

**April 11, 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, April 11, 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, and Rarick. Watkins was absent, but arrived at 7:04 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Rarick, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

Open Hearing on 2012 Fiscal Year Budget

President Turner declared the start of the open hearing to approve the 2012 Fiscal Year Budget at 7:02 p.m. With no verbal or written objections to, or statements in favor of the proposed budget, President Turner declared the hearing closed at 7:03 p.m.

Board member Watkins arrived at 7:04 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

Mr. McNeal, Middle School Principal, reported:

1. Iowa Tests of Basic Skills have been completed and sent for scoring.
2. The middle school students raised over \$500 for the Japan Relief Fund and had fun doing it with five staff members, including myself, getting a pie in face. On Friday students were allowed to wear caps at school by donating a \$1.00 to the cause.
3. The middle school boys' track team is hosting a track meet this Thursday. The girls will host a meet next Tuesday.

Ms. Nook, High School Principal, reported:

1. Scores from the Iowa Tests of Educational Development are back and teachers are reviewing them to see where we can improve instruction to further student learning.
2. The Student Council is sponsoring a Walk-a-thon this Saturday, April 16, from 5- 8 p.m. to raise funds for the Japan Relief Fund. They have also collected money in the building.
3. Parent-Teacher conferences are this Wednesday, April 13th, from 3-7 p.m.
4. The Lady Cardinal and Cardinal Relays were successfully held last week thanks to the volunteer help of several members of our community.

Superintendent Honnold reported:

1. A Department of Education representative was here today to review the progress we're making on our School In Need Of Assistance (SINA) plan. We will receive a copy of the report she will file with the D.E.
2. We've been notified we will receive \$2,850 from the Page County Community Foundation. We will use the funds to help with purchasing Smart Boards and projectors for Garfield Elementary.

Consent Items

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

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

General Fund	\$131,738.69
Activity Fund	\$16,544.66
Nutrition Fund	\$37,124.39
- C. March 31, 2011, Financial Statements, Activity Fund report, Hot Lunch report, and open enrollment application(s).

Board member Watkins informed he 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

Board members had no old business to discuss or act on.

New Business

Approve Resignation(s)

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

A motion was made by Rarick, seconded by McComb, to approve the resignation Mia Woldruff as food service worker effective the end of the current school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Staff Reductions for 2011-2012

The Board of Directors, at the March 28th meeting, asked Superintendent Honnold to bring recommendations for reducing \$200,000 to \$250,000 from the budget. These recommendations are: 1) with the retirement of Mrs. Boysen, move Mrs. Nordland to the special programs director position and reduce the elementary principal position to half time. 2) With the retirement of Mr. Shilhanek as 7/8 social studies teacher and declining student population, move one of the high school social science teachers to that position, alleviating the need to hire. 3) With the resignation of Aaron Bartholmey and declining student population, reduce a math position at the high school. 4) Eliminate Family Consumer Science as an exploratory program at the middle school. 5) Reduce the middle school art position to 60%-75%. Superintendent Honnold included in the discussion the need of an additional lower elementary teacher to help with increased enrollment in those classes. Discussion by board members included the impact of the recommendations on student learning and supervision during lunch and before and after school. Watkins asked about the deadline for notifying teachers of a terminated contract. When reminded the deadline was April 30th, board members asked to table any reductions until the April 25th meeting to give them the opportunity to consider the possibilities and consequences of any action. Following the discussion of reductions, a motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Fine, to approve the addition of a lower elementary teacher for the 2011-2012 school year due to increased enrollment in those classes. Motion carried 5-0.

Adopt Resolution to Fund the 2012 Fiscal Year Budget Guarantee

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Fine, to adopt the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Board of Directors of the Clarinda Community School District will levy property tax for fiscal year 2011-2012 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under Iowa Code Section 257.14, Code of Iowa.

The budget guarantee will reduce the impact of a 0% allowable growth recommended by Governor Branstad and student enrollment numbers that are not increasing. The budget guarantee for 2011-2012 will net approximately \$40,000 with an allowable growth of 0%. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve 2012 Fiscal Year Budget

A motion was made by Rarick, seconded by Fine, to approve the 2012 fiscal year budget. The open hearing held at the start of the meeting was part of the budget process. The budget will be filed with the Page County Auditor and sent to the Iowa Department of Management by April 15th. Summary of our levy rates per \$1,000 valuation for the 2012 budget year:

General Fund	\$12.24
Management Fund	\$.63
PPEL	<u>\$.33</u>
Total Levy	\$13.20

This is a decrease of approximately \$.85 from the current year. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Asbestos Abatement Bid

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by Watkins, to approve the bid from REW Services Corporation of Ankeny for \$12,584 for the asbestos removal on the heating pipes in the Garfield building. Ames Environmental of Slater was hired for the project design and air quality monitoring. Two bids were received for the asbestos removal: Mid-Iowa Environmental Corp. of Des Moines bid \$16,450, while the bid from REW Services came in at \$12,584. Following discussion of the project to create a separate heating zone for the Garfield gym and replace the water pipes in the building, the motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Approve Special Education Contracts

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by McComb, to approve the contracts with Atlantic, Bedford, Des Moines Independent, Nevada, Sergeant Bluff-Luton, and Sioux City Community School Districts for special education students being served at the Clarinda Academy. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Distribution of Funds for the 2011-2012 Certified Staff Contract

A motion was made by Rarick, seconded by McComb, to approve the distribution of funds for the 2011-2012 certified staff contract. A two-year agreement between the Clarinda Education Association and the Board of Directors was reached last year and the total package increase for 2011-2012 was set at 3%. After receiving insurance rates for fiscal year 2011-2012, it was decided that each teacher would receive \$750.05 a month for their insurance/annuity benefit. A beginning teacher will earn \$32,843 under the new contract. Total cost of the increase in teacher salaries and benefits over the current year will be \$137,998.98. The motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

Board Correspondence

Fine: The community suffered the loss of a former school board member last week, Larry Ross. He was a good man.

McComb: I will not be running for re-election to the Board of Directors when my term expires this fall. I've enjoyed the past 10 years serving and being a part of the school system.

Rarick: Congrats to the vocal and instrumental music students who performed at the State Solo & Ensemble Contest on April 2nd.

Watkins: I'm sorry to hear Scott (McComb) will not be filing for re-election this fall. I've always appreciated his viewpoint on issues and I've learned from his leadership.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by McComb, to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Cindy L. VanFosson
Board Secretary