

**November 14, 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, November 14, 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 Rarick, seconded by Watkins, 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

Mr. Irvin, Activities Director, reported:

The second trimester starts tomorrow at the high school. The girls started basketball practice last Monday and both boys' basketball and wrestling begin today.

Mr. McNeal, Middle School Principal, reported:

1. Twenty-three middle school students were selected for SWIBA Honor Band.
2. A student assembly was held to present several awards for the first trimester at the middle school.

Superintendent Honnold reported:

1. We will begin negotiations for the 2012-2013 master contract in December.
2. This Thursday, November 17th, is the annual school board convention in Des Moines. We will leave Clarinda at 6:00 a.m.

Consent Items

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

- A. Minutes of the October 11, 2011, and October 24, 2011, meetings.
- B. Bills in the amounts of:

General Fund	\$201,668.04
Activity Fund	\$19,480.02
Management Fund	\$4,027.05
Nutrition Fund	\$33,130.53
- C. October 31, 2011, Financial Statements, Activity Fund report, Hot Lunch report, and open enrollment application(s).

Board member Rarick informed she 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

Technology Presentation: Document Cameras in the Classroom

Kim McNees, 5th/6th Language Arts, and Krystina Olson, 5th/6th Science, were at the meeting to demonstrate the use of document cameras in their classrooms. Each teacher in the K-8 building has a document camera for use in their classroom following the purchase of 22 cameras by the Cardinal Funds Foundation in early October. The document

camera replaces the overhead projector by projecting the image under the lens onto the wall or whiteboard without the need for transparencies. It is connected to a computer, which allows various manipulations of the information projected.

Discussion on School Facilities and Maintenance Projects for 2012

Approve Agreement with BCDM Architects

Craig Hill, maintenance supervisor, was at the meeting and presented a list of facility maintenance projects. The list was comprised of projects completed within the past 5 years and projects to consider in the future. Possible projects for 2012 include new siding and outer doors on the older sections of Garfield, roof and gutter repair on the vocational building at the high school, stage floor repair in the auditorium, sidewalk repair, carpet replacement, new cabinet doors in the high school science and family consumer science rooms, and a potential solution for the roof drain problem on the east side of the high school. One major project presented was the possibility of upgrading the high school gym. Trevor Huffaker from BCDM has been to the high school and viewed the gymnasium to gain information. The proposed project could include all or part of the following: new sound system, repair or replace bleachers, repair or replace gym floor, new lighting, and remodeling of the area on the upper west side of the gym. Following discussion, a motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Fine allowing BCDM Architects and Alvine Engineering to complete a preliminary review of the high school gym for updates. Motion carried 5-0.

Receive Report on Special Education Student Count

Special Education count is an annual reporting of students receiving special education services either in our district or from another school district, state agency, or private agency. It is a weighted enrollment determined by the level of services a student receives. The total number of special needs students in the district as of November 1st is equivalent to 9.8% of our Clarinda resident enrollment. The special education count generates funding to be used and reported only in the special education program. Superintendent Honnold presented a report showing the special education count and funds generated each year since 1994, illustrating how the count has stayed near 10% of total student enrollment.

Approve Sharing Agreement with Essex Community School District

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by Rarick, to approve the 28E Agreement with Essex Community School District for the 2011-2012 school year. Monica Torres, our high school Spanish teacher, will be the official teacher of record, overseeing the progress of Essex students enrolled in Spanish. Gerardo Torres will serve as a paraprofessional delivering the lesson in the same fashion Mrs. Torres does for our Spanish students. The 28-E Agreement is for the 2011-2012 school year only and states the Essex School District will reimburse the Clarinda School District \$14,825. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Special Education Contracts

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Sunderman, to approve the special education contracts with Atlantic, Des Moines Independent, Farragut, and Waterloo Community Schools for special education students being served at the Clarinda Academy. Motion carried 5-0.

Board Correspondence

Sunderman: I enjoyed the presentation on the document cameras. It was nice to see how our teachers and students are benefiting from the technology.

Turner: I chaperoned the students attending the Thespian Festival last Thursday through Saturday in Cedar Falls. The Festival was tremendous, with a lot of kids doing a super job. They were very well behaved. Clarinda students presented a shorter version of the fall production, "Elephant's Graveyard."

Adjournment

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by Watkins, to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Cindy L. VanFosson
Board Secretary