

September 14, 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, September 14, 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 Fulk, 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. Garfield Elementary is very grateful for a generous gift of \$500 given to us by Nodaway Lodge No. 140. We have ordered a document camera for use in our classrooms. A document camera allows us to project 3-D images from a table or flat surface thru a multi-media projector to a screen or wall.
2. The Partners in Education annual fundraiser is taking place September 11th – 23rd.
3. Elementary teachers are working on rigor and relevance. They will be participating in a workshop with AEA staff.

Superintendent Honnold reported:

1. Congratulations to incumbent board member Pallin Turner on her re-election and to Beth Rarick, who was elected for a four-year term.
2. Facilities update:
 - Windows at the high school will complete by September 30th.
 - Tuckpointing on the auditorium project will be finished by the end of the week. Painting will begin as soon as possible.
 - One of the circulating pumps at the K-8 building has a vibration as it runs. Craig, with the help of Serle Kirchner, emptied the water and looked for a foreign object that might be causing the problem. They were unsuccessful. Craig has contacted Waldinger, the company that installed the pump. It has been less than a year, so hopefully any repair will be covered under warranty.
3. The City is purchasing ag lime for many of the city ball diamonds and has asked for our help in the cost. We will provide \$4000 unless you disagree with the amount.
4. We are working with the City to document an agreement for our use of the city baseball and softball diamonds. I will be asking for board approval of a proposed agreement in the future.
5. Oak Hill Consulting has provided us with preliminary documents for our review for the connection of our buildings with fiber optic cable. Mr. DeGroot, Mr. Schieffer, and I will review the documents, speak to the consulting company, and then present the documents for board approval before proceeding.
6. A consultant from the Department of Education was here today to provide preliminary information on the items the Department will be reviewing when they send a team to our district for a site visit in March. They will be looking at everything from personnel files to compliance with curriculum. The Department of Ed conducts a site visit in each district every five years.

Consent Items

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

- A. Minutes of the August 10, 2009, and August 11, 2009 meetings.

- B. Bills in the amounts of:
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| General Fund | \$175,047.56 |
| Activity Fund | \$12,145.65 |
| Capital Projects Fund | \$51,147.10 |
| Nutrition Fund | \$31,354.01 |
| Trust & Agency Fund | \$1,259.50 |
| New Market Trust | \$5,363.06 |

- C. August 31, 2009 Financial Statements, Activity Fund report, Hot Lunch report, and open enrollment application(s).

Board member Turner informed she had audited the bills and found them in order for payment. Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business

Approve Contract Termination

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Turner, to approve the contract termination of Cheryl Dukes as custodian. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Construction Change Order

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Fine, to approve the quote from Andrew Tuckpointing for up to \$3,500 in additional costs for work not included in the original high school auditorium repair bid. After repair work commenced on the high school auditorium south wall, it was discovered that additional replacement of bond beam blocks would be necessary where concrete had deteriorated more than anticipated. The additional \$3,500 will cover additional bond beams and tuckpointing. Following short discussion, the motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Approve School Improvement Presentation

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by McComb, to approve the student achievement goals for 2009-2010. Mrs. Boysen, Special Programs Director, presented student achievement results from Iowa Tests of Basic Skills and Iowa Tests of Educational Development taken during the spring of 2009. From these results, a list of goals was developed, presented to the School Improvement Advisory Committee and approved by that committee the first week of school. The results and goals are sent to the state where they review them and if not to their requirements, we are possibly put on a "Watch List," or a "School in Need of Assistance List." The No Child Left Behind initiative expects 100% of our students to score above the 40th percentile on the two tests by the year 2013. The student achievement goals for 2009-2010 are:

- 1) Increase reading comprehension scores for low socioeconomic middle school students (grades 6-8) by 2% in the proficient or advanced range on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills.
- 2) Increase math total scores for all elementary grade students (grades 3-5) by 2% in the proficient or advanced level on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills.
- 3) Increase eleventh grade science male student scores by 1% in the proficient or advanced range on the Iowa Test of Educational Development.

Following Mrs. Boysen's presentation, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the student achievement goals for 2009-2010.

Board Member Recognition

Retiring member, Dale Fulk, was recognized and thanked for 9 years of service on the Board of Directors.

Organizational Meeting

Report of 2009 Board Election Results

Board Secretary Cindy VanFosson read the election results. Page County Election Commissioner, Judy Clark, certified the following to be the results of the September 8, 2009, school board election:

4-year term

Beth Rarick	109 *	Number of Voters=	111
Pallin Turner	102 *	Number Eligible=	4,281
Scattering	2	Voter Turnout=	2.6%

*Elected

Revenue Purpose Statement

Yes	100
No	8

Administer Oath of Office to Newly Elected Board Members

Board Secretary Cindy VanFosson administered the oath of office to Pallin Turner and Beth Rarick.

