

**May 12, 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, May 12, 2008, 7:00 p.m., in the Board Room located in the McKinley Building, 423 E. Nodaway, Clarinda, IA 51632.

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Upon roll call, the following Board members responded as being present: Vice President Watkins, Fulk, Scherf, and Turner. McComb was absent.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Turner, to approve the agenda. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

Audience to Visitors

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

Administrative Reports

Superintendent Honnold reported:

1. The 2008 Legislature voted to change school board terms from three years to four years. School elections will be held only in odd-numbered years and dates upon which special elections may be held are limited. We will be receiving information on how the transition will take place.
2. The statewide smoking ban will go into effect July 1, 2008. Our board policy on smoking will be updated in June.
3. By January 1, 2009, the IRS will expect schools to be very involved in operating their 403(b) plans. School districts have the option of joining the State's plan or managing their own. The decision will be made by agreement between the district and the CEA by August 15, 2008. We will provide further information as we receive it.
4. Two Rivers Group, successful bidder of the high school boiler replacement project, will begin demolition of the existing boiler as soon as possible. They will not work during the week of the Glenn Miller Festival.
5. Graduation is this Sunday, May 18th at 2:00 p.m.
6. At our last meeting with the Department of Education, we were told any services contracted by New Market that would not take place until after July 1st would have to be approved by the New Market Board, the Bedford Board, and the Clarinda Board. An example is the contract for the audit of New Market's books for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008.

Consent Items

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

- A. Minutes of the April 14, 2008, and April 28, 2008, meetings.
- B. Bills in the amounts of:

• General Fund	\$259,094.59
• Student Activity	\$29,944.38
• Capital Projects	\$435,000.00
• Debt Service	\$438,598.13
• Nutrition	\$33,245.16
• Trust & Agency	\$756.21
• Enterprise	\$129.75

- C. April 30, 2008, Financial Statements, Activity Fund report, Hot Lunch report, and open enrollment application(s).

Vice President Watkins informed he had audited the bills and found them in order for payment. The motion to approve the consent items was approved on a 4-0 vote.

Old Business

Approve Networking Proposal

Representatives from Iowa Telecom and Farmers Mutual Telephone were at the meeting to present their opinions on short term and long term solutions for networking between our buildings. Iowa Telecom presented a proposal for copper wire between buildings with no installation cost, a monthly use fee of \$1850, and a one-year lease. They believe they could have the buildings connected in approximately thirty days. The service does not include Internet access. Internet access would continue to be purchased from the Iowa Communications Network. Iowa Telecom has the capability to connect the buildings using fiber optic cable, and could do this, but they believe copper is sufficient for the school district at this time.

Farmers Mutual Telephone could provide replacement radios at no cost to utilize the wireless system we currently use as a short-term fix. An engineer from their company was in Clarinda last week to map possible routes for the installation of fiber optic cable between the buildings to provide what they believe is the best long-term solution for connecting our buildings. The service from Farmers Mutual would include Internet access. Kevin Cabbage, representing Farmers Mutual, also stated the district would not share the fiber optic cable with anyone and technicians are as close as New Market and Stanton should the need arise for repair. Mr. Cabbage was not prepared to propose a price for the installation of fiber, as he is waiting on the final report from the engineer.

President McComb arrived during this agenda item at 8:00 p.m.

Following much discussion of current need and future projected need of reliable connection between district buildings, a motion was made by Scherf, seconded by Fulk, to approve the Iowa Telecom proposal for the copper line for one year at \$1850 per month. The motion passed on a 4-1 vote. Aye: Turner, Fulk, Scherf, McComb. Nay: Watkins.

New Business

Brokaw FFA Presentation

Nevada Turner, Jill McCall, and Laura Beaver, were at the meeting with their sponsor, Mr. Andy Johnson, to deliver the presentation they used for the Program of Activities contest. The presentation described the many opportunities members of the Brokaw FFA Chapter are given to improve or expand their leadership skills.

Approve Professional Development Calendar

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Turner, to approve the professional development dates and times for 2008-2009. The Teacher Quality Committee has decided to change professional development from half days four times a year to 90 minutes eight times a year. They believe the shorter, but more frequent professional development sessions will be more conducive to the development and implementation of the Professional Learning Communities process our teachers will be using. To address the concerns of parents attempting to plan daycare for the early out days, we are planning to provide an after school program that would run from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. on the early dismissal days for students in the lower grades. The calendar shows the first day of school for students as August 20th and the last day is scheduled for May 20, 2009. Following discussion of the change in professional development times, the motion passed on a 5-0 vote of the Board.

Approve Resignations

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Watkins, to approve the resignation of Ed Sebeneicher as full time bus driver. The motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

A motion was made by Scherf, seconded by Turner, to approve the resignation of Dallas Sweet as high school business education teacher, assistant volleyball coach, and 9th girls' basketball coach. The motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

Review Classified Staff Benefit Options

A motion was made by Scherf, seconded by Fulk, to approve the change in the benefit compensation package for new classified staff employees to be proportionate with the number of months worked. Currently, classified staff members who are contracted for 30 hours per week or more are provided with a monthly allotment they use to purchase health insurance or apply to a 403(b). A survey of schools in the area has shown that many schools do not provide health care benefits for their classified employees and others pay a smaller portion for certain categories of classified staff. Discussion centered on equitability in providing monthly allotments to each group (paraprofessionals, bus drivers, food service, clerical, and maintenance). Paraprofessionals, bus drivers, and food service workers work approximately nine months of the year. Custodians work 12 months of the year and clerical

staff work either 10, 11, or 12 months. New classified staff members will be categorized as 9 month, 10 month, 11 month, or 12 month employees when dealing with the health insurance/403(b) allotment. Each employee will receive a monthly allotment proportionate to the number of months worked. Following discussion, the motion was approved on a 4-1 vote. Aye: Turner, Fulk, Scherf, and McComb. Nay: Watkins.

