

**November 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 \$106,769.25
 - Activity Fund \$19,432.53
 - Management Fund \$163.00
 - Nutrition Fund \$37,508.59
 - Capital Projects \$28,096.15
 - C. Analysis of Reports
 - Financial Statements
 - Activity Accounts
 - Hot Lunch
 - Open Enrollment Application(s)
7. Old Business
8. New Business
 - A. Approve Plans for Additional 4th Grade Section
 - B. Technology Professional Development Presentation
 - C. Approve Professional Services Contract
 - D. Report on 2015 Weighted Enrollment
 - E. Approve Early Graduation List
 - F. Approve Special Education Contracts
9. Correspondence from Board Members
10. Adjournment
11. Exempt Session: Strategy Session for Certified Staff Negotiations

Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Clarinda Community School District met in regular session on Monday, November 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 McComb, Bond, Jones, and Turner.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Jones, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Audience to Visitors

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

Administrative Reports

Miss Nook, High School Principal, reported:

1. The Fall play was well attended last weekend.
2. The first trimester will end November 13th. High school students will have exams Thursday and Friday.
- 3 The National Honor Society offers member parents and students exclusive access to a college admission planning webinar series. This Saturday's webinar teaches strategies in searching for and applying to college. Future webinars include the "right" college fit and understanding financial aid. Clarinda NHS students will log in using our school's password.

Mr. Porter, Middle School Principal, reported:

1. Thursday and Friday are professional development and conference days at the K-8 building. Middle school students attend conferences with their parents, where they lead the discussion of their grades and their goals.
2. 7/8 basketball practice begins next week and wrestling starts November 30th.
3. The Middle School is hosting a Veterans Day program for students, staff, and community members on Wednesday at 11:00 am. Please attend if you can.
4. Thirty middle school band students were selected to participate in District Honor Band on November 13th in Atlantic.
5. Thank you to the Clarinda PTA for sponsoring a book fair this week. They are providing \$7.00 for each student to pick a book of their choosing. They are also providing teachers with funds to purchase books for their classrooms.

Mr. Wedemeyer, Activities Director, reported:

1. I've been meeting with fall sport coaches to review their seasons and listen to supply and equipment requests.
2. Girls' basketball practice started tonight and boys' basketball and wrestling will begin next week.

Superintendent Honnold reported:

1. The power surge we experienced earlier this afternoon burned up a motor to the auditorium air handler unit.
2. Mrs. Wellhausen will lead the SIAC meeting on Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm in the high school commons, where we will be discussing student transition. Community members interested in attending are welcome.
3. The District Leadership Team is a group of teachers, with representation from each building and each content area, who meet monthly to discuss instruction, curriculum, and student achievement, tying those areas to professional development. At last week's meeting, the group discussed the Teacher Leadership Compensation System. They collaborated on job descriptions for each of the categories of teacher leaders, so that when the meeting was over, all involved were on the same page.

Consent Items

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

- A. Minutes of the October 12, 2015 and October 26, 2015 meetings.
- B. Bills in the amounts of:

General Fund	\$106,769.25
Activity Fund	\$19,432.53
Management Fund	\$163.00
Nutrition	\$37,508.59
Capital Projects	\$28,096.15
- C. October 31, 2015, Financial Statements, Activity Fund report, Hot Lunch report, and open enrollment application(s).

Jones stated he had audited the bills, found them in order, and recommended payment. The motion to approve the consent items was approved on a 5-0 vote.

Old Business

Board members had no old business to consider.

New Business

Approve Plans for Additional 4th Grade Section

Mrs. Opperman, Elementary Principal, spoke to board members on the need to create an additional section of 4th grade. Since May of last school year, the class has gone from 77 students to 89 students. In addition to crowded classrooms, Mrs. Opperman stated concern for student learning and teacher time constraints. She offered the solution of an additional 4th grade classroom, hoping to use conference time to speak with the parents of students who would voluntarily move to the new section. The current 4th grade teachers met and agreed this plan offers the best solution. Board members collectively applauded the efforts of the 4th grade staff and the principal in dealing with the situation. Following discussion, a motion was made by Turner, seconded by Bond, to approve plans for an additional 4th grade section. Motion carried 5-0.

Technology Professional Development Presentation

Suzi Stanton, Connie Sunderman, Julie Cabeen, and Kim McNees were at the meeting, speaking of and demonstrating some of the training received by certified staff on October 9th. Examples include Google Classroom, Prezi, Flubaroo, Newsela, Smartboard, and how to use Google calendar to organize tasks. In addition, a representative from IPTV was available in the afternoon to present several PBS Learning Media opportunities.

Approve Professional Services Contract

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Jones, to approve the professional services agreement with BCDM Architects for \$43,000 for the north gym enclosure and kitchen air conditioning replacement project. BCDM will provide structural, mechanical, electrical, and civil engineering services. At this point, BCDM estimates the cost of the gym enclosure to be around \$200,000 and the kitchen air conditioning to be approximately \$90,000. BCDM will provide plan specifications and bid documents for the projects. These two projects will be funded by money in either the Physical Plant and Equipment Fund or the SAVE (Secure an Advanced Vision for Education) Fund. Motion carried 5-0.

Review 2015 Weighted Enrollment Report

Special Education count is an annual reporting of students receiving special education services either in our district or from another school district, state agency, or private agency. It is a weighted enrollment determined by the level of services a student receives. The total number of special needs students in the district as of November 1st is equivalent to 8.3% of our enrollment. The special education count generates funding to be used and reported only in the special education program. Superintendent Honnold presented a report showing the special education count and funds generated each year since 1994, illustrating how the count has stayed near 10% of total student enrollment. The November 1, 2015 count generates special education funding for the 2016-2017 school year.

Approve Early Graduation List

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by McComb, to approve the first trimester early graduation list, pending successful completion of the graduation requirements as set forth by the Clarinda Board of Education. Early graduation is an option required by law to students who have completed the graduation requirements. These students will participate in graduation ceremonies in May, if they choose. Motion carried 5-0. The first trimester list:

Logan Brooke
Chance Cade
Kayla Farwell
Colton Hielen
Elizabeth King
Kaleb Kuonen
Ethan Lantz

Janie Long
Nick Nelson
Max Ripley
Sheyann Sunderman
James VanFosson
Sam Zeeryp – Clarinda Academy

Approve Special Education Contracts

A motion was made by Jones, seconded by McComb, to approve the contract with Waterloo Community School District for a resident special education student being served at the Clarinda Academy. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Bond, seconded by Turner, to approve a contract for a Clarinda resident special education student being served in the Johnston Community School District. Motion carried 5-0.

Board Correspondence

Jones: Thank you to the Clarinda PTA for providing funds for our field trips. The 8th grade was able to visit the Science Center last week and it was a great opportunity for them.

Adjournment

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

Exempt Session per Iowa Code Section 20.17(3) – Strategy session

Bargaining sessions, strategy sessions of boards or employee organizations, mediation and the deliberative process of arbitrators in a collective bargaining process are exempt from the open meetings law. IOWA CODE §20.17(3)
This was an exempt session for the Board of Education and Superintendent. There was no action or voting.

Cindy L. VanFosson
Board Secretary