

**February 23, 2015
Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
Clarinda Community School District**

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Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Clarinda Community School District met in regular session on Monday, February 23, 2015, 5:00 p.m., at the Board Room located in the McKinley Building, 423 East Nodaway St., 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, Fine, McComb, and Turner. Vice President Watkins arrived at 5:05 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Turner, 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) Parent-teacher conferences were held at the K-8 building last week.
- 2) Six CMS students competed at the Regional Mathcounts competition on February 10th. Brett Samuelson placed in the top ten and will be competing in the State competition on March 20th at Drake University.
- 3) At the Page County Spelling Bee on February 16th, three CMS students got 1st place in grades 5th-8th. 5th grade: Emma Harris; 7th Grade: McKenzie Slough; and 8th Grade: Ashlynn McKown.

Miss Nook, High School Principal, reported:

- 1) Today was the start of the third trimester.

2) A student from China will be attending CHS for the remainder of the school year.

Mr. Irvin, Activities Director, reported:

- 1) Congratulations to J.J. Clark for bringing home a 3rd place medal from the State Wrestling Tournament.
- 2) Track practice will begin next Monday, no matter what the weather man says.

Superintendent Honnold reported:

- 1) The School Improvement Advisory Committee will meet Thursday evening.
- 2) Please check out the short video on the District web site. Suzi Stanton is doing a great job creating new videos for the site.

Old Business

Board members had no old business to consider.

New Business

Approve First Reading of Board Policy Updates

Jayden Landess, senior class president, was at the meeting with senior class sponsor, Mr. Porter, to present information on the senior trip. The class has decided to take a one-day trip to St. Louis, MO, to tour the Gateway Arch, sightsee on a Gateway Cruise, and attend a St. Louis Cardinals baseball game. All funds for the senior trip come from class fundraising. Following the presentation, a motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Fine, to approve the 2015 senior class trip request to St. Louis. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Technology Purchases

Dan DeGroot and Suzi Stanton, technology personnel, were at the meeting to present the purchase plan for spring 2015. The district currently provides 460 devices to students in the form of Chromebooks, laptops, and iPads. With input from building principals and the technology committee, it was determined an additional 500 Chromebooks would be the least costly option as an instructional tool for student use. Twenty teacher laptops will be replaced and additional Wi-Fi access points will be installed throughout the buildings during the summer. Also included in the purchase plan are two printers and two projectors. The projected cost of the new technology equipment is \$178,000, using funds from our SAVE revenue and approximately \$10,000 from the Iowa Schools Microsoft Settlement. 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 McComb, seconded by Fine, to approve the technology purchase plan for spring 2015. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Early Retirement Request and Resignation

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Watkins, to approve the resignation and early retirement request from Maggie Nordland as Director of Special Programs, effective the end of the 2014-2015 contract year. Mrs. Nordland has served as an administrator in the Clarinda District since 1995, most recently monitoring special programs, including the Clarinda Academy. Motion carried 5-0.

Receive Equity Report

Miss Nook, high school principal, serves as the district's equity coordinator. Her responsibilities include:

- 1) Knowledge of federal and state civil rights laws;
- 2) Equity policies and procedures required by law;
- 3) Dissemination of information to staff, students and the community;
- 4) Professional development on rights and responsibilities;
- 5) Civil rights grievance process which is prompt and effective; and
- 6) Monitoring of disaggregated data.

Miss Nook reviewed with the board activities she's provided for staff development and ways the district is closing the achievement gap, preventing and reducing bullying and harassment behaviors, and meeting the needs of students with disabilities. On the District's web site is a Useful Link in the lower right corner, "Non-Discrimination Statement," with discrimination compliance information.

Correspondence

Turner: Congratulations to our six state qualifying wrestlers and especially to J.J. Clark for his third place finish.

Watkins: 1) I echo Pallin's congratulations to the wrestling team and coaches. 2) Speaking for the entire board, I'd like to convey appreciation to our awesome bus drivers. Although we still have some winter they will have to contend with, they've done a fantastic job keeping our students safe to and from school.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by McComb, to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Cindy L. VanFosson
Board Secretary