

**July 14, 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, July 14, 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 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

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

**Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Scherf, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 3-0.

**Audience to Visitors**

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

**Administrative Reports**

Mr. Honnold, Superintendent, reported:

1. A preliminary itinerary for staff work days prior to the start of school is available. Board members are invited to attend a luncheon with the new teachers on August 14th and will sponsor lunch for the entire staff on Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. During the all staff luncheon, we will be recognizing several staff members for years of service.
2. The district web site, [www.clarinda.k12.ia.us](http://www.clarinda.k12.ia.us) now has links to registration materials parents can print off, fill in, and bring with them on registration day.
3. The Healthy Kids Act passed by the Iowa legislature has four parts, including nutrition, dietetics, physical activity and CPR for all public and private school students and includes some exemptions. These requirements will be effective July 1, 2008.
4. Our fuel costs, including both gasoline and diesel, were over \$13,000 higher in 2007-2008 than in the previous year. We anticipate even higher costs next year with prices not yet stable and with more miles to cover in bus routes to pick up and drop off our new students from the New Market District.
5. Our new bus is scheduled to arrive within the next week. We have added one route to cover the additional geographical area from New Market. The bus was ordered last spring at a cost of \$77,250.
6. Bank Iowa has initiated a statewide, yearlong competition to recognize Iowa high school athletic and academic excellence. Bank Iowa's Traveling Challenge Cup will be awarded to the high school in each of the state's four classifications with the best combined athletic and academic performance scores. The program was launched in Sept. 2007 and runs from Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> to Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> each year. Winning schools will receive the Traveling Challenge Cup to display for one year, as well as a \_ sized crystal replica for permanent display and \$750 to be used for academic achievement.

**Consent Items**

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

- A. Minutes of the June 9, 2008 meeting.
- B. Bills in the amounts of:

General Fund	\$316,499.09
Activity Fund	\$8,915.39
Nutrition Fund	\$2,787.74
Trust & Agency Fund	\$2,825.00
Capital Projects	\$131,569.20
New Market	\$18,472.35
- C. June 30, 2008, Financial Statements, Activity Fund report, Hot Lunch report, and open enrollment application(s).

The motion to approve the consent items was unanimously approved by the Board.

## **Old Business**

There was no old business for the Board to consider at this time.

## **New Business**

### **Food Service Report**

Joyce Johansen, Food Service Director, was at the meeting to give an overview of the lunch program for 2007-2008. Overall, 80.59% of our students participated in our district lunch program. 19.78% of the students participated in the breakfast program. In April, Mrs. Johansen received notification the K-8 building fresh fruit and vegetable pilot program would be renewed for one more year. The program is designed to acquaint students with a variety of fresh foods they may not have tried or may not have access to. There has been tremendous positive feedback to the program and we believe this is a great way to promote a healthy lifestyle.

### **Approve Bread Bid**

	<u>Wonder Bread</u>	<u>Sara Lee</u>
Sandwich Bread, whole grain	\$1.10	\$1.38
Hot dog buns (dozen)	\$1.20	\$1.17
Hamburger buns (dozen)	\$1.20	\$2.07
Whole grain burger buns (dozen)	\$1.20	\$2.07
Dinner rolls	\$1.20	\$1.35
Footlong buns	\$1.25 (6 ct.)	\$2.40 (8 ct.)

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Scherf, to approve the bid from Interstate Brands (Wonder Bread) to provide baked goods for the 2008-2009 school year. The motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

### **Approve Milk Bid**

	<u>A/E</u>	<u>Roberts</u>
White milk, 2%	\$.1950	\$.1797
White milk, skim	\$.1890	\$.1796
Chocolate milk, skim	\$.2010	\$.1575
Strawberry milk, skim	No Bid	\$.1624
Juice, 4 oz. Carton	\$.1300	\$.1300

A motion was made by Scherf, seconded by Turner, to approve the bid from Roberts Dairy to provide dairy products for the 2008-2009 school year. The motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

### **Approve Iowa Educators Consortium Contract**

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Scherf, to approve the contract with the Iowa Educators Consortium to participate in the School Food Co-op for the 2008-2009 school year. The program has been beneficial in allowing the district to purchase some food items at a reduced cost because of group buying discounts. The agreement will be in effect until July 31, 2009. The motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

### **Approve Food Service Prices for 2008-2009**

A motion was made by Scherf, seconded by Turner, to approve the 10-cent increase in meal prices for the 2008-2009 school year. Based on projections, Mrs. Johansen believes the increase in food costs will exceed the 10-cent increase requested. However, the district does not want to place a hardship on our families and will cover the shortfall this coming year. Board members thanked Mrs. Johansen for the report and for her diligence in maintaining a quality lunch program with the escalating price of food. Following discussion, the motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

