

**December 14, 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 \$155,097.82
    - Activity Fund \$15,254.37
    - Management Fund \$50.00
    - Nutrition Fund \$27,642.99
    - Capital Projects \$11,238.15
  - C. Analysis of Reports
    - Financial Statements
    - Activity Accounts
    - Hot Lunch
    - Open Enrollment Application(s)
7. Old Business
8. New Business
  - A. Band Program Recognition
  - B. Approve High School Curriculum Planner for 2016-2017
  - C. Approve SBRC Application for Increased Spending Authority
  - D. 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, December 14, 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 Turner, 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**

Mrs. Opperman, Elementary Principal, reported:

1. Garfield Elementary participated in Code Iowa last week during Computer Science Education Week. Code Iowa is an opportunity for every K-8 student to try computer coding for one hour during the school day, using Code.org.
2. The Iowa Department of Education released the Iowa School Report Card, a new web-based system to evaluate and rate each public school on performance on a required set of measures. It is available at [www.educateiowa.gov/schoolreportcard](http://www.educateiowa.gov/schoolreportcard).

Mr. Wedemeyer, Activities Director, reported:

1. I'm organizing a coaches meeting, inviting the coaches of all feeder programs, including all community traveling teams.

Superintendent Honnold reported:

1. The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Congress's effort to update No Child Left Behind, was signed into law by President Obama on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Board members are receiving a handout with frequently asked questions and a timetable for transition. The Iowa School Report Card fits with this updated law, as it provides data for accountability and transparency.
2. Our application for the Teacher Leadership and Compensation System was returned for revision. Our committee will update the application and resubmit it by the February 2016 deadline.
3. Miss Nook and I continue to work with IWCC on implementing a welding program.
4. The district architect with BCDM is expecting bid specifications for the addition to the north side of the high school gymnasium to be ready by February, 2016.
5. Craig Hill and I met with a representative of the Playground Compliance Program, who will prepare a proposal to add a safety surface, refurbish our playground equipment and/or purchase new equipment for the north playground at Garfield. We will have more details when we receive his report.
6. The City has informed us the street in front of the Middle School will be resurfaced next summer, beginning immediately after the last day of school.

## **Consent Items**

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

- A. Minutes of the November 9, 2015, meeting.
- B. Bills in the amounts of:

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| General Fund     | \$155,097.82 |
| Activity Fund    | \$15,254.37  |
| Management Fund  | \$50.00      |
| Nutrition        | \$27,642.99  |
| Capital Projects | \$11,238.15  |
- C. November 30, 2015, Financial Statements, Activity Fund report, Hot Lunch report, and open enrollment application(s).

McComb 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**

### **Band Program Recognition**

Marty Aldrich and Courtney Sommer were at the meeting to present the fall 2015 Edition of the Iowa Bandmaster Magazine to the Board of Directors. The Clarinda instrumental music program was featured, being chosen by a committee of band directors to submit an article in the publication that is printed quarterly. Aldrich and Sommer conveyed appreciation to the community, parents, school staff, coaches, administrators, and the school board for their constant support. They mentioned contact time with students, quality equipment and facilities, and financial support as reasons for the continued success of the Clarinda instrumental music program.

**Approve High School Curriculum Planner for 2016-2017**

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Bond, to approve the high school curriculum planner for the 2016-2017 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, and Shannon Almelen, guidance counselor, reviewed the changes from last year. The motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

**Approve SBRC Application for Increased Spending Authority**

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Turner, to approve the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) application for a modified supplemental amount due to an increase in student enrollment. The Department of Education allows school districts to apply for additional spending authority in three different areas following certified enrollment in the fall: 1) increased enrollment; 2) open-enrolled out students not previously reported; and 3) limited English proficient instruction beyond the five years of funding from the State. The funding to back up the modified supplemental amount (\$356,464) is achieved through possible cash reserve levies in future budget years. Motion carried 5-0.

**Approve Special Education Contracts**

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by McComb, to approve the contracts with Des Moines Independent, Marshalltown, and Montezuma Community School Districts for resident special education students being served at the Clarinda Academy. Motion carried 5-0.

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

**Board Correspondence**

Turner: 1) Congratulations to the district band program. Being featured in the IBA publication is very deserving, as they do a tremendous job. 2) Good luck to our winter athletes. Go Cards!

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by McComb, to adjourn the regular meeting at 5:46 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Cindy L. VanFosson  
Board Secretary