

**January 19, 2015  
Regular Meeting  
Board of Directors  
Clarinda Community School District**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Audience to Visitors
5. Administrative Reports
6. Consent Items
  - A. Approval of Minutes
  - B. Approval of Bills in the Amount of:

• General Fund	\$94,831.45
• Activity Fund	\$24,179.26
• Nutrition Fund	\$20,208.08
• Capital Projects	\$6,795.78
  - C. Analysis of Reports

• Financial Statements
• Activity Accounts
• Hot Lunch
• Open Enrollment Application(s)
7. Old Business
8. New Business
  - A. Presentation from Lego League Students
  - B. Update on Clarinda Academy
    1. Approve Clarinda Academy IEP Development Process
  - C. Approve High School Curriculum Planner
  - D. Approve First Reading of Board Policy Updates
  - E. Approve Transfer/Resignation
  - F. Approve Special Education Contracts
9. Correspondence from Board Members
10. Adjournment
11. Work Session: Board Goal Review and Site Visit Overview

Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Clarinda Community School District met in regular session on Monday, January 19, 2015, 5:00 p.m., at the Board Room located in the McKinley Building, 423 East Nodaway, Clarinda, IA 51632.

**Call to Order**

President Sunderman called the regular meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

## **Roll Call**

The following board members were present: President Sunderman, Vice President Watkins, McComb, and Turner. Fine arrived at 5:55 p.m.

## **Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by McComb, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

## **Audience to Visitors**

President Sunderman welcomed all visitors to the meeting. No visitors chose to address the board at this time.

## **Administrative Reports**

Mr. McNeal, Middle School Principal, reported:

1. The Penny Wars competition between the home rooms just prior to Christmas break resulted in over \$1400 that was used to benefit charitable causes in the community.
2. Storm Howard is the CMS champion of the National Geography Bee. He advances to the next level of competition, a written examination that will determine state competitors. The national championship will be held May 11-13, 2015, in Washington D.C.

Mr. Irvin, Activities Director, reported:

1. Parent-teacher conferences were held last Wednesday at the high school.
2. Eleven band members participated in the Southwest Iowa Honor Band Festival in Atlantic today.
3. Speech students, preparing for Saturday's large group speech contest, will perform their contest selections at the annual Backward Theatre in the auditorium on Thursday at 7 p.m.
4. Vocal music students will participate in the Creston Little All-State Festival on Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>.
5. The National Honor Society is sponsoring a Sadie Hawkins Dance in the high school gym on Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>.
6. Our jazz band will attend the State Jazz Band Festival in Atlantic on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Superintendent Honnold reported:

1. Our next regular meeting is February 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be staying for a negotiations session with the Clarinda Education Association after the meeting.

## **Consent Items**

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Watkins, to approve the following consent items:

- A. Minutes of the December 8, 2014, regular meeting and December 8, 2014, special meeting.
- B. Bills in the amounts of:

General Fund	\$94,831.45
Activity Fund	\$24,179.26
Nutrition Fund	\$20,208.08
Capital Projects	\$6,795.78
- C. December 31, 2014, Financial Statements, Activity Fund report, Hot Lunch report, and open enrollment application(s).

Turner stated she had audited the bills, found them in order, and recommended payment. The motion to approve the consent items was approved on a 4-0 vote.

## **Old Business**

The board had no old business to consider.

## **New Business**

### **Presentation from Lego League Students**

FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) is a non-profit, based in New Hampshire, created to inspire young people's interest and participation in science and technology. One of the programs promoted by FIRST is the Iowa FIRST LEGO League. Children ages 9-14 form teams of up to 10 members and meet as often as they would like with a coach. In addition to building a Lego robot, they also do a research project, learn presentation skills, explore technical and engineering concepts, and develop teamwork skills. A team of five 4<sup>th</sup> grade students, Sarah Tunnicliff, Tatum Watkins, Xavier DeGroot, Taylor Wagoner, and John Schwab, along with their coach, Dan DeGroot, participated in the State Championship Competition at Iowa State on January 17<sup>th</sup>, after qualifying at the regional meet in Council Bluffs on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Mr. DeGroot and four members of the

team attended the board meeting, showing their Lego robot and explaining how they would answer the question, “How could we improve the way someone learns about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math)?” The students agreed they enjoyed the competition and plan on participating next year if possible.

### **Update on Clarinda Academy**

#### **Approve Clarinda Academy IEP Development Process**

Chad Leonard, Education Director at the Clarinda Academy, was at the meeting to explain the process used to comply with a citation by the Iowa Department of Education concerning Individual Educational Plans (IEPs) of incoming Clarinda Academy students. Documentation for each student with an IEP now includes details of how the Clarinda Academy will provide instruction specific to their need or disability. The IEP will chart services and student progress. Mr. Leonard also introduced Brittany Behr, who will be replacing Leonard in February. Following the report, a motion was made by Turner, seconded by Watkins, to approve the IEP development and implementation plan for special education students who attend the Clarinda Academy. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **Approve High School Curriculum Planner**

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Turner, to approve the high school curriculum planner and course offerings for the 2015-2016 school year. Current high school students will be registering for next year’s classes from among the courses offered, but the actual courses taught will be dependent on student enrollment. Enrollment in each course generally determines the number of sections offered and whether courses with low numbers can be offered in a teacher’s schedule. Miss Nook, high school principal, reviewed the changes from last year. Following Miss Nook’s review, the motion was approved on a 4-0 vote.

