

**February 28, 2011
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, February 28, 2011, 7:00 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 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

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

Mr. McNeal, middle school principal, reported:

1. Second trimester awards were given today during a student assembly.
2. The middle school page of the district web site, www.clarinda.k12.ia.us, will now have the daily announcements and homework assignments.

Superintendent Honnold reported:

1. The Department of Education will be visiting the district in the near future as a follow-up to the "School in Need of Assistance" meeting we had with them last fall.
2. The Iowa Department of Public Health has asked the school nurse to provide height and weight for our 7th & 8th grade students as part of a statewide health survey. Names of students will not be provided.
3. We will hold a School Improvement Advisory Committee meeting in March.
4. We received our health insurance rates for July 2011 to June 2012 from ISEBA today.
5. Parent-teacher conferences were well attended at the K-8 building last week.

Old Business

Board members had no old business to consider.

New Business

Approve Van Bid

Bids received:

Wrangler Sales Inc.

2010 Ford E250 or E350

Approx. 20,000 miles

\$20,800

\$1,500 less trade-in of current school van

\$19,300

Shore Motor Co.

2011 Ford E250

Less than 30,000 miles

\$19,500

\$1,000 less trade-in of current school van

\$18,500

Shore Motor Co.

2011 Chevrolet 1500

New

25,000

\$1,000 less trade-in of current school van

\$2,500 less possible rebates if available at delivery

\$21,500

Following discussion of the bids received, a motion was made by Watkins, seconded by McComb, to authorize Superintendent Honnold to offer Shore Motors \$21,500 for the purchase of a new 2011 Chevrolet van with trade. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Bus Bids

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Fine, to approve the purchase of a 78 passenger bus from School Bus Sales at a net trade in cost of \$82,346 with front and rear air ride and white roof options.

	School Bus Sales	Thomas Bus Sales
65 passenger	\$82,987.00	\$82,370.00
78 passenger	\$83,104.00	\$82,962.00
Trade-in	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00
Rear Air Ride	\$251.00	\$475.00
Air Driver Seat	\$341.00	\$229.00
White Roof	\$68.00	\$410.00
Front Air Ride	\$123.00	N/A

The bus will be purchased with funds from the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy fund (PPEL). Iowa law specifies what can be purchased with PPEL funding, including transportation equipment. Salaries and benefits cannot be paid with PPEL funding. The district will receive approximately \$76,000 in revenue in the PPEL fund in fiscal year 2011, all from property tax. Because the purchase of one bus exceeds the entire fiscal year revenue, the Board of Directors has been very careful in authorizing purchases from this fund. Following a discussion on the uses of the 78 passenger vs. 65 passenger bus, the motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Set Hearing for Early Start Calendar

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Rarick, to set March 14, 2011 at 700 p.m. in the McKinley Central Office board room as the date, time, and place for the open hearing on the early start calendar for 2011-2012. Iowa law states that school shall begin no sooner than a day during the calendar week in which the first day of September falls unless an early start waiver has been approved by the Board of Directors and the Iowa Department of Education. Motion carried 5-0.

Preliminary Budget Discussion for 2011-2012

Superintendent Honnold reviewed how funding is generated for school districts in Iowa, including reviews of recent years student enrollment, special education funding, open enrollments, and annual increases set by the legislature, called "allowable growth." This year, 2010-2011, school districts receive \$5883 per student in state aid. Governor Branstad has proposed a 0% allowable growth or no increase for 2011-2012. Although student numbers did not decline, the calculation for 2011-2012 will be less than what is actually being received in 2010-2011, even if the legislature would allow for a 2% growth in funding. The negotiated agreement with the teachers last year was a two-year agreement with an increase of 3% given for fiscal year 2012, at a cost of approximately \$138,000. Other costs are expected to increase as well, including fuel, utilities, and supplies. Between the end of fiscal year 2008 and fiscal year 2010, the district's cash balance dropped over \$400,000 due to underfunding by the state. Had the Board of Directors not been diligent in exercising care with finances, fiscal year 2012 would look even bleaker. The budget for fiscal year 2012 must be certified by April 15, 2011; therefore the Board of Directors will be discussing staffing and other budget items at each meeting until then.

Approve Resignation

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Rarick, to approve the resignation of Stephonie Huseman as paraprofessional effective March 11, 2011. Motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence From Board Members

Turner: Congratulations to the winter sports teams and jazz band.

Adjournment

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Fine, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Cindy L. VanFosson
Board Secretary