

**April 28, 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, April 28, 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, Vice President Watkins, Fulk, Scherf, and Turner.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Audience to Visitors**

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

**Administrative Reports**

Mrs. Nordland, Middle School Principal, reported:

1. An end-of-the-year after school party for all middle school students was held April 25th.
2. Middle School spring music concerts are scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup> and May 6th.

Mrs. Boysen, Special Programs Director, reported:

1. After Kindergarten Round up, it appears we will have approximately 65 Kindergarten students next fall.
2. Results from the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills will be reported to parents this week.
3. Jump Start, a program for area children birth to 5, will be held April 30<sup>th</sup> at Hillside Missionary Church. The preschoolers are screened for hearing, vision, health, developmental progress, speech and language, and receive relevant information from community agencies.
4. A field day will be held May 20th for Garfield students.

Mr. Ruffing, High School Principal, reported:

1. Prom 2008 was held April 26<sup>th</sup>. The evening went well.
2. Erin DeBolt was in Des Moines yesterday to meet Governor Culver as part of the Governor's Scholar Program.
3. We will be hosting the Iowa High School Music Association large group festival on May 2nd.
4. Senior activities in May include Baccalaureate on May 11<sup>th</sup>, Awards Assembly May 12<sup>th</sup>, and Graduation May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Superintendent Honnold reported:

1. The calendar committee is finalizing the proposed 2008-2009 school calendar. The committee is continuing to consider alternatives to the present professional development schedule. The calendar will be brought to the Board for approval.
2. A meeting was held at New Market on April 24<sup>th</sup> with Supt. Hilker and Supt. Drake from Bedford. Frank Sefrit, New Market Mayor, attended the meeting to discuss possible uses for the N.M buildings.
3. Pursuant to our new policy, there will be only one board meeting in May.

**Old Business**

**Review Networking Options**

At the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, several options were brought to the board and discussed dealing with the district's network connection. Wireless connection, copper wire connection, and fiber optic cable connection were the three primary solutions to be explored. Each option carries pros and cons in regards to reliability and cost. We

are hopeful that by the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting we will have a clearer picture of the actual cost associated with each of the options.

### **New Business**

#### **Approve Four Year Old Preschool Grant Application**

Mrs. Boysen reviewed the Four Year Old Preschool Grant Application recently sent to the Department of Education requesting funding for 2008-2009. A committee of teachers, administrators, local preschool administration, and community members met several times to consider how the preschool program would be carried out, should the Clarinda School District be selected to receive funding this year. The primary criteria for being selected falls in two categories: 1) demonstration of need, and 2) low socioeconomic population. The grant was due May 9<sup>th</sup> and notification of acceptance or denial will be made in June. A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Watkins, to approve the four year old preschool grant application. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

#### **Approve 2008-2009 Handbooks**

Board members were provided handbooks for elementary, middle school, high school, and alternative high school. Administrators were on hand to review changes in the handbooks, including such things as cell phone use, student appearance, final exam option at the high school, and the new state guidelines for academic eligibility. Kathy Linke, Home School Interventionist, spoke to the board about the changes in the alternative high school handbook. Significant changes have been made in the program and the handbook will serve as a guide as students familiarize themselves with the revisions. Supt. Honnold stated that Mr. Lane, in his first year as instructor in the alternative high school, has been a critical part of the improvements being implemented. Following discussion of the various changes to the handbooks, a motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Fulk, to approve the 2008-2009 student handbooks as presented. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

#### **Approve Technology Purchases**

Mr. Schieffer, administrator in charge of technology, and Mr. DeGroot, the district's technology coordinator, presented a progress report on technology goals for 2007-2008 and also provided information on technology goals and action plans for 2008-2009. Goals, established by a technology committee, are divided into five areas: Community, Policy, Technology Resources, 21<sup>st</sup> Century School, and Curriculum. One of the major goals during 2007-2008 was to update the technology curriculum. The technology curriculum will now be reviewed annually to reflect the most recent trends and emerging technologies. With over 350 computers being utilized in the district, technology personnel are kept busy rotating hardware to keep the best and latest equipment available and updating various software programs used in classroom curriculum. Following presentation of the goals of the technology committee, Mr. DeGroot summarized the equipment purchases put before the Board for their approval. Among items being requested are twenty computers for student use, fifteen computers for staff use, one printer, one scanner, one camcorder, and ten multi-media projectors for a total of approximately \$59,165. The technology committee for 2008 included:

Mr. Schieffer	Chris Campbell	Ruth Falk
Dan DeGroot	Kim Williams	Greg Jones
Suzi Stanton	Dallas Sweet	Susan Anderson
Alisha Jobe	Larry Price	Pat Davison
Trulla Pullen	Jayne Davidson	

A motion was made by Scherf, seconded by Fulk, to approve the technology purchases as presented. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote of the Board.

#### **Approve Maintenance Equipment and Repair**

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Turner, to approve the bid from Capital Sanitary Supply of \$7,890 for a floor scrubber. The battery-powered scrubber will replace one used at the high school to clean tile and terrazzo floors. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Craig Hill, maintenance supervisor, was at the meeting to update Board members on the repair work of one of the two circulating pumps at the K-8 building. While removing the pump to make what was believed to be a minor repair, a more significant problem was discovered with the shaft that reaches down into the pit. It appears a bearing may have damaged the shaft beyond use. The shaft will have to be lifted out of the pit before it can be examined. At this time we are relying on the other pump to provide heating and cooling to the K-8 building, and

it will also need inspecting once the first pump is repaired. Board members discussed the cost to have the shaft removed for repair, the possibility the second pump may also be damaged given the age of the equipment, and the risk being taken with only one pump functioning at this time. Following discussion of the possible twelve week lead time on obtaining a replacement shaft, a motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Scherf, to approve the purchase of two circulating pumps for the cooling towers at the middle school. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

#### **Approve Resignation(s)**

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded Fulk, to approve the resignation of Allison Wellhausen as middle school math teacher. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

A motion was made by Scherf, seconded by Turner, to approve the resignation of Aaron Davidshofer as assistant high school wrestling coach. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Watkins, to approve the resignation of Kristen McCann as kindergarten teacher. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Scherf, to approve the resignation of Justin Theisen as middle school physical education teacher, assistant middle school football, head middle school wrestling, and head middle school boys' track. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

#### **Correspondence From Board Members**

Turner: Was fortunate to travel with the FFA to the state convention two weeks ago. The FFA organization provides great leadership opportunities. Our students represented us well at the convention and received well-deserved recognition. Congratulations to Sarah Beaver for her time as a state officer.

#### **Executive Session**

Citing Iowa Code No. 20.17, President McComb declared the Board in executive session at 8:36 p.m. to discuss classified and administrative salaries for 2008-2009.

#### **Open Session**

President McComb declared the Board back in open session at 9:05 p.m.

#### **Approve Classified and Administrative Salaries for 2008-2009**

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Watkins to approve the classified and administrative salaries for 2008-2009. The total package increase, including FICA, IPERS, and insurance, is set at 4.3%. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

#### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Turner, to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. The motion was approved on a 5-0 vote of the Board.

Cindy L. VanFosson  
Board Secretary