

**January 16, 2012
Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
Clarinda Community School District**

The Board of Directors of the Clarinda Community School District met in regular session on Monday, January 16, 2012, 5:00 p.m., at the Board Room located in the McKinley Building, 423 East Nodaway, Clarinda, IA 51632.

Call to Order

President Turner called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The following Board members were present: President Turner, Vice President Fine, Rarick, Sunderman, and Watkins.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Sunderman, to approve the agenda. The motion was approved 5-0.

Audience to Visitors

President Turner welcomed all visitors to the meeting. Cody Whipple was at the meeting and addressed the board concerning the treatment of a student by other youngsters on the playground.

Administrative Reports

Mrs. Nordland, Special Programs Director, reported:

We received word that our Preschool Program has been rated a Level 3 by the Iowa Child Care Quality Rating System.

Miss Nook, High School Principal, reported:

1. The juniors will be participating in ASVAB testing tomorrow. It is a test to measure interest and aptitude for hands-on types of careers. The Iowa Tests for Educational Development (ITED), newly named "Iowa Tests," will be administered in March.
2. Parent-Teacher conferences will be held Wednesday, January 18th, at the high school.

Mr. Irvin, Activities Director, reported:

1. Winter sports are moving along, with the state wrestling tournament only one month from today.
2. During our coaches meetings we have revisited the subject of hazing, due to recent events in the state. We are also working on leadership and building programs.
3. District football for the next two years will be announced tomorrow, January 17th. 2A will have 7 teams per district.

Superintendent Honnold reported:

1. We've been notified by Hy-Vee that through the Smiles for Education Program, the District has been awarded a smartboard for classroom use.

Consent Items

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Fine, to approve the following consent items:

A. Minutes of the December 12, 2011, meetings.

B. Bills in the amounts of:

General Fund	\$115,874.89
Activity Fund	\$21,700.82
Management Fund	\$1,625.56
Nutrition Fund	\$19,787.39
Trust & Agency Fund	\$201.77

C. December 31, 2011 Financial Statements, Activity Fund report, Hot Lunch report, and open enrollment application(s).

Watkins audited the bills, found them in order, and recommended payment. Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business

There was no old business to consider.

New Business

Review Gym Renovation Feasibility Study

Cliff True, an architect with BCDM, an architectural firm from Omaha, was at the meeting to review the study completed on the feasibility of renovating the high school gymnasium. Total estimate for the complete project is approximately \$750,000 and would include new gymnasium floor, new bleachers, new basketball backstops, new volleyball standards, ductwork, sound system, and lighting. The wall behind the west bleachers would be removed to create one larger mezzanine space for the weight room and

additional bleacher seating. One option the architect asked the board to consider was the utilization of BCDM as construction management on the project. They believe this would facilitate bidding the improvements in multiple packages to maximize the time available to get materials delivered and installed and help manage the project in an effort to have it completed by the start of school in August. Architecture fee for developing the plans, specifications, and bid documents is \$79,200 plus reimbursable expenses for such things as copies, prints, mileage, postage, and long distance telephone. If the board were to use BCDM for construction management services, there would be an additional fee of \$32,961. These two items are included in the \$750,000 estimate for total cost. The district has funds available in the Physical Plant & Equipment Fund and in the Local Option Sales & Service Tax Fund for the project. Following the presentation by Mr. True from BCDM, a motion was made by Fine, seconded by Watkins, to approve the contract with BCDM Architects to develop plans, specifications, and bid documents for the high school renovation project at a cost of \$79,200. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Asbestos Abatement Project Agreement

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Rarick, to approve the agreement with Ames Environmental Inc. to develop project specifications, air monitoring, and supervision for the proposed asbestos removal project at the high school at a cost of \$4,500. The project they will request bids for involves removing the floor tile in the current vocal and weight rooms to prepare them for the gymnasium renovation project. After receiving bids, Ames Environmental will make a recommendation regarding an asbestos removal contractor. Motion carried 5-0.

Set Drivers Education Fee for Summer 2012

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by Sunderman, to approve maintaining the 2012 summer driver's education fee at \$275. Our cost for providing the class is impacted by the cost of the instructor(s), class materials, and the cost to operate the vehicle(s). The annual report we are required to submit shows those costs were \$315 per student in 2011. Although we are not recovering the entire cost at \$275, we are recouping most of the cost of providing the instruction. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Special Education Contracts

A motion was made Rarick, seconded by Watkins, to approve contracts with Des Moines Independent, East Union, Shenandoah, Waterloo, and West Des Moines Community School Districts for special education students being served at the Clarinda Academy. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Contribution to City of Clarinda

A motion was made by Sunderman, seconded by Fine, to approve a contribution of \$10,000 to the City of Clarinda to assist with the purchase and installation of warning lights for the 16th Street school crossing. As part of an agreement with the City, the School District assists monetarily to various City projects for the continued use of City owned facilities, such as the baseball and softball diamonds, and the tennis courts. Since the removal of the warning lights at the school crossing on South 16th Street due to mechanical failure, Chief Brothers has assisted the crossing guard, currently Janelle VanVactor, in attempting to cross students as safely as possible. New warning lights would greatly improve driver awareness of the area. Following discussion of the safety considerations, the motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Approve Early Retirement Application(s)

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by Sunderman, to approve the early retirement benefit request from an employee outside the policy eligibility age. Current early retirement policy allows the benefit at the end of the fiscal year during which the employee turns 58 or at the end of the next fiscal year. Rarick stated, "If a person doesn't want to be here, do we want them here? On the other hand, does that justify going against board policy?" Watkins said he felt it was wrong to pick and choose whose application should be approved, going against the policy set by the Board. Following discussion, the motion was denied on a 1-4 vote. Aye: Rarick; Nay: Watkins, Sunderman, Fine, and Turner.

Correspondence From Board Members

Board members had no correspondence to report.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by Sunderman, to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 p.m. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote and the meeting was adjourned.

Cindy L. VanFosson
Board Secretary