

**January 21, 2008
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, January 21, 2008, 7:00 p.m., at the Board Room located in the McKinley Building, 423 East Nodaway, Clarinda, IA 51632.

Call to Order

President McComb called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The following board members were present: President McComb, Fulk, and Scherf. Watkins and Turner were absent.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Scherf, to approve the agenda. The motion was approved on a 3-0 vote.

Audience to Visitors

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

Administrative Reports

Mr. Ruffing, High School Principal, reported:

1. During professional development time on January 16th, high school teachers worked with Dr. Draper to create lesson plans in accordance with the rigor/relevance framework.
2. The science curriculum committee is busy mapping current curriculum to establish where we are teaching specific concepts to a level of understanding. Part of the reason for mapping the concepts is that we have chosen a goal of all students having experienced 80% of the model core curriculum by the end of their sophomore year.

Mr. Honnold, Superintendent, reported:

1. A pre-bid meeting was held at the high school for all vendors interested in bidding our high school boiler replacement project. Bids are due this Thursday, January 24th. The contract with Ames Environmental for providing the asbestos removal project design is \$1800.
2. We will be discussing the 2008-2009 school calendar in the near future, setting the open hearing date for approval of an early start date.
3. Negotiations with the Clarinda Education Association will continue this Wednesday, January 23rd, at 5:00 p.m.

Consent Items

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

- A. Minutes of the December 10, 2007, meeting.
- B. Bills in the amounts of:

General Fund	\$150,128.22
Activity Fund	\$20,859.66
Management Fund	\$150.00
Nutrition Fund	\$13,099.76
Trust & Agency Fund	\$308.00
- C. December 31, 2007, Financial Statements, Activity Fund report, Hot Lunch report, and open enrollment application(s).

The motion to approve the consent items was approved on a 3-0 vote.

Old Business

There was no old business for the board to discuss at this time.

New Business

Preliminary Report on High School Course Offerings for 2008-2009

Mr. Ruffing, High School Principal, reviewed with board members several courses we offer students either in our building or off campus, many for college credit.

1. Work Experience-this supports the transition plan for special education students by providing job readiness and skill development. Students are placed in businesses in the community.
2. Internship-Offered to seniors who have taken a program of study that supports a specific career pathway. Provides first hand experience and additional training. Students are placed in businesses in the community.
3. College Career Academies-Courses taught by our staff in accordance with the guidelines of the Career Visions grant received by the Iowa West Foundation. Our staff members received training to prepare them to teach the courses. Students may earn both high school and college credits by completing these courses.
4. College Academies-A series of liberal arts courses designed by a consortium of area high schools and offered thru an agreement with IWCC. Students may earn both high school and college credits by completing these courses.
5. Advanced Placement On Line-Sponsored by the Belin-Blank Center for Gifted Education at the University of Iowa, offering a full range of AP courses to junior and senior students. All course work is completed on line with instructional support from Belin-Blank.
6. Post Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO)-Courses provided by IWCC, with all courses pre-approved by the district prior to student sign-up. Iowa law requires the district to offer these courses to all juniors and seniors at a cost of \$250 per course to the district.
7. ICN Courses-used sparingly at the current time. Courses are broadcast via the Iowa Communications Network to our ICN classroom. Limited offerings and high cost have prevented expansion of this option when it is more desirable to have our own staff members teaching our students.

Approve Sunday Practice Request

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Scherf, to approve the Sunday voluntary practice for the boys' basketball team. This practice would be in preparation for the first round of district play on Monday, February 11th. The motion was approved on a 3-0 vote.

Approve Driver's Education Fees for Summer 2008

A motion was made by Scherf, seconded by Fulk, to approve setting the Summer 2008 driver's education fee at \$250. A survey of the Hawkeye 10 schools shows three districts use a service and only one district, Denison, collects a fee lower than our current fee of \$225. Calculations of the cost of the course, including instructor, textbook, workbook, gasoline, and wear and tear on the vehicle, bring it to over \$300 per student. Following discussion of our driver's education program, the motion was approved on a 3-0 vote.

Receive update on New Market Dissolution Issues

Superintendent Honnold reviewed with Board members the preliminary number of students in the current New Market District who will be considered Clarinda resident students on July 1, 2008. He explained that because we are already receiving funds from New Market for 7-12 students under the sharing agreement and K-6 students under the open enrollment option, the Clarinda District would gain new funding for only fourteen additional students. Bus routes are being reviewed and re-evaluated in light of the new area, with the purchase of a new bus included in the agenda of this meeting. Superintendent Honnold also referred to a handout from the Iowa Department of Education that answered several questions regarding the financial responsibilities of the Bedford and Clarinda Districts after June 30th.

Approve First Reading of Board Policies

Board members agreed that because two members were not present for discussion this evening, the First Reading of the Board policies should be tabled until all members could be present.

Approve Bus Bid

Specifications and request for bids on a transit-style bus were sent out and the following were received:

	School Bus Sales	Thomas Bus Sales
Base Bid	\$77,250.00	\$78,733.00
Options:		
Front Air Ride	\$800.00	Not Available
Rear Air Ride	\$900.00	\$475.00
Driver Air Ride	\$250.00	\$125.00
Air Package (All three)	\$1,400.00	Not Available

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Scherf, to approve the base bid of \$77,250 from School Bus Sales for a 2009 Blue Bird Bus. Additional options will not be added. Acquisition of a new bus at this time is necessary due to the increased area in our district with the New Market dissolution. Delivery from School Bus Sales is shown as August 15, 2008. Following discussion of the new route(s) and possible locations for pick-up points in the City of New Market, the board voted 3-0 to approve the motion.

Approve Special Education Contracts

A motion was made by Scherf, seconded by Fulk, to approve the contracts with West Marshall, Keokuk, Cedar Rapids, Dubuque, Des Moines Independent, Muscatine, Waterloo, East Union, Nishna Valley, Burlington, and Glenwood Community Schools for special education students being served at the Clarinda Academy. The motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

Board Correspondence

Board members had no correspondence to share at this time.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Scherf, to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. The motion was approved on a 3-0 vote.

Cindy L. VanFosson
Board Secretary