

**December 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, December 12, 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 Fine, 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:

1. This year we will be purchasing math books as part of our curriculum cycle. At the high school we are busy researching which textbooks will cover our needs.
2. Our coaches have been working on team-building skills during professional development time, learning to work together while supporting student athletes in all sports.

Ms. Nook, High School Principal, reported:

1. High school teachers will be focusing on rigor, relevance, and relationships all year as they work on curriculum, standards, benchmarks, and assessments.
2. We continue to hold monthly special education meetings, concentrating on co-teaching strategies. All teachers also continue to meet in curricular areas.

Superintendent Honnold reported:

1. Iowa native Simon Estes, an opera star working from Wartburg College, will be traveling the state next year and is scheduled to perform during Clarinda Sings. Page County students will have the opportunity to apply to work with him.
2. We have a bus that may need to have the entire engine replaced. Estimated cost, if necessary, would be approximately \$10,000-\$12,000.

Consent Items

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

- A. Minutes of the November 14, 2011 meeting.
- B. Bills in the amounts of:

General Fund	\$115,562.33
Activity Fund	\$14,516.02
Nutrition Fund	\$27,258.93
Trust & Agency Fund	\$1,701.51
- C. November 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 Dropout Prevention Program Application

A motion was made by Rarick, seconded by Fine, to approve the Dropout Prevention Modified Allowable Growth application for the 2012-2013 school year. This program provides property tax funding to provide services to students who are at risk of becoming or have been dropouts. Our program provides a team approach to develop strategies to help students change behaviors as early as possible in hopes of addressing the habits that negatively impact their learning. Early indicators of potential risk are frequent absences over a period years or students who have had multiple academic or behavioral problems. We are applying for a total budget of \$157,300 to fund our 2012-2013 dropout program, with 25% coming from our general operating fund. Applications will be approved by the Department of Education. Following discussion of the use of the funds, the motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Cast Vote for Director to IASB Board

Two school board members in IASB District #7 have been nominated for a one-year term on the IASB Board of Directors beginning in January, 2012. Clarinda board members were asked to select one of the two, marking the official ballot and returning it by December 22nd. Nominees were Pete Franks from the East Mills Board of Directors and Bill Grove from Council Bluffs Board of Directors. A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Rarick, to cast the vote from Clarinda for Bill Grove as District 7 IASB board member. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Approve Coaching Resignations

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by Watkins, to approve the resignation from Maria Jacobus as head volleyball coach for the 2012 season, pending a suitable replacement can be found. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion as made by Rarick, seconded by Sunderman, to approve the resignation from James Hash as assistant volleyball coach for the 2012 season, pending a suitable replacement can be found. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Special Education Contracts

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Rarick, to approve the special education contracts with Des Moines Independent, Council Bluffs, Fort Dodge, Keokuk, Sidney, and Shenandoah Community Schools for special education students being served at the Clarinda Academy. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Roof Repair Bid

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Fine, to approve the bid of \$18,125 from Boone Brothers Roofing to repair the K-8 building roof. During a recent inspection, the rubber around the perimeter of the K-8 building was found to be pulling away from the corners of the exterior walls. If left, the rubber could eventually become weak enough to crack and allow water into the building. Following discussion of the needed repair, the motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Board Correspondence

Board members had no correspondence to report.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Rarick, to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Cindy L. VanFosson
Board Secretary