

**August 9, 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, August 9, 2010, 6:00 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 6:00 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 Turner, to approve the agenda. 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**

Superintendent Honnold reported:

1. New teachers will be here on August 18<sup>th</sup> for orientation and lunch with the board. The board-sponsored all staff luncheon is scheduled for August 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Consent Items**

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

- A. Minutes of the July 12, 2010 and July 16, 2010 meetings.
- B. Bills in the amounts of:

General Fund	\$114,947.59
Activity Fund	\$7,964.43
Management Fund	\$129,666.48
Nutrition Fund	\$122.20
Trust & Agency	\$971.50
- C. July 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**

**Review Annual Progress Report**

Mrs. Boysen, Special Programs Director, provided a power point presentation of the Annual Progress Report. The report covers student achievement results based on ITBS and ITED test scores. The State determines how well a school is doing by monitoring the percent of students who score above the 40<sup>th</sup> percentile in reading, math, and science. With the No Child Left Behind Legislation, the percent of students who score over the 40<sup>th</sup> percentile must increase until we have 100% of our students scoring above the 40<sup>th</sup> percentile in 2013. If a school fails to maintain increases to ensure reaching the 100% goal, it is put on either a "watch list" or a "school in need of assistance list." Schools placed on the watch list have one year to correct the scores or be placed on the "SINA," school in need of assistance list. Test scores were presented in graph form, first displaying all student scores for the grades, and then breaking the scores into subgroups, such as male/female; socioeconomic; and special needs students. Our 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade math scores for all students and lower socioeconomic students, and our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade reading scores for lower socioeconomic students failed to have sufficient numbers scoring above the 40<sup>th</sup> percentile. We will be a "SINA" school for 2 years. During that time we will focus on strategies to increase the numbers of students scoring above the 40<sup>th</sup> percentile in those areas. In addition to test scores, information on the dropout rate and ACT scores are

given for Clarinda High School students. The student achievement data for 2009-2010 will be available via the district newsletter and on the district web site.

#### **Approve Coaching Resignation**

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by Turner, to approve the resignation from Tyler Hill as assistant middle school football coach for the 2010 season. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **Approve Contract(s)**

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Fine, to approve the contract with Shelly Durfey to serve as high school math teacher for the 2010-2011 school year. Mrs. Durfey has been teaching for 15 years, most recently in Jefferson City, Missouri. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by McComb, to approve the contract with Jeremy Latham to serve as assistant middle school football coach for the 2010 football season. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **Approve Bus Routes**

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by McComb, to approve the 2010-2011 bus routes. Maps of miles covered by each of the seven regular routes were reviewed. A tentative list of students riding each route was also distributed. Prior to the first day of school, the drivers will call each family on their list, introducing themselves and letting them know what time the students will be picked up and dropped off. In addition to the rural routes, bus drivers will be responsible for shuttling students to in-town drop-offs. In New Market, students will be picked up at the Community Center. Following a review of the routes, the motion to approve the bus routes for the 2010-2011 school year was approved on a 4-0 vote.

#### **Approve Bid for Property Purchase**

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Fine, to approve the formal bid and contract of \$5,000 to Dollar General Corporation to purchase the .5 acre lot located on the south border of the K-8 building. If the purchase is finalized, the lot will be cleared and prepared for additional parking. Funds for the purchase will be taken from Local Sales Tax revenues or Physical Plant and Equipment funds. Following a short discussion on the parking situation, the motion was approved on a 4-0 vote.

#### **Approve Activity Budget for 2010-2011**

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by Turner, to approve the activity budget for 2010-2011. Budgets developed for athletic accounts and a few other student activity accounts allow supervisors to more closely monitor on-going costs versus one-time expenses. The budgets do not include the cost of safety equipment, such as helmets, shoulder pads, and kneepads, or the cost of transportation to out-of-district events, as those items are provided through the general operating fund. The district has been fortunate that gate receipts and the sale of activity tickets generate the funds needed to cover these budgets. Following a review of the 2010-2011 budgets for several student activity and athletic accounts, the board voted 4-0 to approve the motion.

