

**September 22, 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, September 22, 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, and Scherf. Turner was absent for roll call.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Scherf, seconded by Watkins, to approve the agenda. The motion was approved 4-0.

Open Public Hearing

President McComb declared the start of the open hearing to adopt the resolution for the partial demolition of the New Market school buildings at 7:02 p.m. With no verbal or written objections to, or statements in favor of the partial demolition presented, President McComb declared the open hearing closed at 7:03 p.m.

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. Matt Hansen, CHS senior, has been notified he is a semi-finalist for the National Merit Scholarship. This is a very prestigious honor, with only a very small percentage of students nationally receiving this recognition.
2. Mrs. Perry and Mrs. McClarnon have been busy implementing "Second Chance Reading," a new program at CHS this year. They are attending ongoing training events and will work with a reading consultant from the AEA.
3. Next week a group of high school teachers will attend leadership training in literacy. This is a step toward aligning the current high school curriculum with the Iowa Core Curriculum.

Mrs. Nordland, Middle School Principal, reported:

1. School pictures will be taken tomorrow, September 23rd, at the K-8 building.
2. There is a TAG meeting for Math Olympiad students Tuesday, September 24th.
3. Middle school band members have been working very hard to prepare for Shen Fest September 27th and the Clarinda Band Jamboree on October 4th.

Mrs. Boysen, Special Programs Director, reported:

1. Several elementary teachers will be trying out a new occupation on October 7th. They will be participating in McTeacher Night at MacDonalds here in Clarinda. A portion of the sales from that evening will be donated to the Garfield Elementary.
2. A team of reading and math teachers will be attending six days of professional development to learn new reading and math strategies. This training will support the district's professional development initiatives.
3. Thank you to Hy-Vee for providing pumpkins to our students. They will be decorated and returned to Hy-Vee for display to the public.

Superintendent Honnold reported:

1. Congratulations to incumbent board member Seth Watkins on his re-election and to Brian Fine, who was elected for a three year term.

2. The co-op has informed us they will be temporarily closed beginning the second week of November for major renovations at their site. They have graciously offered the use of a diesel tank at the bus lot to get us by during the renovations. The small vehicles will be purchasing fuel at a yet undetermined site.
3. The circulating pumps at the K-8 site will be raised for repair starting this Friday, September 26th. The system will be disrupted for a time, but should be up and running as soon as possible.
4. Technicians installing the high school boilers will be back next week to finish the necessary plumbing and wiring.
5. Tile has been installed at the very west edge of the high school property next to the fence line. This should alleviate our problem with wet ground at the top of the hill.
6. Official student count day is next week. I will be reviewing those numbers at the next regular meeting.
7. A representative from the Iowa Department of Administrative Services will be traveling to our district in October to speak with staff in regards to the options they have for their 403(b) contributions after January 1st.

Old Business

Adopt Resolution for New Market Building Demolition Project

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Fulk, to approve the resolution for the New Market building demolition project. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote. The resolution reads:

RESOLUTION FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 600 N.

LAYFAYETTE, NEW MARKET, IOWA, EXCLUDING THE GYMNASIUM/STAGE AREA.

WHEREAS, pursuant to notice published as required by law, the Board of Directors of the Clarinda Community School District on the 22nd day of September, 2008, held a hearing on the proposal to demolish the New Market School Building Property, excluding the gymnasium/stage area, legally described in this Resolution, and the extent of the objections received from residents or property owners as to said proposed demolition has been fully considered; and, accordingly the following action is now considered to be in the best interest of the School District and residents thereof:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CLARINDA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Section 1. That the property described as follows shall be disposed of by demolition with the exclusion of the gymnasium/stage area.

Section 2. The Superintendent and officers of the School District are authorized to take all actions necessary to complete the disposition of the property by demolition, through the proper channels, including but not limited to, the competitive bidding law, as applicable.

Section 3. The site containing the property to be demolished is legally described as follows:

Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), and Six (6) in Block Three (3) of First Addition to the Town of New Market, Taylor County, Iowa and Parcel "C" of Lot Eight (8) of Litter's Addition to the Town of New Market, Taylor County, Iowa as shown by the Survey recorded in Survey Record 3 at Page 391.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 22nd day of September, 2008.

CLARINDA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Scott McComb, President

Cindy L. VanFosson, Secretary

Board Member Recognition for Years of Service

Retiring member, Larry Scherf, was recognized and thanked for 9 years of service on the Board of Directors and 19 years as a teacher in the district.

Organizational Meeting

Report of 2007 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 9, 2008, school board election:

3-year term

Brian K. Fine	87 *	Number of Voters=	107
Seth Watkins	90 *	Number Eligible=	4,536
Scattering	2	Voter Turnout=	2.36%

*Elected

Administer Oath of Office to Newly Elected Board Members

Board Secretary Cindy VanFosson administered the oath of office to Seth Watkins and Brian Fine.

Election of Board President

Board Secretary Cindy VanFosson asked for nominations for the office of President of the Board of Directors. Mr. Fulk nominated Seth Watkins to serve as President of the Board of Directors for 2008-2009. McComb 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

McComb nominated Pallin Turner to serve as Vice President of the Board of Directors for 2008-2009. Fine 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 Pallin Turner
2. Board Policy Review Committee: Dale Fulk and Brian Fine
3. Page County Conference Board: Seth Watkins
4. Legislative Action Network: Seth Watkins
5. Clarinda Academy 28E Agreement Committee: Seth Watkins and Scott McComb
6. Early Childhood/Preschool Committee: Pallin Turner and Scott McComb
7. Cardinal Funds Committee Representative: Dale Fulk
8. School Improvement Advisory Committee: Pallin Turner and Brian Fine

Turner arrived at 7:22 p.m.