### **Approve Early Childhood Special Education Program Revisions for 2008-2009**

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Scherf, to approve the Early Childhood Special Education program integration plan for 2008-2009. Mrs. Boysen spoke to the Board about the process of placing regular education preschool students into the Early Childhood Special Education Program. The regular education students will attend from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, five days a week, while the special education students will attend from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The class will be composed of no more than 6 regular education students and 6 special education students. Following the presentation by Mrs. Boysen, the motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

### **Approve Asbestos Removal Contract**

A motion was made by Scherf, seconded by Turner, to approve the asbestos removal and air monitoring bids from Ames Environmental and Pro Environmental Abatement at a total cost of \$15,620 to remove the asbestos in the New Market School Buildings. Pro Environmental has stated that if the contract is approved, they could begin removal of the asbestos on July 28<sup>th</sup> and anticipate it to take approximately two weeks to complete. Board members discussed a time frame for moving forward with demolition of the buildings in the event the New Market City Council chooses to forgo taking possession. Board members asked Superintendent Honnold to compose a letter to the New Market City Council informing them that preparations for demolition of the buildings would begin September 2, 2008, if the New Market City Council showed no interest in possession of the property by September 1st. Following discussion and directions to Superintendent Honnold by the Board, the motion was approved on a 3-0 vote.

### **Approve Contract(s)**

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Scherf, to approve the contract with Serle Kirchner to serve as bus driver for the 2008-2009 school year. Mr. Kirchner has served as a substitute bus driver for the past few years, driving regular routes, activity trips, the small bus, and a two days a week trip to Iowa School for the Deaf. The motion was approved on a 3-0 vote.

### **Set Legislative Priorities for 2008-2009**

Board members spent time discussing the list of proposed legislative priorities provided by the Iowa Association of School Boards. Each district is asked to submit its list of top five legislative priorities in priority order. The IASB delegate assembly will meet in November to establish the IASB legislative priorities, resolutions, and beliefs for the 2009 legislative session. A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Scherf, to approve the legislative priorities for the 2009 legislative session. The Board of Directors' list of legislative priorities is as follows: 1) Supports setting allowable growth at a rate that encourages continuous school improvement and reflects actual cost increases experienced by school districts. The allowable growth rate should be set no lower than 6 percent. Equivalent state categorical funding is not a substitute for adequate allowable growth. 2) Supports full funding of public schools before expansion of support to non-public schools. 3) Supports a school foundation formula that recognizes and adequately funds changes in demographics, including declining and increasing enrollment challenges. 4) Supports funding to ensure that all three and four year olds have access to a high quality public school preschool program to be funded by including preschool students in the enrollment count. 5) Supports the locally elected school board as the final authority to utilize and allocate funding that best meets the needs of students and the district. Following discussion, the Board voted 3-0 to approve the motion.

### **Adopt Resolution to Participate in the State 403(b) Program**

A motion was made by Scherf, seconded by Turner, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 66 of SF 2424 the Clarinda Community School District must reach agreement by August 15, 2008 with the District's organizations representing school district employees who are eligible to participate in the plan concerning the District's 403(b) transition plan.

WHEREAS, the District's designated representative has engaged in discussions and negotiations with the organization(s) representing District employees who are eligible to participate in the 403(b) plan and the District representative and employee organization(s) representatives have mutually agreed that it is in the best interests of the District's 403(b) plan participants that the District "join the State of Iowa sponsored 403(b) plan."

WHEREAS, the District and employee organization(s) have prepared and executed a written Memorandum of Agreement to memorialize this agreement, which shall remain in effect until an amended and/or substituted Memorandum of Agreement is negotiated and agreed upon by the District and the employee organization(s).

NOW, THEREFORE, having reviewed the Memorandum of Agreement entered into by the District's representative and the employee organization(s) representatives, the Board approves the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement and approves the District "joining the State of Iowa sponsored 403(b) plan." Results of the vote are: Aye: Turner, Scherf, and McComb. Nay: None.

### **Board Correspondence**

Scherf: After much thought, I have decided I will not run for re-election to the Board of Directors when my term ends this fall. I have thoroughly enjoyed my years on the Board. My wife and I came to Clarinda because of the education system and we believe the District offers a top-quality education to our young people, largely because of the dedication of everyone, from the administration to the food service to the Board of Directors.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Scherf, to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. The Board approved the motion on a 3-0 vote.

Cindy L. VanFosson  
Board Secretary