#### **Approve First Reading of Board Policy Updates**

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by McComb, to approve the first reading of the board policy updates as presented. The committee, board members Watkins and McComb, Activities Director Irvin, Superintendent Honnold, and Board Secretary VanFosson, met several times to review Sections 500 Students and 600 Education Program. VanFosson presented recommendations for change in current policy language, and reviewed new policies required due to changes in federal or state law. Following the presentation, the motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

#### *Board Policy Review Committee Recommendations*

#### **Code No. 502.7 Smoking-Drinking-Drugs**

It was suggested we include “e-cigarettes” to the list of items prohibited.

#### **Code No. 502.10 Use of Motor Vehicles**

The 2014 Legislature amended the student school driving permit law, SF 2228. The new law addresses a gap in the law for those students who are not shared academically but rather for extracurricular activities. The old law limited the extracurricular driving to only those students who were actually enrolled in the district that sponsored the activity. The law now allows students to not only drive to and from school but also to extracurricular activities if it is a shared activity.

#### **Code No. 501.3 Compulsory Attendance**

#### **Code No. 601.1 School Calendar**

The 2013 and 2014 legislatures made significant changes to the school calendar by allowing schools to make a choice between hours or days for defining student instruction time. While the 2013 legislature made the changes effective for the 2014-15 school year, errors were made in the legislation which delayed the issuance of the new policies. It was unclear which path the legislature would take in making the corrections and, with the start date issue still floating around and a one year delay in implementation, IASB didn’t issue sample policies until it was clear the issue was settled, at least for now, so boards didn’t have to adopt two different policies.

The only change to the current law is that boards can choose between a 180 day school calendar and a 1080 school hours calendar. The exception to the law is still the same in that boards can count parent-teacher conferences as student instruction time. Also, if parent-teacher conferences are scheduled outside the school day and four consecutive days instruction time is at least 30 hours, then the fifth day can count as student instructional time in the 180 days model only. The previous law had the amount of hours for the previous four days as 27.5 hours. If the total hours of instructional school time for grades one through twelve for any five consecutive school days equal a minimum of thirty hours, even though any one day of school is less than the minimum instructional hours because of a staff development opportunity provided for the professional instructional staff or because parent-teacher conferences have been scheduled beyond the regular school day, then the 180 day school can have a day of school less than the 6 hours. The minimum hour school day law does not apply to those schools on the 1080 hour school calendar.

Due to the move to the option of hours, all school days are to be at least 6 hours for those using a 180 day calendar, not counting lunch but everything else can be counted, including passing time and recess. The six hour day came from the same math used to settle on 1080, it is 6 hours times 180 days.

The Compulsory Attendance policy also includes the addition of Independent Private Instruction as an exception to the compulsory attendance law.

#### **Code No. 803.1 Disposition of Obsolete Equipment**

The 2014 legislature made a change to the disposition of property statute that IASB has been requesting for years. IASB worked with the Iowa Newspaper Association to address the publication requirements for disposition of property. Current law states all property valued at less than \$5,000 has to have two newspaper publications prior to disposition. It was clear that this is an inefficient practice for disposal of many items (i.e. textbooks, old jerseys, etc.) for which there is no resale value.

Changes made this year state that sales or dispositions following a procedure adopted by the board (procedures such as auction, eBay, etc.) still need to follow the two publication process. But, all other dispositions (first come, first served, etc.) need only one publication prior to disposition. Since the law now makes a distinction about the two types of disposition - one following the process adopted by the board and the other not following that process - it's important for boards to actually put a disposition process or processes in their board policy. As a result of the policy language, all other disposition processes are subject to the minimal, one, publication requirement.

#### **Approve Transfer/Resignation**

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by McComb, to approve the transfer of James Hash to assistant baseball coach for the 2015 season. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **Approve Special Education Contracts**

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by McComb, to approve the contracts with Atlantic, Council Bluffs, Des Moines Independent, Hampton-Dumont, Jesup, Sioux Center, Sioux City, and Waterloo Community School Districts for resident special education students being served at the Clarinda Academy. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **Board Correspondence**

Watkins: Congratulations to the Lego League team. Thank you to Mr. DeGroot, the parents, and the board for supporting the students who participated.

#### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Watkins, to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **Work Session**

Board members reviewed goals and discussed the Department of Education site visit scheduled for April 14-16, 2015.

Cindy L. VanFosson  
Board Secretary