

**October 13, 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, October 13, 2008, 7:00 p.m., at the Board Room located in the McKinley Building, 423 East Nodaway, Clarinda, IA 51632.

**Call to Order**

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

**Roll Call**

The following Board members were present: President Watkins, Vice President Turner, Fine, Fulk, and McComb.

**Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Turner, 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**

Superintendent Honnold reported:

1. School administrators in Page, Fremont, and Taylor Counties have begun discussions on sharing vocational programs. The objective is to find new ways to become more efficient and effective. If, at some point, the discussions produce a viable method to move toward sharing, the Boards of Directors from each district will become involved.

**Consent Items**

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

- A. Minutes of the September 8, 2008, and September 22, 2008, meetings.
- B. Bills in the amounts of:

General Fund	\$88,985.26
Management Fund	\$600.00
Activity Fund	\$32,167.53
Nutrition Fund	\$29,977.88
Trust & Agency	\$200.00
New Market Trust	\$3,589.11
- C. September 30, 2008, Financial Statements, Activity Fund report, Hot Lunch report, and open enrollment application(s).

McComb informed he had audited the bills and found them in order for payment. The motion to approve the consent items was unanimously approved by the Board.

**Old Business**

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

**New Business**

**Set Open Hearing on New Market School Demolition Project**

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by McComb, to adopt the resolution to set 7:00 p.m., October 27, 2008, in the Board Room of the McKinley Building as the date, time and place for the open hearing on the New Market School Demolition Project. The resolution reads:

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Clarinda Community School District (the "District") desires to demolish the existing central main New Market School Building property, excluding the north wing addition and south gymnasium/stage areas, ("Property"), located at 600 N. Lafayette, New Market, Iowa, and legally described as 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.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has been in discussion with the City of New Market concerning the future ownership and use of the Property and it appears that it is in the best interest of both the District and City if the Property as described above is disposed of by demolition as soon as possible.

WHEREAS, under Section 297.22 of the Iowa Code, demolition is considered a disposition of school property such that it is both appropriate and necessary to publish a Notice of the proposed disposition of the Property by demolition and to hold a public hearing and to receive and consider objections and petitions on same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Clarinda Community School District:

Section 1. That the Board directs the administration to begin the procedural process and take any and all steps necessary to dispose of the above-listed Property by demolition, including, but not necessarily limited to, the securing of necessary plans, specifications and bid documents needed to bid the demolition work in accordance with the Iowa Competitive Bid Law process.

Section 2. The President of the Board of Directors is authorized to sign any Board-approved contracts for demolition or demolition-related work to be performed.

Section 3. That this Board shall set a public hearing on the demolition of the above-listed Property for October 27, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., in the Board Room of the McKinley Central Office, Clarinda, Iowa.

Section 4. That the Secretary is authorized and directed to prepare, publish, and distribute the Notice of Hearing. The motion to approve the Resolution passed on a 5-0 vote of the Board.

#### **Approve Special Education Contracts**

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Turner, to approve the contracts with Des Moines Independent, Red Oak, Cedar Rapids, Hamburg, Eddyville-Blakesburg, and Carlisle Community School Districts for special education students being served at the Clarinda Academy. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

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

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by McComb, to approve the contract with Villisca Community School District to serve a Villisca resident student who is attending the Clarinda Alternative High School program. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Fulk, to approve the contract with Iowa School for the Deaf to provide special education services for a Clarinda resident special education student. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Fine, to approve the contract with Glenwood Community School District to provide special education services for a Clarinda resident special education student. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

#### **Approve Coaching Contract**

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Fulk, to approve the contract with Tyler Hill to be the middle school girls' head basketball coach for the 2008-2009 season. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

#### **Receive Certified Enrollment Report**

Superintendent Honnold reviewed preliminary student numbers from official count day, Wednesday, October 1, 2008. Following an extensive examination of all possible categories of students, the count will be certified by means of a secure web site with the Iowa Department of Education by Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. The preliminary certified count shows an increase in student count from last year, with the Clarinda Academy also showing an increase. The October 1st student count will be used by the state to calculate funding for the 2009-2010 school year. Superintendent Honnold reminded board members that part of the increase in the certified count is from moving the New Market students from being open enrolled in grades K-8 and shared at the high school, to being Clarinda resident students. A large majority of the New Market students were in our buildings last year, but we did not count them as resident students. The New Market District counted those students, and then paid us tuition. Those same students are now part of our student count and we will receive funding directly from the state. We won't generate more funding; we'll just be receiving it from a different source. Another thing to consider is that eighteen of the new students in our district from New Market are attending Bedford under the open enrollment option. We'll receive funding for those

students, but we'll forward it to Bedford as tuition. With the general decrease in student enrollment seen in our area for the past several years, even a slight increase will help to maintain our strong financial position and allow us to continue to provide the many programs our students need to give them a strong academic foundation.

#### **Approve Certified Annual Report**

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Fine, to approve the Certified Annual Report. Board Secretary Cindy VanFosson reviewed various parts of the report, explaining the financial standing of each of the school district funds as of June 30, 2008. The report will be transmitted electronically to the Iowa Department of Education by means of uploading through a secure web site. Revenues in the general operating fund for fiscal year 2008 totaled \$9,299,581, while expenditures totaled \$9,126,296. The district's unspent balance for fiscal year 2008 is unofficially \$1.5 million and the financial solvency of the district increased to 14.4%. Superintendent Honnold explained that the Special Education Supplement, an annual report updating the district's special education funding and expenditures, has not been available from the Department of Education for completion, therefore the district's special education balance for fiscal year 2008 will be reviewed at a later date. The motion to approve the certified annual report passed on a 5-0 vote.

#### **Board Correspondence**

Turner: Thank you to Hy-Vee for providing the Smiles for Education Program and congratulations to Kenzie and Kylie Shackelford for winning a laptop computer. The donation to our school district is very much appreciated. Watkins: 1) Echo Pallin's congratulations to Shackelfords and thank you to Hy-Vee. 2) Attended a gathering at IWCC explaining several new developments on the Clarinda Campus. It was exciting to hear how Chad (Wellhausen) is working to expand the programs here in Clarinda. 3) I would like to set a work session for the Board on October 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:00 p.m., prior to our regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. We will be reviewing and updating our facility goals during the work session.

#### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by McComb, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. The motion was approved on a 5-0 vote of the Board.

Cindy L. VanFosson  
Board Secretary