

**April 26, 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 26, 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 Rarick. Board member McComb was absent.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Fine, to approve an amended agenda, adding item 7E, Approve Resignation. Motion carried 4-0.

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. Middle School students are busy preparing for their Talent Show to be held this Friday, April 30th at 7:00 pm. Proceeds from the \$2.00 admission will be used to support CMS student council activities.
2. Spring concerts for vocal and instrumental music will be held next week.

Mr. Schieffer, Activities Director, reported:

1. The Cardinal and Lady Cardinal Relays were held the first week of April with great weather. As always, the Relays wouldn't be possible without the large group of volunteers who assist us. Thank you to those people.
2. The high school art show, and vocal and instrumental music concerts are being held this evening.
3. CHS Prom will be this Saturday, May 1st. If you're interested in attending the walk-up activities, they will be held 6:30-8:15 p.m.
4. Baccalaureate will be held May 9th, with commencement on May 16th.
5. Senior awards night will be held in the auditorium on May 13th.
6. Summer sports practices will be begin next Monday, May 3rd.

Superintendent Honnold reported:

1. The hallway of the band/wrestling addition continues to leak. Mr. Hill has contacted Trevor at BCDM and they are discussing how to proceed.
2. KLK began installing fiber cable last Monday.
3. The 4-year-old voluntary preschool grant is available for all districts that have not qualified to this point. The funding will be prorated. The Preschool Committee will be meeting to discuss whether or not we should apply.
4. The federal Race to the Top Fund provides competitive grants to encourage and reward States that are creating the conditions for education innovation and reform. The US Dept. of Education awarded only Tennessee and Delaware grants during Round One. Iowa was 24th. We, as a district, did not apply to be part of Iowa's grant allowance if the State made the cut the first time. We have to wonder, is the money worth the stipulations we must adhere to? Iowa school board presidents must sign a Memorandum of Understanding by May 14th in order for their district to directly receive Race to the Top funds, should Iowa's application be approved in round two. State applications are due to the US Dept. of Education by June 1st.

Old Business

Board members had no old business to discuss or act on.

New Business

Approve Contracts

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Fine, to approve the contract with Jason Gordon to serve as assistant baseball coach for the 2010 baseball season. Motion carried 4-0.

Rarick left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Approve Technology Purchases

Mr. Schieffer and Mr. DeGroot were present to review a list of technology items being requested for 2010-2011. This year, part of the purchases will be made with Microsoft Settlement funds. The Microsoft Settlement provides schools the opportunity to apply for vouchers to purchase equipment, software and training that specifically aligns with our school improvement goals. Settlement dollars are based on a dollar amount per student. Of the \$128,000 in purchases being requested, half of that amount will come from the Microsoft Settlement. The purchase plan includes three mobile labs, laptops for the high school library, replacing the computers in the Garfield lab, and fourteen teacher stations. Ten projectors would be purchased and mounted in classrooms throughout the district. Software purchases include Microsoft Office, Filemaker Pro, servers, and an assessment program for use in the high school. Following the presentation and discussion on the number of computers in the district, a motion was made by Fine, seconded by Turner, to approve the technology purchases as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Approve Activity Sharing Agreement

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by Turner, to approve the athletic sharing agreement with Villisca and South Page to participate in our wrestling program for the 2010-2011 school year. Motion carried 3-0.

Approve Special Education Contract

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Fine, to approve the contract with Council Bluffs Community Schools for educational services provided a Clarinda resident special education student. Motion carried 3-0.

Approve Resignation

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Fine, to approve the resignation of Diane Campbell as elementary teacher effective the end of the current school year. Motion carried 3-0.

Correspondence From Board Members

Board members had nothing to report.

Executive Session

President Watkins declared the board in executive session at 7:35 p.m. as a strategy session for classified and administrative salaries. President Watkins declared the board out of executive session at 8:40 p.m.

Approve Salaries for Classified and Administrative Staff for 2010-2011

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by Turner, to approve a 2% total increase for salaries and insurance for classified hourly employees for the 2010-2011 school year. Motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Fine, to approve the administrative and supervisory contracts for the 2010-2011 fiscal year to include a freeze in salaries and benefits. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by Turner, to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Cindy L. VanFosson
Board Secretary