

**March 26, 2012
Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
Clarinda Community School District**

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
 - Open Hearing on Plans, Specifications, and Bid Documents for High School Gym Demolition, Mechanical and Electrical Updates, and Sound System Replacement
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Audience to Visitors
5. Administrative Reports
6. Old Business
7. New Business
 - A. Approve Textbooks for 2012-2013
 - B. Approve Plans, Specifications, and Bid Documents for High School Gym Demolition, Mechanical and Electrical Updates, and Sound System Replacement
 - C. Approve 2012-2013 Certified Staff Negotiated Agreement
 - D. Review 2013 Fiscal Year Budget Proposal
 1. Set April 9, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. in the McKinley Central Office Board Room as the date, time, and place for the open hearing on the 2013 fiscal year budget
 - E. Approve Resignation(s)
 - F. Approve Sunday Activity Request
8. Correspondence from Board Members
9. Adjournment

Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Clarinda Community School District met in regular session on Monday, March 26, 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.

Open Hearing on Plans, Specifications, and Bid Documents for High School Gym Demolition, Mechanical and Electrical Updates, and Sound System Replacement

President Turner declared the start of the open hearing to approve the plans, specifications, and bid documents for the high school gym demolition, mechanical and electrical updates, and sound system replacement at 5:01 p.m. With no verbal or written objections to, or statements in favor of the plans, specifications and bid documents, President Turner declared the hearing closed at 5:02 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

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

Audience to Visitors

President Turner welcomed all visitors to the meeting. No visitors chose to address the board at this time.

Administrative Reports

Mrs. Nordland, Special Programs Director, reported:

C-Plan or Consolidated Plan is an effort underway to streamline the collection process of reports, data and progress for districts and schools. C-Plan is a tool districts and schools can use locally, and not just for reporting and compliance to the DE. Currently, school districts are required to complete multiple plans and/or reports to the DE. Often there is overlap in the requested information between these plans and reports. Consolidation of these plans and reports will reduce the burden, costs and time for districts/schools, AEA, DE and others. In addition, the DE is responding to requests from districts/schools and AEAs for several years for simpler or consolidated plans and reports. We will be receiving training on April 30th for the new reporting plan.

Miss Nook, High School Principal, reported:

1. We received a letter from a tour escort who accompanied the high school band on its trip to Denver. He congratulated Mr. Rueckert, the Band Boosters, and the School District on the positive conduct and demeanor of our band members. Very nice to receive words of praise regarding our students.

Superintendent Honnold reported:

1. The architect working on the gym project has informed us we will need to add a second set of exit doors on the north side of the high school gym to be in compliance.
2. Make-up days for the 3 days missed in March are May 21st, 22nd, and 23rd.
3. If you approve the contract with the Education Association this evening, we plan to get contracts for 2012-2013 to teachers by the end of the week.

Old Business

Board members had no old business to consider.

New Business

Approve Textbooks for 2012-2013

Alisha Jobe and Trulla Pullen were at the meeting to give board members a summary of the math workbooks, textbooks, and accessory materials selected for K-6 and why they were chosen. They provided an overview of the series selected and an online tutorial that will be available to students and parents. Seventh and eighth grade textbooks, pre-algebra, algebra 1, algebra 2, geometry, pre-calculus, and calculus textbooks were presented by Jon Cole, high school math instructor. District textbook purchases follow a six-year cycle, coinciding with the curriculum writing process. Following presentations by the teachers, a motion was made by Sunderman, seconded by Watkins, to approve the math textbooks as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Plans, Specifications, and Bid Documents for High School Gym Demolition, Mechanical and Electrical Updates, and Sound System Replacement

A motion was made by Rarick, seconded by Fine, to approve the plans, specifications, and bid documents for the high school gym demolition, mechanical and electrical updates, and sound system replacement. Specifications and bid documents will now be available for contractors, with a prebid meeting scheduled for April 4th at 3:30 p.m. The meeting will allow contractors to view the area and ask questions they may have before completing the bid documents. Bids are due April 12th at 2:00 p.m. Following discussion of minor changes made before the specifications were printed, the motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Approve Certified Staff Negotiated Agreement

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by Rarick, to approve the certified staff negotiated agreement of 3.78% total package raise for the 2012-2013 school year. With this increase a first year teacher, just out of college, hired by Clarinda Schools, will earn a starting salary of \$33,601 for 190 days of employment. They will receive a monthly allotment of \$719.83 to purchase one of the district's health insurance plans or, if they covered under a spouse's qualified group plan, they will contribute the amount to a 403(b) retirement plan. Contributions will be made toward their Iowa Public Employees Retirement Plan at 8.67% of their gross wage. Term life insurance of \$25,000 will be provided, in addition to Accidental Death and Disability and Long-Term Disability. Each certified staff member is granted 15 days sick leave, accumulating to 105 days for carry-over each year. Each is granted 5 days of family emergency leave annually, accumulating to 10 days. Each staff member is also granted up to two days each year for personal leave. Teachers not using personal leave shall be reimbursed at the rate of \$75 per day at the end of the school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Review 2013 Fiscal Year Budget Proposal

Superintendent Honnold gave a power point presentation on how the 2012-2013 budget will be calculated. The district budget is affected by such variables as state dictated per pupil cost, student enrollment, and property tax valuations. An open hearing will be held to allow residents the opportunity to voice their opinion on the proposed budget. The Legislature has set a 2% allowable growth for schools for next year, which will increase the amount the district receives per pupil by approximately \$118. Property valuations increased \$10 million, meaning the levy rate can actually decrease while calculating approximately the same property tax dollars as last year. Although the calculation made for state appropriations shows an increase of \$37,000 for the district next year, in reality we will receive approximately \$80,000 less because our enrollment went down while the Clarinda Academy enrollment went up, giving them a greater percentage of flow-thru money. The proposed levy for fiscal year 2013 includes a cash reserve levy of \$250,000 to help fund salary increases and increases in fuel and utilities. The proposed levy rate is \$11.74, a decrease of \$1.46 from the 2012 fiscal year budget.

Following discussion on next year's proposed property tax levy and budget, a motion was made by Fine, seconded by Watkins, to set April 9, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. in the McKinley Central Office Board Room as the date, time, and place for the open hearing on the 2013 fiscal year budget. The proposed budget will be published in the March 29th edition of the Clarinda Herald Journal. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Resignation(s)

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Sunderman, to approve the resignation from Sara Hogenson as high school math teacher effective the end of the current school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Sunday Activity Request

A motion was made by Rarick, seconded by Fine, to approve the request to allow the FFA group to leave on Sunday, April 22nd to travel to the Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference. Motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence From Board Members

Rarick: Congratulations to the CHS band members for the words of praise from the tour escort during the Denver band trip.

Fine: The Parade of Bands was excellent last Friday evening. We have great band instructors and students.

Turner: 1) The Parade of Bands is an awesome event. The crowd really enjoys it. 2) I've heard comments from the chaperones from Clarinda who made the trip with the high school band and they echo the praise of the tour escort as far as the conduct of our students. It's nice to hear great things. 3) I brought a personalized thank you card to the board from the state qualifying boys' basketball team, thanking us for our support.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Sunderman, seconded by Fine, to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Cindy L. VanFosson
Board Secretary