

**February 22, 2016
Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
Clarinda Community School District**

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6. Open Hearing to Review the Plans, Specifications, and Bid Documents for the High School North Vestibule and Kitchen Air Conditioning Project
7. Open Hearing to Review the Plans, Specifications, and Bid Documents for the Garfield North Playground Resurfacing Project
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 - A. Approve the Plans, Specifications, and Bid Documents for the High School North Vestibule and Kitchen Air Conditioning Project
 - B. Approve the Plans, Specifications, and Bid Documents for the Garfield North Playground Resurfacing Project
 - C. Approve Technology Equipment Purchases for 2016-2017 School Year
 - D. Review Proposed Calendar for 2016-2017 School Year
 - E. Adopt Confidentiality Resolution
10. Correspondence from Board Members
11. Adjournment

Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Clarinda Community School District met in regular session on Monday, February 22, 2016, 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 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The following board members were present: President Sunderman, Vice President McComb, Bond, and Jones.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Jones, to approve the amended agenda, adding 9E. Motion carried 4-0.

Audience to Visitors

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

Administrative Reports

Mr. Porter, Middle School Principal, reported:

1. Conferences with K-8 parents will be held Wednesday and Thursday this week. At the middle school we have student-led conferences, where the student attends with their parent and takes ownership of their successes and failures for the grading period. We believe student-led conferences provide opportunities for important conversations between students and their parents.
2. I'm still receiving lots of positive feedback on the Young Americans visit to Clarinda.

Mrs. Opperman, Elementary Principal, reported:

1. A parent meeting with prospective kindergarten students for the fall of 2016 will be held March 30th and the children themselves will visit kindergarten classrooms April 6th, 7th, and 8th.

Board member Turner arrived at 5:04 p.m.

Open Hearing

At 5:05 p.m. President Sunderman declared the start of the open hearing on the plans, specifications, and bid documents for the high school north vestibule and kitchen air conditioning project. Hearing no verbal and receiving no written objections to the plans, specifications, and bid documents, President Sunderman closed the hearing at 5:06 p.m.

At 5:06 p.m. President Sunderman declared the start of the open hearing on the plans, specifications, and bid documents for the Garfield north playground resurfacing project. Hearing no verbal and receiving no written objections to the plans, specifications, and bid documents, President Sunderman closed the hearing at 5:07 p.m.

Old Business

Board members had no old business to consider.

New Business

Approve Plans, Specifications, and Bid Documents for the High School North Vestibule and Kitchen Air Conditioning Project

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Bond, to approve the plans, specifications, and bid documents for the high school north vestibule and kitchen air conditioning project. BCDM Architects, Omaha, created the plans for the project. Bids will be received until March 3rd and the board will award the project to a bidder at their next regular meeting on March 14th. The district will use money from the state-wide one cent sales tax to fund the project. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Plans, Specifications, and Bid Documents for the Garfield North Playground Resurfacing Project

A motion was made by Jones, seconded by Bond, to approve the plans, specifications and bid documents for the Garfield north playground resurfacing project. The playground is being resurfaced to comply with regulations set by the State for early childhood students and to eliminate the maintenance and upkeep of the current woodchips. National Playground Compliance Group, Carlisle, IA, assisted with the proposed playground design and resurfacing specifications. Bids will be received until March 3rd and the board will award the project to a bidder at their next regular meeting on March 14th. The district will use money from the state-wide one cent sales tax to fund the project. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Technology Equipment Purchases for 2016-2017 School Year

Suzi Stanton and Connie Sunderman, technology personnel, were at the meeting to present the equipment purchase plan for the 2016-2017 school year. With input from building principals and the technology committee, it was determined an additional 230 Chromebooks, 32 laptops, 45 iPads, 50 desktops, 6 smartboards, 2 projectors, and 4 document cameras are necessary to maintain current use and expand equipment usage in classrooms. With the purchases, the district will have almost 1500 total devices used by students, teachers, and office staff. The projected cost of the new technology equipment is approximately \$178,000, using funds from district SAVE revenues. Technology purchases were, at one time, funded with general operating funds, but increased costs in salaries and benefits has forced the district to use SAVE (Secure an Advanced Vision for Education), also known as Local Option Sales Tax, for all technology equipment. Following the Board's review of the information presented, a motion was made by Turner, seconded by McComb, to approve the technology purchases for 2016-2017. Motion carried 5-0.

Review Proposed Calendar for 2016-2017 School Year

Mrs. Aldrich, a member of the district's Guiding Team, reviewed the proposed calendar with board members. She explained the calendar is first built by the activities director, using corresponding dates from the current year. It is then reviewed by the Guiding Team, which includes administrators and counselors. They discuss parent-teacher conference dates, the end of each grading period, holiday breaks, and makeup days. From there the District Leadership Team, consisting of 18 teachers and the administrators, views it and comes to a consensus. The start date has been set based on state law and can be no earlier than August 23rd. Each of the committees will review the calendar one more time before it is brought to the board for final approval.

Adopt Confidentiality Resolution

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Turner, to approve the confidentiality resolution assuring board members will commit to confidentiality during the search and selection process of the superintendent. Motion carried 5-0. The resolution is as follows:

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Clarinda Community School District will soon advertise to seek applications for the position of Superintendent of Schools; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Clarinda Community School District believes that otherwise qualified applicants may not apply for the position if their applications are made public due to possible negative repercussions regarding their present employment or for other legitimate reasons; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Clarinda Community School District has been advised by its counsel that applications for the superintendency may be kept confidential per Iowa Code section 22.7(18) as interpreted by the Iowa Supreme Court in *City of Sioux City v. Greater Sioux City Press Club*, 421 N.W.2d 895 (Iowa 1988) if "*the government body receiving those communications from such persons outside of government could reasonably believe that those persons would be discouraged from making them to that government body if they were available for general public examination*" unless the individual consents to disclosure.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Clarinda Community School District hereby determines that qualified applicants for the position of Superintendent of Schools may be discouraged from making application for the position if their applications are available for general public examination.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the applications for Superintendent are hereby ordered to remain confidential, pursuant to the authority cited above unless the individual applicant consents to disclosure. The Board will authorize its consultant to develop procedures to meet the objectives of this Resolution.

Passed and approved by the Board of Directors of the Clarinda Community School District this 22nd day of February, 2016.

Board Correspondence

Jones: Congratulations to our two state-qualifying wrestlers, especially to J.J. Clark with his 3rd place finish. He's had an impressive high school career.

Bond: Congratulations to Mr. Honnold for receiving the President's Award from the Iowa Wrestling Coaches & Officials Association at the state wrestling tournament in Des Moines on Saturday.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by McComb, to adjourn the meeting at 5:32 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Cindy L. VanFosson
Board Secretary