

**September 12, 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, September 12, 2011, 4:30 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 4:34 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 McComb, seconded by Watkins, 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**

Mr. McNeal, Middle School Principal, reported:

1. Great turnout at the middle school for the open house on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Whitham, Elementary Principal, reported:

1. Garfield Elementary also had a fantastic turnout for the open house.
2. The Clarinda PTA is sponsoring a fundraiser this fall. Packets were sent home with students and are to be returned tomorrow.

Mrs. Nordland, Special Programs Director, reported:

1. Jen Peters, our school nurse, has been working with the principals to complete 504 Plans. A 504 Plan spells out the modifications and accommodations needed for students to have an opportunity perform at the same level as their peers.

Mr. Irvin, Activities Director, reported:

1. Homecoming was a success, with great weather and a victorious football team. On Saturday, 235 students attended the homecoming dance.

Miss Nook, High School Principal, reported:

1. Annual magazine sales for the sophomore and junior classes have begun.
2. We will be administering the MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) test later this month to assess academic level.

Superintendent Honnold reported:

1. The new bus arrived September 1st.
2. Chad Leonard is the new education director at the Clarinda Academy.

**Consent Items**

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

- A. Minutes of the August 8, 2011, and August 17, 2011, meetings.
- B. Bills in the amounts of:

General Fund	\$147,035.90
Activity Fund	\$20,189.45
Management Fund	\$449.00
Capital Projects	\$19,202.81
Nutrition Fund	\$33,073.74
Trust & Agency	\$33.45
- C. August 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**

#### **Review of Annual Progress Report**

Mrs. Nordland, Special Programs Director, provided a power point presentation of the Annual Progress Report. The report covers student achievement results based on ITBS and ITED test scores. The State determines how well a school is doing by monitoring the percent of students who score above the 40<sup>th</sup> percentile in reading, math, and science. With the No Child Left Behind Legislation, the percent of students who score over the 40<sup>th</sup> percentile must increase until we have 100% of our students scoring above the 40<sup>th</sup> percentile in 2014. If a school fails to maintain increases to ensure reaching the 100% goal, it is put on either a "watch list" or a "school in need of assistance list." Schools placed on the watch list have one year to correct the scores or be placed on the "SINA," school in need of assistance list. Test scores were presented in graph form, first displaying all student scores for the grades, and then breaking the scores into subgroups, such as male/female; socioeconomic; and special needs students. In 2009-2010 our 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade math scores for all students and lower socioeconomic students, and our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade reading scores for lower socioeconomic students failed to have sufficient numbers scoring above the 40<sup>th</sup> percentile so we were labeled as a SINA school for 2 years. Those programs both met the goal for 2010-2011, so they are now on hold status. For 2010-2011 our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade math scores failed to meet the goal, so we are labeled a SINA school in that area and will be for 2 years. During that time we will focus on strategies to increase the numbers of students scoring above the 40<sup>th</sup> percentile. Following the Annual Progress Report, three teachers presented student achievement goals for 2011-2012. Carleen Perry provided the reading goal: increase reading comprehension scores on the Iowa Tests within the 3-11 special needs subgroups by 2% in the proficiency level. Tammy Norris provided the math goals: 1)increase math scores for all elementary students (grades 3-5) by 2% in the proficient or advanced range on the Iowa Assessments for the 2011-2012 school year. The percent of students who were proficient was 77% for the 2010-2011 school year. 2)increase math total scores for all middle school students (grades 6-8) by 2% in the proficient or advanced range on the Iowa Assessments for the 2011-2012 school year. The percent of students who were proficient for the 2010-2011 school year was 75%. Jolinda Gowing provided the science goal: increase the number of female students that are proficient in high school science by 2% based on Iowa Tests. Following the presentation a motion was made by Fine, seconded by Watkins, to approve the student achievement goals for 2011-2012. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **Approve 2011-2012 Bus Routes**

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Fine, to approve the 2011-2012 bus routes. Maps of miles covered by each of the seven regular routes were reviewed. A list of students riding each route was also distributed. Prior to the first day of school, drivers called each family on their list, introduced themselves and let them know what time the students would be picked up and dropped off. In addition to the rural routes, bus drivers are responsible for shuttling students to in-town drop-offs. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **Approve Contracts**

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by McComb, to approve the contract with Jean Minor to serve as an elementary special education paraprofessional for the 2011-2012 school year. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion as made by McComb, seconded by Watkins, to approve the contract with Linda Vanden Bosch to serve as assistant middle school basketball coach for the 2011-2012 season. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Fine, to approve the contract with Adam Talty to serve as high school assistant boys' basketball coach for the 2011-2012 season. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by McComb, to approve the contract with Jason Strough to serve as assistant middle school wrestling coach for the 2011-2012 season. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **Approve Special Education Contracts**

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by McComb, to approve the special education contracts with South Page, Villisca, Stanton, and Shenandoah Community School Districts for resident special education students being served in the Clarinda District. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Fine, to approve the special education contract with Iowa School for the Deaf to provide paraprofessional services for a Clarinda resident student being served at ISD. Motion carried 4-0.

**Approve Home School Assistance Teacher Contracts**

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by McComb, to approve the contracts with Lexy Davies to service as our Home School Assistance teacher for the 2011-2012 school year. Motion carried 4-0.

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**Approve Treasurer's Report**

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Fine, to approve the treasurer's report for the 2011 fiscal year. Board Secretary/Treasurer Cindy VanFosson presented the report, which documents all cash and investments held by the district as of June 30, 2011. Motion carried 4-0.

**Approve Bank Depositories**

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by McComb, to adopt the resolution naming Page County State Bank, Bank Iowa, Page County Federal Savings Association, Great Western Bank, and Wells Fargo (ISJIT) as the bank depositories for the Clarinda School District for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. The following maximum balances were set:

Page County State Bank	\$5,000,000
Bank Iowa	\$2,000,000
Page County Federal Savings Association	\$1,000,000
Great Western Bank	\$1,000,000
Wells Fargo (ISJIT)	\$10,000,000

Motion carried 4-0.

**Designate Official Newspaper**

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Fine, to approve the designation of the Clarinda Herald Journal as the official newspaper of the Clarinda School District for the 2012 fiscal year. Motion carried 4-0.

**Board Correspondence**

Fine: The Homecoming parade was very nice and it was great to win the football game.

Watkins: Thank you to the Cardinal Funds Committee for putting on the Gala at the Country Club. It was a fun evening and it was nice to see so many community members supporting the Cardinal Funds Foundation.

Turner: It's been a nice beginning to the school year.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by McComb, to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Cindy L. VanFosson  
Board Secretary