

NORTH CLAY COMMUNITY UNIT #25 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, February 15, 2017

The North Clay Community Unit #25 Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. in the North Clay Commons.

President Cecil Cochran called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

President Cochran opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and David Simmons led the prayer.

Roll Call was taken with the following members present: Cecil Cochran, Ryan Ballard, Jenny McKinney, Tony Smith, David Simmons and Kim Adair. Members absent: Chris Bible.

Others present were: Superintendent, Monty Aldrich, Principal, Keith Price, Special Education Coordinator, Jody Aldrich, and Recording Secretary Tina Gaddy.

A motion was made by McKinney, seconded by Ballard to adopt the agenda. Ayes: Adair, Smith, Simmons, Cochran, Ballard and McKinney. Nays: None. Motion carried

A motion was made by Adair, seconded by McKinney to approve the consent agenda. Ayes: Simmons, Ballard, Cochran, Smith, McKinney and Adair.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

- a. Approval of minutes
- b. Place the treasurer's report for January 2017 on file
- c. Approve all sick leave and personal leave requests presented plus board bills covered by checks #47501 through #52500 were in the following amounts: Educational Fund: \$162,111.94; Building Fund: \$53,450.62; Transportation Fund: \$10,870.91; IMRF/SS Fund: \$16,258.17; plus the August payroll of \$272,948.67 less deductions of \$70,549.10 making a total of \$445,091.21.

There were no public comments. Keith Price, Jody Aldrich and Superintendent Aldrich gave the following positive news.

GRADE SCHOOL POSITIVE NEWS

The Spelling Bee was held on February 1st. In the 2nd and 3rd grade division the winner was Sylvia Robey. Nathan Kessel placed second and Ella Carroll was third. In the 4th and 5th grade division the winner was Danae Levi. Eli Lewis placed second and Evan Capps was third. In junior high the winner was Niah Barbee with Levi Jones in second place. The top 10 students in the junior high category are eligible to compete in the Clay County Spelling Bee. It will be held at the Flora High School on February 25th. Congratulations to; Niah Barbee, Levi Jones, Jacob Byers, Levi Smith, Karissa Young, Eldon Fancher, Courtney Kramer-McKinney, Lawson Erwin, Jayden Linder, and Kaylee Giddings

The Monday Motivator for faculty is still going strong. We have had 10 different teachers present topics and share ideas about various topics including Chromebook shortcuts, administering tests on Chromebooks, classroom games/activities, executive functioning, behavior management, and bucket fillers.

Several teachers are taking part in the Polar Plunge to help raise money for the Special Olympics. The teachers have gotten together and have created a class competition to see who can raise the most money. The class that wins will get a pizza party. An assembly will be held to announce the winners and to recognize the staff members who are taking the plunge.

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HIGH SCHOOL POSITIVE NEWS

The high school office is now fully up to date digitalizing student records from 1926 to present time. This was accomplished by the hard work of the NCHS administrative assistant Arnita Fender. Arnita, thank you for your time, effort and dedication over the past 2 plus years. Now that the NCHS student records are in digital format, access to them is easier, faster and more organized.

Congratulations to Micaelb Hewkin on being selected as the January 2017 NCHS Student of the Month. He was recognized for his tremendous amount of school spirit, especially when dressing up as the cardinal bird at home games and pep rallies. Way to go Micaelb!

Our NCHS WYSE team, under the direction of Mrs. Jennifer Traub (Worldwide Youth Science and Engineering) had a success competition last week. The students who competed were: Dana Fancher, Michael Shook, Shyanne Gouchenouer, Barbara Pritchard, Madison Healy, Justice Robey, Samantha Muzzy, Jessica Martin, Rachel Wiley, Katie Conley, Maggie Gouchenouer, Elizabeth Riddle, Bre Hinton -Jessica Martin and Michael Shook both brought home OCC tuition waivers.

We had a nice turnout for Military Appreciation Day at our boy's basketball game on Friday night. The chorus and band performed and the basketball team, dance team and cheerleaders all brought veterans or current servicemen or women to recognize. Clay City teams participated, also.

Lady Cardinal's basketball team competed in the Regional tournament, but lost in the championship game. Congratulations to Coach Coble and Coach Stanfield and all the players on a great season.

DISTRICT POSITIVE NEWS

We were audited in January for our federal breakfast and lunch programs. No findings other than we need to separate our non-program and program costs differently in accounting. We love audits!