Approve Contract(s)

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Scherf, to approve the contract with Lois Davison to serve in the food service program for 2008-2009. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Approve Graduation Lists

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Fulk, to approve the graduation lists for the Clarinda High School and Clarinda Academy pending successful completion of the graduation requirements as established by the Board of Education. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Clarinda Community High School

2008 Graduates

Katelyn Michelle Adams	Bethany Ann Honkomp	Christian Gregory Samuelson
Kelsey Ann Alexander	Kaylie Grace Huntley	Colton William Searl
Marie Louise Aucker	Samantha Sue Jennings	John Robert Sederburg
Levi Glenn Baker	Justin Bradley Walker Kirsch	Zachary Alexander Shehan
Tyson Jack Banks	Kali Jolene Knot	Theodore Sics
Chelsea Ann Barker	Lily Lam	Shawn Donavon Simmons
Kalli Jo Beemer	Andrew Paul Lauber	Heather Ann Smith
Ambarlee Kay Berringer	Patrick Michael Lewis	Jessica Irene Smith
Kristin Lynn Berry	Peter John Lund	BreeAnne Marie Snow
Austin Duane Binns	Michael Ryan Mellencamp	Erin Kay Snyder
Christopher Thomas Douglas	Bret Jeremy Meyers	Anthony Quentin Spinler
Bischof	Wade Ryder Miller	Shadoe Lane Steeve
Trista Lynn Booher	Cassandra Kate Mitchell	Cassie Neva Summers
Paul Eugene Brothers	Jocelyn Justyne Moses	Kody James Sump
Raine Patrice Brown	Courtney Rachelle Mullen	Levi Kenneth Sunderman
Chelsea Elizabeth Card	Jacob Walter Muller	Jema Jene Swanson
Collette Noel Carlson	Joshua Christopher Matthew	Abby Mae Sweet
Joel Scott Carroll	Naujock	Nathaniel Taylor Thrasher
Coddy Allan Clark	Amy Elizabeth Nelson	Kristin Elaine Ulmer
Michael Jaimes Clement	Darcie Marie New	Kyle Ross Urich
Cody Robert Cordell	Kaylie Jo Nielsen	Joshua Allan Wagoner
Crystal Renee Cowen	Jeremy Lee O'Dell	Peter Steven Wagoner
Levi Adam Davidshofer	Calder Ross Parrott	Meghan Ann Walters
Jeffrey Roy Davison	Colby Jordan Pedersen	Hannah Elise Weaver
Erin Rachele DeBolt	Bryon Lee Peterson	Ashley Ann Weir
Jonathan David Denham	Whitney Renee Peterson	Peter Joseph Westerkamp
Rachel Anne Dudley	Caitlin Janelle Phillips	Ajia Lynn Whipp
Brittany Dawn Eberly	Brett Thomas Poore	Beau Michael Williams
Austin John Ehlers	Dustin Lynn Potter	Paul Steven Wilson
Sarah Elise Falk	Tyler Michael Charles Reed	Ethan James Woldruff
Daniel Craig Goecker	Stephanie Patrice Reiter	Kara Dawn Woodard
Emily Anne Gowing	Michael Leroy Ridnour	Lisa Marie Woodsmall
Jered David Havener	Erica Morgan Rightsell	Jessica Marie Zeman

Clarinda Community Alternative High School

2008 Graduates

Travis Lee McClarnon	Brooke Nichole Dawnn Riley
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Clarinda Academy

2008 Graduates

Albertina Johnson	Doug Martin	Brittany Mickelson	Martavious Long
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Approve Athletic Sharing Agreements

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Watkins, to approve the athletic sharing agreement with Villisca Community Schools to participate in our wrestling program for the 2008-2009 school year. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Scherf, to approve the athletic sharing agreement with South Page Community Schools to participate in our wrestling program for the 2008-2009 school year. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Approve 28E Agreements with IWCC

A motion was made by Scherf, seconded by Watkins, to approve the 28E sharing agreement with IWCC to allow us to participate in the College Academy and Career Visions Programs. The College Academy classes are courses taught by IWCC faculty at the IWCC campus. If the coursework is successfully completed, the student receives both high school and college credit. Clarinda Schools administration has outlined exactly what courses will be accepted for dual credit. Career Visions courses are taught in our high school by qualified members of our high school faculty. Clarinda Schools pays the current IWCC tuition rate less the cost of the teacher. The School District also receives weighted enrollment dollars in the form of state aid for those students participating. Following discussion of the courses offered in both the College Academy and Career Visions Programs, the motion passed on a 5-0 vote of the Board.

Approve Special Education Contracts

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Fulk, to approve the contracts with Hamburg and Walnut School Districts for special education students being served at the Clarinda Academy. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Approve Audit Contract for the New Market Community School District

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Turner, to approve the contract with Bruce Frink to serve as auditor of the New Market District. The Iowa Department of Education advised that the New Market, Bedford, and Clarinda Boards of Education should approve any financial agreements committed, but not completed prior to July 1, 2008. Following discussion of other possible contracts that may fall into this category, the motion passed on a 4-1 vote. Aye: Turner, Watkins, Scherf, McComb. Nay: Fulk

Correspondence from Board Members

Fulk: Attended the Baccalaureate Service yesterday evening. It was a very nice service.

Closed Session

The Board of Directors entered closed session at 9:18 p.m. to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation. Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i).

Adjournment

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Scherf, to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 p.m. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Cindy L. VanFosson, Board Secretary