

**June 8, 2009**  
**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, June 8, 2009, 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 on a 5-0 vote.

**Audience to Visitors**

President Watkins welcomed all visitors to the meeting. No visitors chose to address the board at this time. Steve Westerberg, high school principal from Denison, was at the meeting representing the Hawkeye 10 principals and presented a plaque to Mr. Ruffing for his tenure on the Hawkeye 10 Board of Control. Board members presented Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Ruffing, who are retiring, a small token of appreciation for their years of service to the Clarinda School District. Mr. Lawrence began teaching English at Clarinda High School in 1964. Mr. Ruffing has been the high school principal in Clarinda for the past 10 years. President Watkins, speaking on behalf of the entire Board, thanked both men for providing our staff and students with outstanding role models. He wished them well in their retirement.

**Administrative Reports**

Superintendent Honnold reported:

1. The school board election will be held September 8th. Dale Fulk and Pallin Turner are competing terms that will expire at that time. The first day for filing for the election is July 6<sup>th</sup>, with the last day being July 30<sup>th</sup>.
2. We received word that our application for the voluntary 4 year-old preschool grant was not selected.
3. We will be meeting with a consultant next week to discuss fiber connection between the buildings.

**Consent Items**

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

- A. Minutes of the May 11, 2009 meeting.
- B. Bills in the amounts of:

General Fund	\$227,653.32
Activity Fund	\$11,074.92
Capital Projects Fund	\$19,800.00
Nutrition Fund	\$13,596.12
Trust & Agency	\$2,750.85
New Market Trust	\$665.20
- C. May 31, 2009, 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 5-0 vote.

**Old Business**

Board members had no old business to consider at this time.

## **New Business**

### **Approve Maintenance Projects Bids**

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Fulk, to approve the bid of \$6,011 from Stickler's to repair the Middle School dock driveway area. The bid includes removing the existing curb, widening the concrete, replacing the curb, and moving two evergreen trees to another location. Trucks using the dock have difficulty making the tight turn and end up running over the curb. When it rains a muddy spot is created and is carried to the street. Following a short discussion, the motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by McComb, to approve the bid from Concrete Expressions of \$8,300 to refinish the floors in the high school art room and middle school locker room. The art room floor tile continues to come loose and needs removing. The middle school locker rooms have an epoxy paint that needs a new coat. In both areas the concrete can be polished and sealed and maintenance will be minimal. The motion to approve the bid was approved on a 5-0 vote.

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Fulk, to approve the bid of \$34,600 from Maryville Glass for the high school window replacement. Replacing the 9 twin windows and 3 single windows in the original building will save energy costs during both the heating and cooling seasons. Following discussion, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the bid.

### **Approve Contracts**

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Fine, to approve the contract with Aaron Bartholmey to serve as high school math teacher for the 2009-2010 school year. Mr. Bartholmey graduated from Wartburg College in Waverly in May 2009. The motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Turner, to approve the contract with Marilyn Wagoner to serve as an elementary teacher for the 2009-2010 school year. Mrs. Wagoner will be teaching in the new junior kindergarten classroom. She graduated from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and taught in Bellevue, Nebraska before moving to Clarinda. The motion to approve her contract was approved on a 5-0 vote.

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Fulk, to approve the contract with Gary McNeal to serve as middle school administrator for the 2009-2010 school year. Mr. McNeal is originally from Iowa and is currently the high school principal in Schulenburg, Texas. He has many teaching experiences, including Science, Chemistry, and Physics. He also has experience as an administrator at all grade levels. Following a short discussion on Mr. McNeal's qualifications for our middle school position, the motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

### **Approve Special Education Contracts**

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Fulk, to approve the contract with Des Moines Independent School District for a special education student being served at the Clarinda Academy. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by McComb, to approve the contract with Council Bluffs Community School District for a Clarinda resident special education student to receive extended year educational services. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

### **Approve Post Secondary and College Academy Courses for Fall 2009**

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Turner, to approve the post secondary and college academy courses for the Fall 2009 semester. Post Secondary courses are open to any junior or senior and must be classes they cannot obtain at our high school. They are selected by the high school principal and guidance counselor and cost the district a maximum of \$250 per course. The courses selected at this time for PSEO (post secondary enrollment option) are general welding, interpersonal communication, Macroeconomics, Nutrition, and Philosophy. College Academy classes are part of a shared program with IWCC where the district works cooperatively with the College to determine the types of courses available to students. The district is charged the full tuition rate, but is able to generate about half the cost through our annual certified enrollment count. Examples of those classes are Composition, Psychology, Western Civ, Biology, Statistics, and U.S. History to 1877. Following discussion of the cost difference between PSEO classes and College Academy classes, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the motion.

**Approve Sanitation Bid**

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Fine, to approve the agreement with Southwest M& M Sanitation to provide sanitation services for the 2009-2010 fiscal year at a rate of \$850 per month. The increase from last year is due to a landfill increase. The motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

**Approve School Administrators of Iowa Mentoring Agreement**

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by McComb, to approve the agreement with School Administrators of Iowa to provide a mentoring and induction program for beginning administrators in the district. Although our district does not employ a first year administrator, we are required by state law to have an agreement with an approved entity. There is no cost to the district if we do not use the service. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

**Board Correspondence**

Fulk: 1) Pat on the back to our bus drivers for a safe driving year. 2) The Director of the National Association of School Foundations will be attending the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Cardinal Funds Foundation executive committee. He will provide guidance in many areas, including fundraising and considerations for expending the available funds. 3) I will not be seeking re-election to the Board of Directors this fall. I have enjoyed my time on the Board, but feel confident a strong candidate will step forward.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Fine, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Cindy L. VanFosson  
Board Secretary