Election of Board President

Board Secretary Cindy VanFosson asked for nominations for the office of President of the Board of Directors. Mr. McComb nominated Seth Watkins to serve as President of the Board of Directors for 2009-2010. Turner seconded the nomination and Mr. Watkins was elected on a 4-0 vote. He assumed the President's role at this point of the organizational meeting.

Election of Board Vice President

Mr. Fine nominated Pallin Turner to serve as Vice President of the Board of Directors for 2009-2010. McComb seconded the motion and Turner was elected to the office of Vice President on a 4-0 vote.

Appointment of Committee Assignments

President Watkins made the following committee assignments:

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

New Business

Approve Coaching Resignation

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Turner, to approve the resignation of Suzette Reed as assistant high school girls' track and head cross-country coach pending a suitable replacement can be found. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Coaching Contract

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by Rarick, to approve the contract with Jim Lindsay to serve as assistant high school girls track coach for the 2010 season. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Special Education Contracts

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by Turner, to approve the contracts with Algona, Ames, Anita, Atlantic, Bedford, Cedar Rapids, Central Decatur, Clarke, Clayton Ridge, Collins Maxwell, Council Bluffs, Des Moines Independent, Dubuque, Fort Dodge, Griswold, Hamburg, Indianola, Interstate 35, Iowa City, Knoxville, Marshalltown, Mason City, Mount Ayr, Nishna Valley, Ottumwa, Red Oak, Seymour, Sidney, Sioux City, Storm Lake, and Waterloo Community School Districts for special education students being served at the Clarinda Academy. Motion carried 5-0.

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

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Turner, to approve the contract with Iowa School for the Deaf to provide a paraprofessional and the contract with Stanton Community School District to provide special education instruction for Clarinda resident special education students. Motion carried 5-0.

Cast Vote for AEA 13 Director for 2009-2010

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by McComb, to adopt the resolution casting our vote for Kenneth Lee to serve the one-year term as AEA 13 board member from Director District 1. Area Education Agency #13 and #14 will be merging at the end of the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Mr. Lee is running for the one-year term to finish out the AEA #13 board. Motion carried 5-0.

Annual Meeting

Approve Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by Rarick, to approve the treasurer's report as of June 30, 2009. Board Secretary/Treasurer Cindy VanFosson presented the report, which documents all cash and investments held by the district as of June 30, 2009. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Bank Depositories

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by McComb, to adopt the resolution naming Page County State Bank, Bank Iowa, Page County Federal Savings Association, Tier One, Raymond James Financial and Wells Fargo (ISJIT) as our bank depositories for the 2010 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	Tier One	\$1,000,000
Page County Federal Savings Association	\$1,000,000	Raymond James Financial Services	\$1,000,000

Motion carried 5-0.

Appoint Local Education Agency Asbestos Officer

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Fine, appoint Tucker Morrison to serve as our Local Asbestos Officer for the 2009-2010 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Appoint Level I Investigator(s)

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by Rarick, to appoint Vicki Prentis and Gary McNeal to serve as Level I investigators for the 2010 fiscal year. Motion carried 5-0.

Designate Official Newspaper

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by McComb, to designate the Clarinda Herald-Journal as the official newspaper for the 2010 fiscal year. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Facility Rental Request from Head Start

Head Start has moved from Grandma's House Daycare and is looking for a temporary location to house their program until the new proposed site is modified to meet fire code. Superintendent Honnold has spoken to the Head Start Supervisor. They believe one of the rooms in the McKinley Building could work as a temporary location. Following discussion of the short-term needs of the Head Start Program, a motion was made by Fine, seconded by Rarick, to approve the request from Head Start to rent a room at McKinley for the short term and authorize the Sharing Agreement Committee to negotiate the rental and usage fees associated with the building. Motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence From Board Members

Turner: It looks like the school year is off to a really good start.

Rarick: Thank you to Dale for his many years on the board and to the rest of the board members for the warm welcome. I look forward to working with them.

Fine: 1) I appreciate the dedication of our administrators as they strive to meet the state and federal mandates continually coming our way. 2) I am disappointed in the lack of recognition given to 9/11 and hope our teachers will consider something next year.

Watkins: Thank you to Nodaway Lodge #140 for the generous gift that will assist with our technology needs at Garfield School. The document camera to be purchased will provide awesome learning opportunities for our students.

Adjournment

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Turner, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote and the meeting was adjourned.

Cindy L. VanFosson
Board Secretary