

**October 27, 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 27, 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.

Open Hearing

President Watkins declared the start of the open hearing to adopt the resolution on the partial demolition of the New Market School Buildings at 7:01 p.m. He asked for verbal objections. The following expressed objection to the partial demolition:

Robert Strough-Would like to see all the buildings demolished. Worried about the cost of maintaining what is not taken down.

Joyce Orr-Would like to see all the buildings demolished. Presented a petition at the last meeting with 60 signatures of New Market residents who are concerned about the potential increase to their property taxes to maintain what isn't demolished.

Mandy Ford-Would like more time to consider solutions whereby the buildings could be put back on the tax roles.

Roger Van Ness-Believes the community is divided by this issue. Concerned about the cost of future demolition if the vision of the city council doesn't become a reality.

President Watkins asked for verbal comments in favor of the resolution. The following expressed comments in favor: Dixie Fritz-I would like to keep the north addition. We don't have buildings in New Market. This building could be an asset, possibly as a museum. The gymnasium could be rented for use by the community.

Steve Cabbage-Every time the Council talked to the community, they seemed to definitely want the gymnasium. The council can't, with integrity, tell the citizens the buildings won't cost anything. However, the council believes the buildings are an asset and offer an opportunity.

Harold Addington-Commended the Clarinda Board for allowing the citizens of New Market to have a say in what happened to their school.

President Watkins asked for written objections and/or comments in favor of the resolution. Receiving none, he declared the open hearing closed at 7:27 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Fulk, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Audience to Visitors

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

Administrative Reports

Superintendent Honnold reported:

1. There was a break-in at the New Market Building. We are considering termination of the water and electrical service for safety.
2. The State School Board Convention is scheduled for November 19th-21st. Please let us know if you can attend.

Old Business

There was no old business to consider.

New Business

Adopt Resolution on New Market School Building Demolition Project

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

Resolution ordering demolition of the existing central main New Market Building property, excluding the north wing addition and the south gymnasium/stage areas, and fixing a date of hearing thereon and taking of bids therefore. Ms. Turner commented she believed it should be left to the New Market City Council to decide how they wish to spend their money if they choose to take the buildings. Fine echoed that comment. Mr. Watkins said it appears the City Council has weighed all the issues of maintaining the north addition and the gymnasium. Mr. McComb stated no matter what, somebody is going to walk away upset. The residents knew the school was going to close. They should have taken care of this decision before now. Mr. Fulk echoed Mr. McComb's statements. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Fine, Watkins, and Turner. Nays: McComb, Fulk. The motion carried on a 3-2 vote.

Set Open Hearing to Approve Plans, Specifications, and Bid Documents on New Market School Demolition Project

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

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable and necessary by the Board to demolish the existing central main area of the New Market School Building property, excluding the north wing addition and south gymnasium/stage areas of the property, 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 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 central main New Market School Building property, excluding the north wing addition and south gymnasium/stage areas 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 PAGE, 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 central main New Market School Building property, excluding the north wing addition and south gymnasium/stage areas, 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 East Nodaway Street, Clarinda, Iowa, on November 10, 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 improvement:

Demolition of the existing central main New Market School Building property, excluding the north wing addition and south 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 27th day of October, 2008.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: Sealed bids will be received by the Clarinda Community School District at the McKinley Administrative offices of the Clarinda Community School District, 423 East Nodaway Street, Clarinda, Iowa until 2:00 p.m. CST (according to the clock in the administrative office) on the 4th day of December, 2008, for the Demolition of the existing central main New Market School Building property, excluding the north wing addition and south gymnasium/stage area located at 600 N. Lafayette, New Market, Iowa.

Copies of the plans and specifications for the Project are now on file with and available at Berringer Ciaccio Dennell Mabrey, Inc., 1015 North 98th Street, Suite 300, Omaha, NE 68114. Plans may also be inspected at the administrative offices of the Clarinda Community School District, 423 E. Nodaway, Clarinda, Iowa between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (excluding holidays). Bids must be submitted on the approved bid form available in the plans and specifications. No oral, facsimile, telegraphic or telephonic bids or modifications will be considered.

