

**June 13, 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, June 13, 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 Watkins. Rarick was absent.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**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, Elementary Principal, reported:

1. Garfield students and staff enjoyed field day on the last day of school.

Mr. McNeal, Middle School Principal, reported:

1. Very smooth ending to the school year at the middle school.

Ms. Nook, High School Principal, reported:

1. We were pleased to have the Glenn Miller Festivities at the high school last week.
2. The Band Boosters are beginning plans for the trip the high school band takes every 4 years. They will wait until the new instructor begins his duties to make final arrangements.

Superintendent Honnold reported:

1. Summer maintenance work has begun. The K-8 library is being painted and carpet will be laid immediately following.
2. Fall registration will be August 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> from 12-6 p.m. both days.

**Consent Items**

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

- A. Minutes of the May 9, 2011, and May 25, 2011 meetings.
- B. Bills in the amounts of:

General Fund	\$324,263.84
Activity Fund	\$19,242.18
Capital Projects	\$7,500.00
Nutrition Fund	\$17,608.59
Trust & Agency	\$176.99
- C. May 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 4-0 vote.

**Old Business**

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

## **New Business**

### **Approve Handbooks**

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Fine, to approve the 2011-2012 handbooks. Board members were provided handbooks for elementary, middle school and high school and administrators were on hand to review and discuss proposed changes. In the elementary handbook the following changes were proposed:

1. Added a section asking parents to bring only prepackaged snacks for birthday treats.
  2. Added a section asking people to leave pets outside the building due to allergies.
  3. Updated the head lice policy to reflect guidelines from the Iowa Department of Health.
  4. In the Appropriate Dress policy a paragraph was added asking parents to not send students to school in flip-flops.
- In the high school handbook the following changes were proposed:

1. The Excessive Absence policy, which had 3 notifications to parents, will now have 2 notifications.
2. Open Campus guidelines will now include the requirement that students must be passing all classes in order to earn the privilege.
3. A paragraph on fighting or physical confrontation has been added to the section on student behavior. In addition, there is an updated sentence on public displays of affection.
4. The policy on National Honor Society will now include the statement that a faculty council of five voting faculty members, appointed annually by the principal, will meet at least once a year to review procedures, select members, and consider non-selection, dismissal, other disciplinary actions, and warning cases.

There were no proposed changes to the middle school handbook. Following review, the motion to approve the 2011-2012 handbooks was approved on a 4-0 vote.

### **Approve Resignation(s)**

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by McComb, to approve the resignation of Larry Price as middle school science teacher. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by McComb, to approve the resignation of Jacque Stephens as ¾ time middle school art teacher. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Approve Contract(s)**

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by McComb, to approve the contract with Julie Maurer to serve as elementary teacher for the 2011-2012 school year. Ms. Maurer is a recent graduate of Buena Vista University and will teach a new K-1 classroom at Garfield. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Fine, to approve the contract with Nicholas Rueckert as instrumental music teacher for the 2011-2012 school year. Mr. Rueckert is a 2011 graduate of Drake University, where he was the athletic band conductor, band office assistant, and completed a minor in jazz studies. He worked with the Valley High School marching band and student taught at Urbandale. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Fine, to approve the contract with Jill Whitman to serve as elementary principal for the 2011-2012 school year. She served as elementary principal at Glidden-Ralston Community School prior to moving to the area. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by McComb, to approve the transfer of Karen McClarnon to serve as elementary special education teacher for 2011-2012. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by McComb, to approve the contract with Courtney Rasmussen to serve as high school special education teacher and middle school volleyball and middle school track coach for the 2011-2012 school year. Ms. Rasmussen has most recently taught special education at the Clarinda Academy. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Approve Rental Agreement with West Central Community Action Head Start**

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Fine, to approve the rental agreement with West Central Community Action Head Start to use a room in the McKinley building for the Head Start program for the 2012 fiscal year. Motion carried 4-0.

**Approve Participation in the SAI Administrator Mentoring and Induction Program**

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Fine, to approve participation in the School Administrators of Iowa administrator mentoring and induction program for the 2011-2012 school year. We are required by state law to have an agreement with an approved entity. There is no cost to the district if we do not use the service. Motion carried 4-0.

**Approve Partial Purchase of Baseball Scoreboard**

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by Watkins, to approve the cost of \$7,500 to assist in the purchase of the baseball scoreboard. The new scoreboard was purchased with a combination of funds from the City, School, and area businesses. Motion carried 4-0.

**Approve Food Cooperative Agreement**

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by McComb, to approve the contract to participate in the Iowa Association for Educational Purchasing Program for the 2011-2012 school year. By participating in the program, schools reap the benefits of group purchasing prices. Motion carried 4-0.

**Board Correspondence**

Turner: Coaches Josh Porter and Aaron Davidshofer took a group of wrestlers to Hamburg last Saturday morning to help with sandbagging. It was a good experience for them.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by Watkins, to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Cindy L. VanFosson  
Board Secretary