New Business

Approve New Market Fire Department Request

Roger Van Ness, New Market Fire Chief, attended the meeting to request use of the vacated New Market School Building for the purpose of a training event for area firefighters. The size of the building provides the opportunity to practice rescue procedures using artificial smoke and mannequins. Superintendent Honnold explained he had spoken with the district's insurance carrier to confirm their approval before proceeding. The event is being planned for the around the third week of October. Following discussion, a motion was made by Fulk, seconded by McComb, to approve the request from the New Market Fire Department to use the New Market School building for a training event. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Receive Report on District Professional Development Model

Mr. Ruffing, high school principal, explained the process used to arrive at the model to be used for teacher professional development. Two areas will be targeted: curriculum development and instructional improvements. The basic goal of the on going curriculum review is to meet the needs of the students, as well as meet state and national expectations. The review centers on a six year cycle that will serve as a living document, flexible enough to meet the needs of the students. The teachers have been divided into curricular and instructional teams with a leader for each group. The leader is responsible for guiding the group as they work through each stage of the cycle. This allows teachers to focus on areas that are specific to what they teach and allow administrators an opportunity to move between teams to provide additional guidance where needed.

Adopt Resolution to Set Open Public Hearing on Plans, Specifications, and Bid Documents for Demolition of New Market School Buildings

Board Member McComb introduced the following Resolution and moved that the same be adopted. Board Member Turner seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called and the vote was,

AYES: Fulk, Scherf, Watkins, McComb, Turner

NAYS: None

Whereupon, the President declared the following Resolution duly adopted:

RESOLUTION ORDERING DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING NEW
MARKET SCHOOL BUILDING PROPERTY, EXCLUDING THE
GYMNASIUM/STAGE AREA, AND FIXING A DATE FOR HEARING
THEREON AND FOR TAKING OF BIDS THEREFORE

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable and necessary by the Board to demolish the existing New Market School Building property, excluding the gymnasium/stage area, and has caused to be prepared plans, specifications and form of contract, together with estimate of cost, which will be on file in the office of the Secretary for public inspection at the time of publication of the notice for public hearing, for the demolition of said building, and said plans, specifications and form of contract are deemed suitable for the demolition of said public improvements; and

WHEREAS, before said plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost may be adopted, and contract for the demolition of the existing New Market School Building property, excluding the gymnasium/stage area be entered into, it is necessary to hold a public hearing and advertise for bids:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CLARINDA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF TAYLOR, STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That it is hereby determined that it is necessary and advisable to demolish certain public improvements described as the existing New Market School Building property, excluding the gymnasium/stage area, in the manner set forth in the plans and specifications and form of contract, above referred to, in accordance with the provisions as set out in the published Notice of Hearing and Advertisement for Bids as follows:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Clarinda Community School District will meet in the Board Room of the Clarinda Community School District, located at 423 E. Nodaway, Clarinda, Iowa, on October 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. for a hearing on the proposed plans, specifications and form of contract and estimate of total cost of the following public improvement:

Demolition of the existing New Market School Building property, excluding the gymnasium/stage area located at 600 N. Lafayette, New Market, Iowa

Given by order of the Board of Directors of the Clarinda Community School District this 22nd day of September, 2008.

Section 2. The Secretary is directed to publish the Notice of Hearing in the Clarinda Herald Journal, a legal newspaper, printed wholly in the English language, published in the County in which the work is to be done at least once weekly, and is a newspaper of general circulation in the District. The publication shall be at least four (4) days but not more than twenty (20) days prior to the date set for the public hearing.

Section 3. The Secretary is directed to publish the Advertisement for Bids in the Clarinda Herald Journal, a legal newspaper, printed wholly in the English language, published in the County in which the work is to be done at least once weekly, and is a newspaper of general circulation in the District. The publication shall be at least four (4) days but not more than forty-five (45) days prior to the date set for receiving bids.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 22nd day of September, 2008.

CLARINDA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Seth Watkins, President

Cindy L. VanFosson, Secretary

Approve Architect Contract

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by McComb, to approve the contract with BCDM Architects to develop the plans, specifications, and bid documents for the New Market building demolition project. The architect will prepare the bid documents necessary to receive bids for the removal of two of the three buildings in New Market, assist Clarinda Schools in soliciting bids and answering questions during bidding, and conduct three site visits during demolition. The total cost of the services will not exceed twenty thousand dollars plus reimbursable expenses. Following discussion of the time frame of the project, the motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Approve Special Education Contracts

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Turner, to approve the contracts with Nishna Productions to provide educational services for Clarinda resident special education students. Motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Fulk, to approve the contracts with Stanton Community School District for Clarinda resident special education students open enrolled into the Stanton School District. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Turner, to approve the contract with Creston Community School District for a Clarinda resident special education student being served in the Creston District. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Fine, to approve the contracts with Webster City, Marshalltown, Fremont-Mills, Fort Dodge, Des Moines Independent, Coon Rapids-Bayard, Cedar Rapids, Cedar Falls, Burlington, Ames, and Alta Community School Districts for special education students being served at the Clarinda Academy. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Approve Home School Assistance Contracts

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by McComb, to approve the contracts with Lexy Davies to provide Home School Assistance services to students who participate in the Competent Private Instruction HSA Program. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Correspondence From Board Members

McComb: I would like to welcome Brian Fine to our Board. I look forward to working with him.

Fulk: The Cardinal Funds Foundation will be mailing alumni letters and brochures to announce the existence of the Foundation and what they can do if they would like to contribute.

Watkins: I appreciate Brian Fine being willing to run for the office of Board of Directors in our district and I look forward to working with him.

Adjournment

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Fulk, to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote and the meeting was adjourned.

Cindy L. VanFosson
Board Secretary