

**March 9, 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	\$102,952.42
• Activity Fund	\$6,008.17
• Nutrition Fund	\$20,459.34
• Capital Projects	\$199,426.55
 - C. Analysis of Reports

• Financial Statements
• Activity Accounts
• Hot Lunch
• Open Enrollment Application(s)
7. Old Business
8. New Business
 - A. Update on the Heart Rate Monitor Program
 - B. Approve Bullying and Harassment Prevention Plan
 - C. Approve Resignation(s)
 - D. Review North Gym Entrance Proposals
 - E. Approve Contract
 - F. Approve 28E Agreement with City of Clarinda
 - G. Approve Early Retirement Request
 - H. Approve Special Education Contracts
9. Correspondence from Board Members
10. Adjournment

Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Clarinda Community School District met in regular session on Monday, March 9, 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 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The following board members were present: President Sunderman, Vice President Watkins, McComb, and Turner. Board member Fine was absent.

Approval of Agenda

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

Audience to Visitors

President Sunderman welcomed all visitors to the meeting. Kent Dinnebier, from the Clarinda Herald Journal, thanked the District for allowing the community to use the high school commons for Vaughn and Ginny Hiaring's retirement reception last Saturday.

Administrative Reports

Mrs. Opperman, Elementary Principal, reported:

1. Iowa Assessments (formerly Iowa Tests of Basic Skills) are scheduled for the week of March 23rd.
2. Because Dr. Seuss's birthday is March 2nd, Garfield will celebrate reading the entire month. The students enjoyed the daily activities they participated in last week.

Mr. Irvin, Activities Director, reported:

1. Spring track started last Monday, while tennis and golf will start next Monday, March 16th.

Miss Nook, High School Principal, reported:

1. The Spring production, Dilemmas with Dinner, is scheduled for March 27th and 28th, at 7 pm in the auditorium.
2. Prom will be held May 2nd.
3. Once a month high school teachers meet at 7:30 am. Andrew Hoppman, manager of the Lied Library, attended a recent meeting and shared information on resources available for teacher use in the classroom.
4. Each Tuesday the high school teachers meet at 7:50 am, rotating the following topics: technology, teacher duties, safety, and special education/talented and gifted education.

Mr. McNeal, Middle School Principal, reported:

1. March 4th, 13 students competed in the National History Day Regional Competition at Graceland College in Lamoni. Groups advancing to state were: Group exhibit of Glenn Miller by Lauren Tunnickliff, Aya Hamanaka, and Cooper Randolph; Individual Exhibit of Nelson Mandela by Kristen Smith; Group Documentary of Amelia Earhart by Isabel Solivan and Hannah Powers; and Group Documentary by Chase McAndrews and Anna DeGroot. In alternate position was Group Exhibit Jesus by Kami Beal, Emily Haffner, and Riley Hunziker. Students advancing to State will compete on May 4th at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines.
2. The CMS jazz band participated in the 2015 NWMSU Jazz Festival on March 7th. They received 2nd place from among the 4 middle school bands attending and Max Herrington, trombone, was named outstanding middle school soloist.

Consent Items

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

- A. Minutes of the February 9, 2015, and February 23, 2015, regular meetings.
- B. Bills in the amounts of:

General Fund	\$102,952.42
Activity Fund	\$6,008.17
Nutrition Fund	\$20,459.34
Capital Projects	\$199,426.55
- C. February 28, 2015, 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

Update on Heart Rate Monitor Program

Physical education teachers Josh Porter and Sandy Porter demonstrated how they are using the heart rate monitors in grades 3-8. The students have learned how to sign in to the computer software, wear the monitors, and measure the effectiveness of their activity on their optimum heart rate. The software also assists the teachers in reviewing student activity in comparison to curriculum and state and federal standards. The monitors and software were made possible with help from The Clarinda Foundation and the Cardinal Funds.

Approve Bullying and Harassment Plan

Middle School guidance counselor, Cindy Aldrich, and Elementary guidance counselor, Audra Riddle, reviewed the bullying and harassment information shared with the School Improvement Advisory Committee on February 26th. They clarified the definition of bullying, types of bullying, and reminded board members of the programs currently used in our buildings to prevent or stop bullying and harassment. District personnel take complaints seriously and the principal at each level maintains a log of information necessary to comply with Iowa Department of Education reporting procedures. Part of the district plan is to administer a survey annually to determine student perception of bullying/harassment in our school. The results will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of our programs and procedures, guiding action plans for improvement. Following the report by the guidance counselors, a motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Turner, so approve the bullying and harassment plan as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Approve Resignations

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Watkins, to approve the resignation of Dustin Comstock as middle school girls' basketball coach for the 2015-2016 season, pending a suitable replacement can be found. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by McComb, to approve the resignation of Jessica Dahlberg as head volleyball coach for the 2015 season, pending a suitable replacement can be found. Motion carried 4-0.

Review North Gym Entrance Proposals

Rain from the June 4th hail storm was able to enter the threshold on one of the north doors of the high school gym and approximately 750 sq. foot of the floor had to be replaced, costing the district over \$39,000. Hoping to reduce the possibility of weather ruining the floor in the future, BCDM Architects, of Omaha, was asked to provide solutions to weather protect the north side gym doors. Maintenance supervisor, Craig Hill, explained the architects believe the cost to construct any type of vestibule or entryway to be approximately \$175 sq. ft. Board members reviewed the various drawings provided by BCDM and discussed pros and cons of each. They will be deciding which option to pursue and will work with the architects to develop plan specifications and bid documents.

Approve Contract

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Watkins, to approve the contract with Rodney Eberly as head high school baseball coach for the 2015 season. Mr. Eberly coached the CHS baseball team from 2002-2009 and has most recently been assistant baseball coach at Highland Community College. Motion carried 4-0.

Approve 28E Agreement with City of Clarinda

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by McComb, to approve the 28E Agreement with the City of Clarinda to use the baseball, softball, and tennis facilities. The agreement, outlining the mutual obligations of the School District and the City, is formally approved by both, and will terminate June 30, 2020. Motion carried 4-0.

Approve Early Retirement Request

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Turner, to approve the early retirement request from Chris Campbell, waiving the January 15th deadline and the age requirement in the board policy. Discussion centered on the following: 1) this request does not meet the age qualification of the early retirement policy, 2) allowing a veteran teacher to retire could possibly save school district funds in next years budget, and 3) how not following the approved policy could affect future requests. After discussion, the motion passed on a 3-1 vote. Aye: Watkins, Turner, Sunderman. Nay: McComb.

Approve Special Education Contracts

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by McComb, to approve contract with Des Moines Independent Community School District for a resident special education student being served at the Clarinda Academy. Motion carried 4-0.

Board Correspondence

Watkins: 1) Congratulations to the middle school students advancing to state competition in the History Bowl. 2) Thank you to Porters and the guidance counselors for the presentations they gave tonight. 3) I've got several copies of the book, *Is College Worth It?*, by William Bennett. I'd like to share them with teachers and administrators.

We've been discussing the value of vocational programs and I believe the book provides a perspective.

Turner: I'd also like to thank our presenters. It takes time and effort to prepare for meetings and I appreciate it.

Good job.

Sunderman: Our thoughts are with Superintendent Honnold and his family on the loss of his father.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by McComb, to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Cindy L. VanFosson

Board Secretary