

**September 13, 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, September 13, 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, Fulk, and McComb.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Turner, to approve the agenda. The motion was approved 5-0.

Audience to Visitors

President Watkins welcomed all visitors to the meeting. No visitors chose to address the Board at this time.

Administrative Reports

Mrs. Nordland, Elementary Principal, reported:

1. Four teachers at Garfield will be attending math workshops this year.
2. Garfield teachers will be working at McDonalds on October 5th.
3. A meeting was held earlier this evening with parents of Talented and Gifted students.

Mr. McNeal, Middle School Principal, reported:

1. We've had a great start to the year at the middle school, with our extra-curricular activities underway as well.

Superintendent Honnold reported:

1. I have a copy of the results of a survey provided to South Page parents concerning sharing programs and activities with other districts.
2. The Dollar General Corporation has accepted our offer to purchase the half-acre of land to the west of the middle school. I am working with George Crawford to finalize the necessary documents. The parcel will be surveyed in the near future. Following the purchase we will work toward removing the trees and grading the lot.
3. On the table this evening for each of you is an Update on No Child Left Behind Requirements distributed by the Iowa Department of Education. Reviewing it gives you an idea of the number of reporting requirements mandated by the NCLB legislation.

Consent Items

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

- A. Minutes of the August 9, 2010 meeting.
- B. Bills in the amounts of:

General Fund	\$104,806.63
Activity Fund	\$14,972.60
Capital Projects Fund	\$9,994.00
Nutrition Fund	\$23,816.88
Trust & Agency Fund	\$28.34
- C. August 31, 2010 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. Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business

The board had no old business to consider.

New Business

Approve Special Education Contracts

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Rarick, to approve the contracts with Council Bluffs, South Page, Stanton, and Villisca Community School Districts for special education students being served in the Clarinda District. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by Turner, to approve the contract with Iowa School for the Deaf to provide special education services to a Clarinda resident student. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Rarick, seconded by McComb, to approve the contracts with Ames, Atlantic, Bedford, Burlington, Carroll, Cedar Rapids, Centerville, Chariton, Charles City, Cherokee, Clarke, College, Denison, Des Moines Independent, Fort Dodge, Glenwood, Griswold, Independence, Interstate 35, Iowa City, Keokuk, Lenox, Marshalltown, Missouri Valley, Mount Pleasant, Red Oak, Sergeant Bluff-Luton, Sheldon, Shenandoah, Sidney, Sioux City, South Page, South Tama, Southeast Polk, Stanton, Storm Lake, Waterloo, West Des Moines, West Marshall, and West Monona Community School Districts for special education students being served at the Clarinda Academy. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve District Developed Special Education Plan

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Fine, to approve the District Developed Special Education Plan. The year following a site visit by the Department of Education, each district must update their Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP). The CSIP includes goals for the next five years and also includes the District's Special Education Plan. The Special Education Plan identifies how students are placed into special education, the number of students on each teacher's roster, how students are staffed out of special education, and the variety of services students can receive. A committee of several people, headed by Mrs. Boysen, met to create the plan and submit it to the AEA for their approval, which was granted. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Comprehensive School Improvement Plan

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Rarick, to approve the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP). The Plan is written after the district site visit, establishing the data collected to determine the educational plan and how we will utilize various educational components to assure student academic success. It includes all school programs and items such as attendance and discipline. Following a review of the CSIP, board members voted 5-0 to approve the motion.

Approve Unpaid Leave Request

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by McComb, to approve the unpaid leave request from Larry Price to go to the Philippines as a guest of the Secretary of the Interior. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion on Federal Jobs Fund

Board members discussed the Federal Education Jobs bill, enacted on August 10, 2010, which appropriated over \$90 million to Iowa School districts to be used to retain, recall, rehire or hire employees. "Ed Jobs" authorizes school districts to use Ed Jobs funds for compensation and benefits and other expenses, such as support services, necessary to retain existing employees, to recall or rehire former employees, and to hire new employees, in order to provide early childhood, elementary, or secondary educational and related services at the school building level. It cannot be used for district-wide staff, only building level. Distribution is \$174.92 per weighted enrollment, translating to \$185,871 for Clarinda Schools. A handout from a webinar provided by the Department of Education was distributed to board members. It included statements from an attorney on appropriate use of the funds. Board members discussed the financial situation the district continues to face. The Clarinda District was underfunded by over \$450,000 in fiscal year 2010 and will be underfunded by at least \$301,000 in fiscal year 2011. With the significant decrease in state funding, the Board instructed the Superintendent to plan on using the funds at this time to retain as many of our existing employees as possible.

Annual Meeting

Approve Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Turner, to approve the treasurer's report for the 2010 fiscal year. Board Secretary/Treasurer Cindy VanFosson presented the report, which documents all cash and investments held by the district as of June 30, 2010. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Bank Depositories

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Rarick, to adopt the resolution naming Page County State Bank, Bank Iowa, Page County Federal Savings Association, Great Western Bank, and Wells Fargo (ISJIT) as our bank depositories for the 2011 fiscal year. The following maximum balances were set:

Page County State Bank	\$2,000,000	Bank Iowa	\$2,000,000
Wells Fargo (ISJIT)	\$10,000,000	Great Western	\$1,000,000
Page County Federal Savings Association	\$1,000,000		

Motion carried 5-0.

Designate Official Newspaper

A motion was made by Rarick, seconded by McComb, to approve the designation of the Clarinda Herald Journal as the official newspaper of the Clarinda School District for the 2011 fiscal year. Motion carried 5-0.

Organizational Meeting**Election of Board President**

President Watkins asked for nominations for the office of President of the Board of Directors for the 2010-2011 year. Ms. Rarick nominated Pallin Turner to serve as President of the Board of Directors for 2010-2011.

McComb seconded the nomination and Ms. Turner was elected on a 4-0 vote. She assumed the President's role at this point of the organizational meeting.

Election of Board Vice President

Mr. Watkins nominated Brian Fine to serve as Vice President of the Board of Directors for 2010-2011. Rarick seconded the motion and Fine was elected to the office of Vice President on a 4-0 vote.

Appointment of Committee Assignments

President Turner made the following committee assignments:

1. Auditing Committee: Beth Rarick and Seth Watkins
2. Board Policy Review Committee: Scott McComb and Beth Rarick
3. Page County Conference Board: Seth Watkins
4. Legislative Action Network: Brian Fine
5. Sharing Agreement Committee: Pallin Turner and Scott McComb
6. Cardinal Funds Committee Representative: Beth Rarick
7. School Improvement Advisory Committee: Pallin Turner and Brian Fine

Correspondence From Board Members

Watkins: 1) It looks like the school year is off to a really good start. 2) I appreciate the work of the Cardinal Funds Committee in organizing the Gala held at the Country Club in August. The community turnout was great and we had a good time.

Rarick: 1) On behalf of the Cardinal Funds Committee, we'd like to thank all who attended the Gala and showed support for our district students. 2) I've heard very positive comments from the community about our new staff.

Fine: 1) Thanks to Seth for the job he did as President of the Board these past two years. I believe Pallin will do a great job as she assumes the position.

Turner: 1) Thank you to Mr. Smith, Mr. Johnson and the students who help with the monthly recycling in Clarinda. They are providing a much needed service and learning civil responsibility at the same time. 2) Thanks to Seth for serving as President the past two years.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by McComb, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote and the meeting was adjourned.

Cindy L. VanFosson
Board Secretary