Bidders will be required to provide a security deposit, in the form of an approved Bid Bond, cashiers or certified check, or certified share draft in the amount of five percent (5%) of the estimated total cost of the project or the amount of each bid, in a separate attached envelope. Bid security shall be made payable to the Treasurer of the Clarinda Community School District.

Should the successful bidder fail or neglect to furnish a satisfactory performance/payment bond, refuse to enter into a Contract on the basis of the bid, or fail to meet the requirements of this Notice and the specifications regulating the award, the bidder's security may be retained as liquidated damages. No bidder may withdraw its bid for a period of forty-five (45) calendar days after the date and hour set for opening of bids.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 2:00 p.m. on November 13, 2008 at the New Market School Buildings, 600 N. Lafayette, New Market, Iowa.

Lump-sum bids will be received under one contract as described in the specifications. Bids will be opened and read aloud immediately after specified closing time for receiving bids. All interested parties are invited to attend.

Consideration of the bids received and the award of contract or other action may be made by the Board of Directors of the Clarinda Community School District upon the proposals received in accordance with the law and the plans and specifications at its meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on December 8, 2008, in the Board Room of the Clarinda Community School District, located at 423 E. Nodaway, Clarinda, Iowa.

The Board of Directors may make the award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder meeting specifications. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids, or any part thereof, and to waive informalities, and to enter into such contract or contracts as shall be deemed in the best interests of the Clarinda Community School District.

By virtue of statutory authority, a preference will be given to products and provisions grown and coal produced with the State of Iowa, and to Iowa domestic labor.

All bids will be governed by applicable provisions in the Iowa Code and Board Policies.

Section 2. The Secretary is directed to publish the Notice of Hearing in the Clarinda Herald Journal and The Bedford Times Press, 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 and the Bedford Times Press, 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 the receiving bids.

Vote: Ayes: Fulk, McComb, Fine, Watkins, Turner. Nays: none. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Special Education Contracts

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Fulk, to approve the contract with Stanton Community School District to serve a Clarinda resident special education student who is open enrolled into the Stanton District. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Turner, to approve the contracts with Treynor and Council Bluffs Community School Districts to provide educational services for Clarinda resident special education students. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Fine, to approve the contracts with Dubuque, West Delaware, Fort Dodge, Glenwood, Mount Vernon, Red Oak, Indianola, Des Moines, and Waterloo Community Schools for special education students being served at the Clarinda Academy.

Approve Contract to Participate in the Iowa Drug and Alcohol Testing Program for the 2008-2009 School Year

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by McComb, to approve the contract with the Iowa Association of School Boards to participate in the Iowa Drug and Alcohol Testing Program for the 2008-2009 school year. We must participate in a testing program for our bus drivers. The Iowa Program provides training, monitors the data, and provides guidance in meeting the legal requirements for random testing. Following a review of the program, the motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Approve Implementation of the Early Retirement Option for 2008-2009

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by McComb, to approve the implementation of the early retirement policy for classified, certified and administrative staff for the 2008-2009 school year. Each year prior to November 1st, the Board must determine whether or not to offer the early retirement option to eligible staff members. Regular full-time staff members who turn 58 during the current fiscal year and who have continuously worked more than ten years at or before reaching 58 years of age must submit an application by January 15th for early retirement at the end of the current fiscal year or next fiscal year. The value of the benefit for certified personnel is \$15,000. The value of the benefit for classified and administrative personnel is 25% times the annual contracted salary received by the retiree during the fiscal year immediately preceding retirement. Following discussion of the policy, the motion passed on a 5-0 vote of the board.

Approve 2008-2009 Line Item Budget

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Fine, to approve the line item budget for 2008-2009. Superintendent Honnold presented the line item budget for the general operating fund, highlighting specific areas of anticipated expenditures. The line item budget is used as a guide to predict categories of spending for the current school year. While contracted salaries are known expenses, a majority of the remaining expenses for the year can only be predicted based on historical information of past years. Following discussion of specific budget items and flow-thru funds to the Clarinda Academy, the motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Correspondence from Board Members

Board members had no correspondence to report at this time.

Adjournment

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Fine, to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Cindy L. VanFosson
Board Secretary