

**October 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 Tuesday, October 11, 2011, 5:00 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 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The following board members were present: President Turner, Vice President Fine, Rarick, Sunderman, and Watkins.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Rarick, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

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. Gov. Terry Branstad and Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds will be at the high school on Tuesday, October 25th from 3:00 to 4:30 for a town hall meeting focusing on education transformation. The event is free and open to the public. We will dismiss early that afternoon so staff members may attend.
2. Next week is school bus safety week. We will be conducting evacuation and other emergency drills with the students.
3. The technology items, document cameras, ipads, and a digital camera, purchased by the Cardinal Funds Foundation have arrived.
4. We continue to move forward with sharing our Spanish teacher with Essex beginning the second trimester.
5. Bus #7, involved in the September 23rd accident, will be taken to Omaha later this week for repairs.

Consent Items

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

- A. Minutes of the September 12, 2011, and September 26, 2011, meetings.
- B. Bills in the amounts of:

General Fund	\$138,709.74
Activity Fund	\$19,054.84
Management Fund	\$649.00
Nutrition Fund	\$36,364.45
Trust & Agency	\$322.73
- C. September 30, 2011, Financial Statements, Activity Fund report, Hot Lunch report, and open enrollment application(s).

Board member Fine 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 Clarinda Academy IHSAA Classification Request

A motion was made by Rarick, seconded by Fine, to approve the application from the Clarinda Academy to petition into 2A football for the 2012 and 2013 football seasons. Football classification is determined every other year in order to determine district schedules for two years. The Academy's enrollment this fall will probably place them in Class 1A for football, but they would like to petition into Class 2A to reduce travel distance for competitions. Following discussion of the travel distance of both the Clarinda Academy and the Clarinda District, the motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Approve Certified Annual Report

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Fine, to approve the 2011 certified annual report. Board Secretary Cindy VanFosson reviewed the report of the district's financial health as of June 30, 2011. Revenues in the general operating fund for the fiscal year totaled \$10,669,116, while expenditures totaled \$9,974,387. The general operating fund balance (cash balance) increased from 2010 due to a cash reserve levy to replace underfunding of over \$700,000 the past two years. The percentage of salaries and benefits to overall budget was 79.5%. The Board's goal is 80%. The Board's goal for the financial solvency ratio of the District is 15% and we ended fiscal year 2011 with a ratio of 14.82%. Following review of the final reports sent to the state for fiscal year 2011, the motion to approve the 2011 certified annual report carried on a 5-0 vote.

Report on 2011 Certified Enrollment

Certified Enrollment is an annual report of enrolled resident students used for the Iowa School Finance Formula calculation. The certified enrollment count is taken on the first day of October every year, or the following Monday if the first falls on a weekend. Certified enrollment is completed via a secure website by uploading the district's student database. Superintendent Honnold reviewed several reports of enrollment with the board. The certified enrollment count includes all Clarinda resident students regardless where they attend school and will be used to calculate state aid for the 2012-2013 school year. The actual number of students in classrooms in the district is 962. That number includes open enrolled in or tuition in students, but does not count Clarinda resident students open enrolled or tuitioned out. Actual enrollment last fall was 957.

Approve Sunday Practice

A motion was made by Rarick, seconded by Sunderman, to approve the Sunday practice request for the football team to prepare for first round playoffs. In the event the team qualifies, the first round playoff game would be Wednesday, October 26th. The coaches have requested permission for a voluntary practice on Sunday, October 23rd. Watkins stated he will always vote against Sunday practices because he doesn't believe the extra time makes them a better team and he would rather leave Sunday as a family day. Motion carried 3-2. Aye: Rarick, Sunderman, Turner. Nay: Watkins, Fine.

Approve Special Education Contracts

A motion was made by Rarick, seconded by Fine, to approve the special education contracts with Stanton and Glenwood Community School Districts for educational services provided to Clarinda resident special education students. Motion carried 5-0.

Board Correspondence

Fine: I attended parent-teacher conferences at the high school last week.

Rarick: Band Day on October 1st went well and it was a great fall day for the bands and other visitors in Clarinda.

Turner: I'd like to share a letter I received from Carolyn Hughes of New Market. She wrote thanking us for the decisions we made in regards to the New Market buildings when the district dissolved. She sent pictures of some of the improvements they've made to the gymnasium. I'm glad they have a group of people committed to updating and using the old gym.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by Rarick, to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Cindy L. VanFosson
Board Secretary