keep. Jr. High Baseball, Jr. High Boys and Girls Basketball, and Jr. High Volleyball were voted to be kept. High School Boys and Girls Basketball along with High School Volleyball and Boys Spring Baseball were voted to be kept.

Once all of that was established, the floor was opened for those in attendance to express their wishes regarding the private funding of any sports. Supt. Aldrich offered a draft of rules and guidelines regarding the possible private funding within the district and outside the district. These were discussed with the crowd regarding the advantages and disadvantages. Four or five people spoke up in favor of funding particular sports privately, and most expressed that they would still like it to be sponsored through the district. At that time, the board discussed the possibility of having so many sports return to the district's responsibility that it might be that it need an athletic director again. The athletic director positions were cut at the previous special meeting to reduce expenditures. It had been previously discussed at a prior meeting that an additional person might be needed to handle the athletic director duties along with some other duties if additional sports were added back to the district. That recommendation was shot down at an earlier meeting to save additional funds.

After deliberation and previous statements regarding the supporting of privately funding outside the district, Worthey made a motion to use the guidelines presented to privately fund any sports desired by parents or others through North Clay School District. Included in that motion was that if the individuals or group was unable to come up with the funding, they would still have the


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option of participating outside the school district. This motion stipulated that if a sport was to be set for next year, the amount of money specified would have to be presented to the board at the April 11 board meeting. Also stated was that those donating the money would have to be on the board agenda a week prior to the meeting in order to have it acted upon. Rinehart seconded this motion.

Ayes: McKnelly, Rinehart, Worthey, Cochran, Erwin, and Bailey Nays: None. Motion carried.

There was no closed session.

President Bailey adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM.



President



Secretary