Adrian Guzman, Bryan West, Chad Traub and Billy Coble went to Oklahoma and purchased 8 folding cafeteria tables that were needed for the Commons for \$800. One of these is \$1,700 + shipping new. Many of our chairs down there are splitting and in need of replacing. With these tables, it will better serve students and will reduce time cleaning after lunch periods each day.

Transportation has been short-handed due to injury and illness. Drivers have been flexible and have stepped up and made things work. There have been numerous events after school and we have been short drivers.

We are in need of subs of all kinds and I put the word out to our staff. Within one day, we have possibly gained 5 subs. We appreciate our staff recognizing the needs of the district and stepping up to help in any way possible. Also, during our transition with administration, our staff has shown great maturity with confidentiality and work ethic. They have noticed the need and have stepped in offering help to us when needed.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by McKinney to accept the bid from South Central FS as fuel provider for Feb. 1, 2017 to Jan. 31, 2018. Ayes: McKinney, Smith, Adair, Ballard, Simmons and Cochran. Nays: None. Motion carried

High School Science teacher Jessica Percival gave a presentation on what is going on in her classroom.

Hear from Susan Ingram and Crystal Byers regarding JH basketball issues. As this was regarding personnel and more were present during Public Comments, the board moved to closed session to discuss this and other items.

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A motion was made by McKinney, seconded by Adair, 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(c)(1)

Ayes: Smith, Simmons, Cochran, Ballard, Adair and McKinney. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The board met in closed session from 6:52 P.M. to 9:08 P.M.

A motion was made by Ballard, seconded by Simmons, to enter open session. Ayes: Cochran, Adair, McKinney, Smith, Simmons and Ballard. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Upon returning to open session the following motions were made:

A motion was made by Simmons, seconded by McKinney to accept the resignation of Mark Storck as Elementary/Jr. High Principal effective February 28, 2017. Ayes: Ballard, Adair, Cochran, Smith, McKinney and Simmons.

A motion was made by Simmons, seconded by McKinney, to reassign Jody Aldrich to Interim preK-5 Principal for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year. Ayes: Simmons, McKinney, Smith, Cochran, Adair and Ballard. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Simmons, seconded by Adair, to reassign Keith Price to Interim 6-12 Principal for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year. Ayes: Ballard, Cochran, McKinney, Simmons, Adair and Simmons. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Simmons, seconded by McKinney to approve compensation for additional duties as assigned for Ms. Aldrich and Mr. Price. Ayes: Adair, Simmons, Ballard, Smith, Ballard and Cochran. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Simmons, seconded by McKinney, to advertise for bids for school construction projects. Ayes: Smith, Cochran, McKinney, Simmons, Adair and Ballard. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding dual credit classes took place. HS Principal Keith Price described the situation that our school is in regarding the ability to provide dual credit courses. No action was taken.

A motion was made by Ballard, seconded by Simmons, to remove Mark Storck from the Clay County Bank authorized signature on North Clay CUSD 25 accounts and add Jody Aldrich. Ayes: Smith, Adair, Cochran, McKinney, Simmons and Ballard. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Simmons, seconded by Adair, to approve professional development for Amy Walker for the ASCD Conference-Pre-K, March 1-3, 2017 in Schaumburg and for the Integrating Student Assessment, March 9-10, 2017 in O'Fallon, Illinois. Ayes: McKinney, Simmons, Adair, Cochran, Ballard and Smith. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by McKinney, seconded by Adair, to continue the contract with Healy Bros. Mowing for the upcoming year. Ayes: Smith, Ballard, Cochran, Adair, Simmons and McKinney. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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A motion was made by Smith, seconded by McKinney, to declare surplus equipment and supplies for sealed bid sale. Ayes: Simmons, McKinney, Smith, Cochran, Ballard and Adair. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ballard, seconded by Simmons, to set North Clay High School graduation date for Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 3:00 with Baccalaureate at 2:00 and North Clay 8th Grade Promotion for Tuesday, May 13, 2017 at 6:30. Ayes: McKinney, Smith, Simmons, Adair, Cochran and Ballard. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Adair, seconded by Simmons, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: Adair, Ballard, Cochran, McKinney, Simmons and Smith. Nays: None. Motion carried

President Cochran adjourned the meeting at 9:33 P.M.

President

Secretary