

**April 12, 2010
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, April 12, 2010, 7:00 p.m., at the Board Room located in the McKinley Building, 423 East Nodaway, Clarinda, IA 51632.

Call to Order

President Watkins called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Open Hearing on 2011 Fiscal Year Budget

President Watkins declared the start of the open hearing to approve the 2011 fiscal year budget at 7:02 p.m. With no verbal or written objections to, or statements in favor of the proposed 2011 fiscal year budget presented, President Watkins declared the hearing closed at 7:03 p.m.

President Watkins declared the start of the open hearing to approve the 2010-2011 Early Start Calendar at 7:04 p.m. With no verbal or written objections to, or statements in favor of the proposed 2011 fiscal year budget presented, President Watkins declared the hearing closed at 7:05 p.m.

Audience to Visitors

President Watkins 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. CMS student Austin Smith received 8th place at the State Geography Bee on April 9th.
2. Upcoming field trips for CMS include: 5th grade students to St. Joseph, Missouri to visit Patee House Museum, Pony Express Museum, and St. Joseph Museum. The sixth grade will travel to Des Moines to visit the State Capitol and Terrace Hill.
3. The Middle School Student Council will be holding an "All School Talent Night" on Friday, April 30th at 7:00 in the Middle School Commons. The cost is \$2.00 with the profits going to support student council activities. A variety of acts are signed up to perform.

Mrs. Nordland, Elementary Principal, reported:

1. The Clarinda Kiwanis will fit our third grade students with bike helmets on April 13th.
2. The first grade music program will be held in the high school auditorium on April 13th also.

Ms. Nook, High School Principal, reported:

1. High School students will attend a Respect Assembly on Monday, April 19th.
2. We have student teachers in 2 areas this trimester, Voc. Agriculture and Instrumental Music.
3. Prom is May 1st.

Superintendent Honnold reported:

1. A pre-construction meeting was held today for the fiber optic project. The trenching company will begin working next week. Plans are for the project to be completed in approximately 3-4 weeks.
2. We received a dividend check of \$16,222.08 from The Safety Group Insurance Program for the policy year ending June 30, 2009. Our property insurance is paid from the Management Fund, so the dividend will be deposited back into that fund.

3. The Hawkeye 10 Academic Banquet was held last Wednesday, April 7th. Nick Cabeen was named to the Hawkeye 10 Conference All Academic Team along with 19 students from other districts. Amanda Kirsch was named the recipient of the Character Award by the Hawkeye 10 conference.

Consent Items

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

- A. Minutes of the March 4, 2010, and March 8, 2010 meetings.
- B. Bills in the amounts of:

General Fund	\$185,942.39
Activity Fund	\$25,631.39
Nutrition Fund	\$29,769.50
- C. March 31, 2010, Financial Statements, Activity Fund report, Hot Lunch report, and open enrollment application(s).

Board member McComb 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 consider at this time.

New Business

Approve Textbook Purchases

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Turner, to approve the textbooks for Family Consumer Science, Business and Accounting, and Speech classes as presented. Mrs. Beaver, Mrs. Carper, and Mr. Balster were present to talk about the books selected. The district maintains a textbook purchase rotation based on a six-year cycle. If new textbooks in a particular area are not needed, their purchase is delayed. The rotation simply serves as a guide. The total estimated cost for the textbooks and associated materials is \$14,846.47. Following presentations by the teachers, the motion was approved on a 4-0 vote.

Approve High School Library Remodeling Project

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by McComb, to approve the high school library-remodeling project. Craig Hill, maintenance director, was at the meeting to answer any questions, as our maintenance staff will be completing as much of the remodeling as possible. The current shelving will be dismantled and sent to Iowa Prison Industries for refinishing. They will also refinish the circulation desk and 58 chairs. Iowa Prison Industries will also build new magazine racks, book display cases, round tables and computer stations. A new fire-rated door will be installed into the former periodical room, which will be used for technology storage. The carpet will be replaced, all electrical will be updated and new ceiling tile will be installed. A Smart Board and projector or a large screen television will be mounted for student and staff use. Many schools are using wireless technology and lap tops to send images from the computer to large screen televisions that can also be connected to the internet or used for viewing of current events, such as Hurricane Katrina or the terrorist attack of 9/11. Many new books have been and will be ordered. Following a review of the proposed layout and explanation of the updates, the board voted 4-0 to approve the motion.

Approve Mower Replacement Bid

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Fine to approve the quote from Whipp Sales and Service of \$23,930.65 for a New Holland G6030 mower with soft cab, snowbrush, and accessories. The district's current primary mower will be replaced. In addition to the quote from Whipp Sales and Service, a quote of \$26,065 was received from Barker Implement for a John Deere 1445. Both quotes include the trade-in of the district's John Deere 1145 mower with snowbrush and deck. Mr. Hill checked with two organizations that own a New Holland mower and both gave it favorable comments. Following discussion, the motion was approved on a 4-0 vote.

