

NORTH CLAY COMMUNITY UNIT #25 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, November 2, 2016

The North Clay Community Unit #25 Board of Education met in special session on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. in the North Clay Unit Office.

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

President Cochran opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Jenny McKinney led the prayer.

Roll Call was taken with the following members present: Cecil Cochran, Ryan Ballard, Jenny McKinney, Tony Smith, David Simmons, Kim Adair and Chris Bible. Members absent: None.

Others present were: Superintendent, Monty Aldrich, Principals, Keith Price and Mark Storck, and Recording Secretary Tina Gaddy.

Public Comments & Positive News

Bryan West, President of FFA Alumni, spoke to the board opposing the construction of a new ballfield by the North Clay Park District on school district grounds. Athena Van Dyke then spoke asking questions regarding the size of the plot and whether the board could give back the 1/3 of the profit they took away recently. Anthony Dawkins, representing the Park District, responded to comments from West and Van Dyke. Jason Griffy, representing the Park District, responded by stating that the school district currently pays the park yearly to use it.

The Park District would like to entertain a 30-year agreement initially. Cochran then asked board members to comment. Board member Smith spoke regarding the layout of the proposed ballfield. Dawkins responded by stating that the field being in the middle of the plot would help because parking on the back lot of the school would be more convenient. It was also discussed regarding other future ballfields in various positions on a map that was presented. Smith and Dawkins also discussed a road leading out to the field proposed and how that would work. McKinney then asked what the timeline was for completion of this new ballfield. Dawkins responded by bringing a proposed budget for the project and said it depended on how soon the dirt work could begin and upon the weather. He still thinks they could possibly start the dirt work before winter. Ballard then asked about an area for a diamond in the future. They discussed possible future dirt work and elevation for that project. Bryan West asked Dawkins if the bids he had were to include prevailing wage. Dawkins responded that it did. Then he stated that the idea would be for the field to be ready for next fall's baseball season. Simmons asked about whether they were going to tile the field, and Dawkins responded by stating it wasn't needed. More discussion was held regarding not needing lights and about cutting that expense totally. Bible then asked what the approximate electric bill was for the summer at the current park. Dawkins said it averages around \$130 per night or \$1,000 per month. Ballard then asked about water and electric. Dawkins and Griffy responded by stating they had no intentions of putting electric or water out there. McKinney then asked if the FFA Alumni and Park District had ever thought about working together in the building/construction of this project. Mr. Branch stated that it had been thought about. Dawkins then stated he had no problem in working together with this if anyone wanted to. Bryan West then asked about bathrooms. Dawkins stated that if the school was willing to open the school that it would be great, or they could put a porta potty out there. Cochran then asked for a motion but some wanted to talk about a time period for the initial IG.

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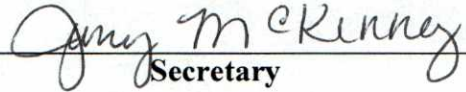
A motion was made by Simmons, seconded by McKinney to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with North Clay Park District for 25 years beginning November 2, 2016. Ayes: Cochran, Ballard, Adair, Smith, Bible, McKinney and Simmons. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

President Cochran adjourned the meeting at 7:01 P.M.



President



Secretary