

**March 14, 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, March 14, 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 McComb, seconded by Rarick, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Open Hearing on 2011-2012 Early Start Calendar

President Turner declared the start of the open hearing to approve the 2011-2012 Early Start Calendar at 7:02 p.m. With no verbal or written objections to, or statements in favor of the proposed 2011-2012 early start calendar presented, President Turner declared the hearing closed at 7:03 p.m.

Audience to Visitors

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

Administrative Reports

Superintendent Honnold reported:

1. One of the slides on the north playground at Garfield has been damaged. A new piece has been ordered to repair it.
2. A meeting of all school boards in Green Hills AEA will be held in Griswold on April 27th.
3. Mrs. Ridge had a baby girl on Saturday, so Rachel Cabeen will be substituting in her classroom until she returns.
4. The City is sponsoring a fund drive for the victims of the Japan earthquake. We will collect donations in our buildings and remit them to the Clarinda Foundation. They will work with the City of Tamana to get the funds to those in need.

Consent Items

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

- A. Minutes of the February 14, 2011, and February 28, 2011 meetings.
- B. Bills in the amounts of:

General Fund	\$102,263.84
Activity Fund	\$11,705.25
Nutrition Fund	\$20,675.39
- C. February 28, 2011, Financial Statements, Activity Fund report, Hot Lunch report, and open enrollment application(s).

Board member Rarick informed she had audited the bills and found them in order for payment. The motion to approve the consent items was approved on a 5-0 vote.

Old Business

Approve Revised Van Bid

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Rarick, to approve the revised bid from Shore Motor Company to purchase a new 2011 Chevy Van with glass package at a maximum cost of \$22,500 with trade in of the Ford van. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve 2011-2012 Early Start Calendar

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Fine, to approve the 2011-2012 Early Start Calendar. The calendar for the 2011-2012 school year is very similar to the current year calendar. The first day of school for students will be August 23rd. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business**Approve Resignations**

A motion was made by Rarick, seconded by McComb, to approve the resignation of Monica Steinauer as special education paraprofessional effective the end of the school year. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by Watkins, to approve the resignation from Kathy Boysen as special programs coordinator, effective the end of the fiscal year. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Special Education Contracts

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by McComb, to approve the contracts with Clear Lake and Council Bluffs Community School Districts for special education students being served at the Clarinda Academy. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Rarick, seconded by Fine, to approve the contract with South Page for a resident special education student being served in the Clarinda District. Motion carried 5-0.

2011-2012 Budget Discussion

Superintendent Honnold reviewed historical and projected unspent budget authority and cash balances for the district. Governor Branstad has recommended no growth in the amount schools will receive per student next year. Due to enrollment numbers, a zero percent growth means an estimated \$40,000 loss in state aid for FY'12. Unfunded state aid the past two years has caused the district's cash balance to decrease over \$400,000 in only two short years. The teaching staff negotiated a 3% increase, with a cost of approximately \$138,000, for next year. Salary increases for the support staff and administrators (who had salaries frozen last year) have not been determined. The board spent time discussing how low they were willing to allow the cash balance to drop, absorbing the loss in revenue from the state, before reductions in positions must be made. They also talked about the maximum property tax levy they were willing to set, with the budget due to the county auditor and the Iowa Department of Management by April 15th. Following discussion, the board directed Superintendent Honnold to bring recommendations to the next meeting for reducing \$200,000 to \$250,000 from the budget in an attempt to maintain the district's cash balance and unspent budget authority.

Board Correspondence

Fine: Attended the Parade of Bands last Thursday at the high school. All the bands were great. Our instructors do an awesome job!

Adjournment

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

Cindy L. VanFosson
Board Secretary