Approve Resignations and Early Retirements

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by Turner, to approve the resignation of Susie Rinehart as a paraprofessional effective the end of the current year. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Turner, to approve the resignation and early retirement application from Beth Gregory effective the end of the current year. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by McComb, to approve the resignation and early retirement application from Marla Mattes effective the end of the current year. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by McComb, to approve the resignation and early retirement application from Joy Bitting effective the end of the current year. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Fine, to approve the resignation and early retirement application from Harley Schieffer effective the end of the current year. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by McComb, to approve the resignation of Linda VandenBosch as middle school assistant girls' basketball coach, pending a suitable replacement can be found. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Turner, to approve the resignation of Sandy Porter as 9th grade girls' basketball coach. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by McComb, to approve the resignation of Mike Smith as middle school boys' basketball coach. Motion carried 4-0.

President Watkins, speaking on behalf of the entire board, expressed gratitude to the retiring staff members for their many years of dedication instructing and caring for the students attending Clarinda Schools.

Approve Contract Termination

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Fine, to approve the termination of Kathy Linke as the At Risk School Interventionist due to budget considerations, reorganization and realignment of staff, program changes, and compliance with the master contract. At their regular meeting on March 8, 2010, the board eliminated the School Interventionist position. Mrs. Linke as served in the position since the fall of 1999. The motion carried on a 4-0 vote of the board.

Approve Contracts and Transfers

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Fine, to approve the contract with Kristine Wilson to serve as high school English instructor and assistant volleyball coach for the 2010-2011 school year. Ms. Wilson is originally from Farragut and will be graduating in May from Simpson College. She is currently student teaching in Des Moines East High School. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by McComb, to approve the contract with Melinda Norton to serve as high school guidance counselor for the 2010-2011 school year. Ms. Norton is currently the secondary guidance counselor for East Union School District in Afton. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Turner, to approve the contract with Audra Meyer to serve as elementary guidance counselor for the 2010-2011 school year. Ms. Meyer is currently a special education teacher in Ankeny. She will be completing her counseling program as she starts her position with our district. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Turner, to approve the transfer of Larry Price from high school science to middle school science for the 2010-2011 school year. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by Turner, to approve the contract with Tammi McNeal to serve as high school science teacher and middle school assistant girls' track coach for the 2010-2011 school year. Mrs. McNeal was a biology teacher in Texas for 20 years prior to teaching at the Clarinda Academy this year. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Fine, to approve the transfer of Andy Johnson from 9th grade boys' basketball to assistant 7/8 boys' basketball coach. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Fine, to approve the transfer of Mike Smith from assistant cross country to head cross country coach. Motion carried 4-0.

Adopt Resolution to Fund the Budget Guarantee for the 2011 Fiscal Year

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by Turner, to adopt the resolution that the Board of Directors of the Clarinda Community School District will levy property taxes for fiscal year 2010-2011 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa. The budget guarantee allows the district to receive 101% of the funding we were to have received for 2009-2010. Motion carried 4-0.

Approve 2011 Fiscal Year Budget

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by McComb, to adopt the 2011 fiscal year budget as presented. The open hearing held at the start of the meeting was part of the budget process. The budget will be filed with the Page County Auditor and sent to the Iowa Department of Management on April 15, 2010. Summary of our levy rates per \$1,000 valuation for the 2011 budget year:

General Fund \$13.07

Management Fund \$.65

PPEL \$.33

Total Levy \$14.05

This is a decrease of approximately \$.09 from the current year. Following discussion, the board voted 4-0 to approve the 2011 fiscal year budget.

Approve 2010-2011 Early Start Calendar

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Turner, to approve the early start calendar for the 2010-2011 school year. By Iowa law, school districts cannot start prior to the Monday in which September 1st falls without a request for an early start waiver. For 2010-2011 that means school could not start prior to August 31st without the waiver. The calendar for 2010-2011 shows a start date for students of August 24th. New teachers to the district will start on August 18th and the remainder of the staff will begin August 19th. Motion carried 4-0.

Approve 2009 Fiscal Year Audit

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by McComb, to approve the 2009 fiscal year audit. The audit of the financial records of the district as of June 30, 2009, was completed and statements prepared for filing with the state by Bruce Frink, CPA, of Clarion, Iowa. A copy of the audit report is available for review in the office of the Auditor of the State and the district secretary's office. Following review of the statements included in the report, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the motion.

Approve Special Education Contracts

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Turner, to approve the contracts with Centerville, Fremont-Mills, Glenwood, Oskaloosa, Red Oak, Sioux City, and Waterloo Community School Districts for special education students being served at the Clarinda Academy. Motion carried 4-0.

Board Correspondence

Watkins: Thank you to the Clarinda Kiwanis Club for supplying our third grade students with bicycle helmets. It's a neat program and I appreciate them taking the time to come to the school and fit the helmets.

Adjournment

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Fine, to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Cindy L. VanFosson
Board Secretary