

**April 25, 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 25, 2011, 6:00 p.m., at the Board Room located in the McKinley Building, 423 East Nodaway, Clarinda, IA 51632.

**Closed Session**

The Board of Directors entered closed session at 6:00 p.m. to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation. Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i). President Turner declared the Board out of closed session at 6:55 p.m.

**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.

**Audience to Visitors**

President Turner welcomed all visitors to the meeting. Ann Meyer spoke to the board concerning the proposed reductions. She hoped board members had considered all options when deciding how to proceed with meeting the budget for 2011-2012. She stated she felt the exploratory classes in the middle school, such as family consumer science and art, were important in the development of our students. She also felt the board should have considered not lowering the property tax levy by \$.85 for next year.

**Administrative Reports**

Mr. McNeal, Middle School Principal, reported:

1. The Iowa Insurance Commission presented a 2 person skit on money to students last Monday.
2. The Student Council is hosting a Talent Show this Friday as a fundraiser at 6:30 p.m.
3. The band will be participating in the Red Oak Band Festival this Saturday.
4. Spring vocal and instrumental music concerts will be held next week.

Miss Nook, High School Principal, reported:

1. We had good attendance during the parent-teacher conferences on April 13<sup>th</sup>.
2. Prom is this Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Superintendent Honnold reported:

1. A meeting of all school boards in Green Hills AEA will be held in Griswold on Wednesday, April 27th.

**Old Business**

**Approve Staff Reductions and Transfers for 2011-2012**

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Fine, to approve the reductions and transfers of personnel to include: the reduction of the middle school family consumer science program, the reduction to a half time elementary principal and the transfer of Mrs. Nordland to special programs director, the transfer of Maria Jacobus to middle school social studies and absorb the high school openings with existing staff, and approve the reduction of middle school art to a ¾ time position. Motion carried 5-0.

**New Business**

**Approve High School Social Studies Textbooks for 2011-2012**

Mike Smith and Maria Jacobus were at the meeting and reviewed the textbooks chosen by the high school staff for World History, Geography, Government, U.S. History and Economics. Textbook purchases are made on a six year cycle to correspond with curriculum writing. Total cost of textbooks chosen for the social studies classes is \$29,087.93. Following the presentation, a motion was made by Fine, seconded by Rarick, to approve the high school textbook orders as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

**Approve Technology Purchases**

Dan DeGroot, Technology Coordinator, discussed technology goals of the district and purchase plans through 2013. Goals include: 1) Upgrade and rotation of existing equipment; 2) Expansion of laptops available for student use; and 3) continue development of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Classroom. The district has shifted from a focus of computers in labs to mobile carts with laptop computers teachers can use anywhere in the building. We are also expanding the number of video projectors in classrooms and propose ordering three I-Pads for student use. The purchase plan includes a cycle of purchasing 50-75 computers per year for 6 years, rotating in laptops to replace desktop computers in labs and at teacher workstations. Eligible items will be purchased with Microsoft Settlement funds and other items may be purchased with sales tax dollars. Two smartboards will be purchased using the grant received from the Page County Foundation. Mrs. Stanton thanked the board for their support of the technology program. Following the explanation of the purchasing plan and a review of the proposed items, a motion was made by Rarick, seconded by Fine, to approve the technology purchase plan as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

**Approve Auditor Bid**

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Rarick to approve the bid from Nolte, Cornman, and Johnson, P.C. to complete the Clarinda Community School District audit for fiscal years 2011, 2012, and 2013 at a rate of \$6000 for year one, \$6250 for year two, and \$6500 for year three. Motion carried 5-0.

**Approve Resignation(s)**

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by McComb, to approve the resignation from Bill Gilmore as assistant high school boys' basketball coach, pending a suitable replacement can be found. Motion carried 5-0.

**Board Correspondence**

Fine: Decisions we've had to make have been tough and we've not taken them lightly.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Rarick, to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Cindy L. VanFosson  
Board Secretary