#### **Open Hearing on Instructional Support Levy**

President Watkins declared the start of the open hearing on the Instructional Support Levy at 7:00 p.m. With no verbal or written objections to, or statements in favor of the Instructional Support Levy presented, President Watkins declared the open hearing closed at 7:01 p.m.

#### **Approve Resolution for Continuation of the Instructional Support Levy**

Director McComb introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption. Director Turner seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called and the vote was: Ayes: Watkins, Fine, McComb, Turner. Nays: None. The President declared the resolution adopted as follows:

##### **RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN THE INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has approved a five (5 years) year finance plan, which anticipates the level of funding that will be possible to continue the current level of services and to fund the ongoing programs of the School District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has given consideration to continued participation in the Instructional Support Program as provided in Iowa Code sections 257.18 through 257.21; and

WHEREAS, the board has published notice of the time and place of a public hearing on the resolution; and

WHEREAS, a hearing has been held upon the proposal to continue participation in the Instructional Support Program and any objections are overruled:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED:

1. The Board of Directors determines that it is consistent with the five year finance plan to fund the ongoing programs and services of the School District and it is in the best interest of the School District to continue participation in an Instructional Support Program as provided in Iowa Code sections 257.18 through 257.21, and to provide additional funding therefore for a period of five (5 years) years commencing the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012.
2. The additional funding for the Instructional Support Program for a budget year will be determined annually, and will not exceed 6% of the total regular program district cost for the budget year and moneys received under Iowa Code Section 257.14 as a budget adjustment for the budget year.
3. Moneys received by the District for the Instructional Support Program may be used for the purpose of meeting the standards of accreditation of Iowa school districts; to purchase textbooks, equipment, supplies or instruction materials; to acquire, install, operate and maintain computers and classroom equipment; and to repair or maintain equipment.
4. The Instructional Support Program shall be funded by instructional support state aid and a combination instructional support property tax levied annually upon the taxable property within the School District commencing with the levy of property taxes for collection in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, and instructional support income surtax imposed annually, the percent of income surtax to be determined by the Board for each budget year to be imposed upon the state individual income tax of each individual income taxpayer resident in the School District on December 31, 2011, and each year thereafter.
5. Unless, within twenty-eight days following the adoption of this resolution, the Secretary of the Board receives a petition containing the signatures of eligible electors equal in number to not less than one hundred or thirty percent of the number of voters at the last preceding regular school election, whichever is greater, asking that an election be called to approve or disapprove this action of the Board adopting the Instructional Support Program, this action of the Board is final and the Secretary is authorized and directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the Department of Management.

In the event a petition containing the required number of signatures is filed with the Secretary of the Board within twenty-eight days of the adoption of this resolution, the President shall call a meeting of the Board to consider rescission of this resolution, or to direct the county commissioner of elections to submit the following question to the qualified electors of the School District at a special election.

If the Board determines to submit the question to the electors, the proposition to be submitted as follows:

Shall the Board of Directors of the Clarinda Community School District in the County of Page, State of Iowa, be authorized for a period of five (5 years) years to levy and impose an instructional support tax in an amount (after taking into consideration instructional support state aid) of not to exceed 6% of the total of regular program district cost for the budget year and moneys received under Iowa Code Section 257.14 as a budget adjustment in the budget year, and be authorized annually, in combination, as determined by the board, to levy a combination of an instructional support property tax upon all the taxable property with the School District, commencing with the levy of property taxes for collection in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, and to impose an instructional support income surtax upon the state individual income tax of each individual income taxpayer resident in the School District on December 31 for each calendar year commencing with calendar year 2011, or each year thereafter, the percent of income surtax to be determined by the board for each fiscal year, to be used for meeting the standards of accreditation of Iowa School Districts; to purchase textbooks, equipment, supplies or instruction materials; to acquire, install, operate and maintain computers and classroom equipment; and to repair or maintain equipment?

Passed and approved this 9th day of August 2010.

Seth Watkins, President

Attest: Cindy L. VanFosson, District Secretary

### **Board Correspondence**

Turner: Welcome to all new staff members.

Fine: Football camp appeared to have several participants last week. Looking forward to the fall season.

Watkins: We've hired a great bunch of new employees for the coming year. 2010-2011 looks to be a great year.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by Turner, to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

Cindy L. VanFosson  
Board Secretary