

NORTH CLAY COMMUNITY UNIT #25 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, January 18, 2017

The North Clay Community Unit #25 Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, January 18th at 6:30 P.M. in the North Clay Unit Office.

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

Roll Call was taken with the following members present: Cecil Cochran, Ryan Ballard, Tony Smith, Chris Bible Kim Adair, and David Simmons. McKinney arrived at 7:10 P.M.

Others present were: Superintendent Monty Aldrich, Principals Keith Price and Mark Storck, Special Education Coordinator Jody Aldrich, and Recording Secretary Jami Lewis.

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

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

- a. Approval of minutes
- b. Place the treasurer's report for December 2016 on file
- c. Approve all sick leave and personal leave requests presented plus board bills covered by checks #52364 through #52463 were in the following amounts: Educational Fund: \$157,449.09; Building Fund: \$11,409.85; Transportation Fund: \$16,344.11; IMRF/SS Fund: \$15,709.89; Fire Prevention/Safety: \$1,065.00, plus the December payroll of \$274,444.67 less deductions of \$70,020.57 making a total of \$406,402.04

Public Comments & Positive News:

GRADE SCHOOL POSITIVE NEWS

Katie Washburn from South Eastern Special Education contacted the office about acknowledging one of our North Clay Elementary 5th graders for his amazing attitude towards her students. He is always attentive and plays with our students and he checks on them when they are hurt. He acknowledges them in the hallway when they talk to him. It is nice to see! The Junior High completed their motivational rewards for the quarter this past week, students had the choice of participating in various reward activities and games Tuesday through Thursday and acknowledging the student's hard work over the previous quarter. The Grade School celebrated its 8th grade night, acknowledging North Clay's 8th grade basketball players, cheerleaders and their families. The boys won the game in overtime making the night even more exciting. The Chromebooks and related technology purchased in the fall for the Grade School Elementary Special Ed classrooms using Title I funds have arrived and are being put into service as we speak.

HIGH SCHOOL POSITIVE NEWS

The Harlem Wizards performed at the high school Sunday afternoon. The North Clay Dazzling Dribblers All-Stars, made up of various NCHS Alumni, lost by a score of 77-71. They were hosted by the Rotary Club. A packed house attended to watch the show. Bryce Gullidge was the December 2016 North Clay High School Student of the Month. The NCHS Cheerleaders won 1st place for the 2nd year in a row at the Dieterich Holiday Tournament. Our district faculty and staff took part in CPR training during the January institute. This refresher course is helping to keep our students safe. Last Wednesday, NCHS recognized those students who were on the high honor and honor rolls. Students with 1st semester perfect attendance were also recognized on their accomplishment.

DISTRICT POSITIVE NEWS

We were audited in December by ISBE on the following: General State Aid - 2014-15 FY, Special Education - Personnel 2014-15 FY, Transportation - Regular, Vocational & Special Education - 2014-15 FY, and Early Childhood Block Grant - 2015-16 FY. There were no findings in any of the audits. In Transportation, there was an audit adjustment of \$7,956 in our favor. We will receive that when the state decides to release it. Great job Jami Lewis and Tina Gaddy at the Unit Office!

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Simmons, to approve purchasing a new tractor with loader and pallet forks from the low bidder that was Dittamore Implement of Teutopolis. Bid price was \$43,567 with a trade-in of \$4,500 for the current John Deere the district owns. Ayes: Adair, Ballard, Cochran, Simmons, Smith, and Bible. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ballard, seconded by Adair, to approve advertising for fuel bids for fiscal year February 1, 2017 to January 31, 2018. Ayes: Ballard, Simmons, Smith, Bible, Cochran and Adair. Nays: None. Motion carried

A motion was made by Ballard seconded by Bible to transfer/close activity funds that are no longer needed. Ayes: Bible, Simmons, Ballard, Smith, Adair, and Cochran. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discuss financing for needed projects: *There was some discussion regarding financing for upcoming projects but more information is needed on the boiler replacement. Supt. Aldrich will seek that information and bring it back to a future meeting.*

A motion was made Bible, seconded by Smith, to approve a high school student to participate in IHSA track independently. Ayes: Adair, Simmons, Bible, Cochran, Ballard, and Smith. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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A motion was made by Ballard, seconded by Smith, to pursue further co-op agreement possibilities with Clay City to be worked out between the districts. Ayes: Adair, Ballard, Simmons, Cochran, Smith, and Bible. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ballard, seconded by Simmons, to move item number 11 on the agenda to closed session. Ayes: Adair, Ballard, Smith, Simmons, Cochran, and Bible. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ballard, seconded by Adair, to approve an overnight request for a Gifted Conference for Vanessa Peters in Chicago on Feb 2-3, 2017 and an FFA Conference in Mt. Vernon on Feb 3-4, 2017. Ayes: Smith, Bible, Ballard, Adair, Cochran, and Simmons. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bible, seconded by Adair, to enter closed session for the purpose of:

- a. Student disciplinary cases (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9))
- b. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, security, or dismissal of specific employees of the district. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

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

The board met in closed session from **7:07 P.M. to 11:42 P.M.**

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

Upon returning to open session the following motions were made:

A motion was made by Bible, seconded by McKinney, to expel student 01-18-17A until the beginning of the second semester of 2017-18. Ayes: Ballard, Bible, Cochran, Smith, Simmons, Adair, and McKinney. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by McKinney, seconded by Simmons, to accept the resignation of Mark Storck as Grade School Principal effective the end of the 2016-17 school year. Ayes: Bible, Ballard, Smith, McKinney, Adair, Simmons, and Cochran. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by McKinney, to keep the closed session minutes from July 2016 to December 2016 closed. Ayes: Cochran, Bible, Ballard, Adair, McKinney, Smith and Simmons. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Adair, seconded by Simmons, to hire Wanda Schewe as a substitute paraprofessional upon completion of requirements. Ayes: Ballard, Adair, McKinney, Cochran, Simmons, Bible, and Smith. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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A motion was made by Simmons, seconded by Smith, to rehire administrators Keith Price, Jody Aldrich, and Monty Aldrich with salaries to be set at a later date. Ayes: Ballard, Smith, Simmons, Bible, Cochran, Adair, and McKinney. Nays: None. Motion carried.

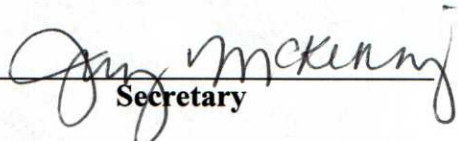
A motion was made by Simmons, seconded by McKinney, to extend the contract of Superintendent Monty Aldrich through the 2020-21 school year. Ayes: Ballard, Adair, McKinney, Smith, Simmons, Cochran, and Bible. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

President Cochran adjourned the meeting at **11:45 P.M.**



President



Secretary