

**December 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, December 13, 2010, 6:30 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 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Rarick, to approve the agenda. The motion was approved 3-0.

Audience to Visitors

President Turner welcomed all visitors to the meeting. No visitors chose to address the board at this time.

Administrative Reports

Superintendent Honnold reported:

1. The new gravel parking west of the Middle School is ready for use. Thank you to George Crawford and Crawford Real Estate for working with Dollar General Corporation and the attorneys at no cost to us.
2. The Hockenberry Foundation has contacted Mrs. Almeliën with news of a grant for use in our instrumental music department.
3. Garfield Elementary has been notified by Hy-Vee they will be receiving a Smart Board as part of Hy-Vee's Smiles for Education program.
4. PK-4th grades will hold winter concerts December 13-17 at noon in the Garfield gym.

Consent Items

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Rarick, to approve the following consent items:

- A. Minutes of the November 8, 2010, meeting.
- B. Bills in the amounts of:

General Fund	\$93,893.90
Activity Fund	\$9,724.56
Capital Projects Fund	\$266,600.00
Nutrition Fund	\$25,360.99
Trust & Agency Fund	\$1,105.00
- C. November 30, 2010 Financial Statements, Activity Fund report, Hot Lunch report, and open enrollment application(s).

Motion carried 3-0.

Old Business

The board had no old business to consider.

New Business

Approve At Risk Allowable Growth Budget

A motion was made by Rarick, seconded by McComb, to approve the At Risk Allowable Growth application for the 2011-2012 school year. The program is designed to provide assistance to students who have been identified as being potential dropouts or are returning dropouts. Indicators of potential dropouts include poor attendance, low achievement in reading and/or math, and no involvement in extra curricular activities. The program is funded with a combination of 75% property tax and 25% general education funding. The total budget application for 2011-2012 is \$180,898. The following positions are funded, in part, with At Risk funds: the alternative high school teacher, two counselors, the ESL instructor, and the nurse. Following discussion of the application and positions funded, the motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

Approve First Reading of Board Policy Updates

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Rarick, to approve the first reading of the Board Policy updates. The committee, Board members McComb and Rarick, Superintendent Honnold, and Board Secretary VanFosson, met several times to review Section 100 School District, Section 200 Board of Directors, Section 700 Non Instructional Operations, Section 800 Buildings, and Section 900 School and Community Relations. McComb presented a recommendation for change in current policy language and reviewed new policies required due to changes in Iowa Law.

Board Policy Review Committee Recommendations

Policy

Number

711.8

Recommendation

Transportation in Inclement Weather

The committee recommends adding “or designee” to the last sentence.students will be kept at or returned to school until they are picked up by the parents or designee.

Policy

Number

401.13

Mandated Changes

Employee Use of Cell Phones

Auditing standards require boards that have school-provided cell phones to have a cell phone policy regarding usage of the phones. The policy follows IRS recommendations that employers prohibit personal use of employer-provided cell phones and also prohibits the use of personal cell phones while on duty.

802.4

Capital Assets

The new Capital Assets policy replaces the Fixed Assets Management System Policy boards currently have. It now includes both tangible and intangible assets. The capitalization threshold of intangible assets for the district is \$150,000.

Following review of the recommendations, the motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

Vice President Fine arrived at 6:50 p.m.

Discussion Regarding Maintenance Project Planning for 2011

Craig Hill, maintenance supervisor, was at the meeting and reviewed a list of maintenance and equipment items the district has continued to generate over the past several years as either immediate or long-range areas of need. The list also includes projects completed over the past few years and the total cost associated with each. Two sources of funding available for infrastructure and equipment needs are the Physical Plant and Equipment Fund and Local Option Sales & Service Tax funds. In planning for projects to be completed in 2011, consideration is given to items identified by the Fire Marshall, safety issues, replacement cycles of such things as roofs, vehicles, and heating systems, and availability of funds. Board members were asked to study the list during the next month, noting the items given top priority by Mr. Hill and Mr. Honnold, and then be prepared to discuss and plan to move forward on the projects chosen.

Rarick left the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Approve Second Semester College Academy and PSEO Enrollment

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by McComb, to approve the College Academy and PSEO course enrollment for the second semester of the 2010-2011 school year. College Academy courses are eligible for weighted funding because they are part of a sharing agreement between the district and IWCC. The Post Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO) courses are offered by the college, but are not part of the sharing agreement.

Second Semester College Academy Courses: Composition II, Developmental Psychology, Intro to Sociology, Western Civ II, American History since 1977, Human A&P, Multicultural Lit, and Intro to Composition. CHS students have enrolled in two PSEO courses: Ethics and Welding II.

Following discussion of the difference in the two types of courses and the cost to the district, the motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

Approve Special Education Contracts

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

A motion was made Fine, seconded by McComb, to approve contracts Ames, Boone, Fort Dodge, Red Oak, Sidney, Sioux Center, South Page, Stanton, and Winterset Community School Districts for special education students being served at the Clarinda Academy. Motion carried 3-0.

Correspondence From Board Members

Fine: 1) Attended the eighth grade winter concert. Mr. Aldrich does a fantastic job working with our middle school band students. 2) I attended the Delegate Assembly at the IASB annual convention on November 17th where they discussed and voted on priorities for the upcoming legislative session. 3) I would like to thank Craig for the great job he and his staff are doing in maintaining our facilities. We appreciate the hard work.

Adjournment

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Fine, to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. The motion passed on a 3-0 vote and the meeting was adjourned.

Cindy L. VanFosson
Board Secretary