

March 12, 2007
Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
Clarinda Community School District

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Audience to Visitors
5. Administrative Reports
6. Consent Items
 - A. Approval of Minutes
 - B. Approval of Bills in the Amount of:

• General Fund	\$171,659.26
• Activity Fund	\$10,435.94
• Management Fund	\$150.00
• Nutrition	\$20,627.69
• Trust & Agency	\$81.00
 - C. Analysis of Reports

• Financial Statements
• Activity Accounts
• Hot Lunch
• Open Enrollment Applications
7. Old Business
 - A. Approve Maintenance Projects
8. New Business
 - A. Presentation on Asset Building Program
 - B. Approve Staff Reductions for 2007-2008
 - C. Approve Additional Track Coaching Position
 - D. Approve Driver Education Contracts
 - E. Budget Presentation
 - F. Approve Special Education Contracts
 - G. Adopt Resolution for Continued Participation in IASB Group Insurance Program
 - H. Approve Resignation(s)
 - I. Approve Intent to Participate in State Spanish Teacher Exchange Program
 - J. Approve Request for Extended Leave
9. Correspondence from Board Members
10. Adjournment

Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Clarinda Community School District met in regular session on Monday, March 12, 2007, 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, Scherf, and Turner.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Watkins, to approve the agenda. The motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

Audience to Visitors

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

Administrative Reports

Mike Jones, Clarinda Academy, reported:

1. One Academy student qualified for and will be participating in the State Speech Contest next week.
2. The entire Academy campus will be busy with the annual Geography Bowl this Thursday and Friday. The winning student team will receive a ski trip to Colorado.

Mr. Schieffer, Activities Director, reported:

1. Thursday, March 15th is the date for Parade of Bands. All bands, including the jazz band, will perform in the high school gym.
2. The annual FFA banquet will be held Thursday, March 22nd.
3. Spring sports have begun. A large numbers of students are participating.
4. The Lady Cardinal Relays will be held on April 3rd, while the Cardinal Relays will be held April 5th. We will also be hosting the H-10 track meet this year on May 7th.
5. Our fall sports teams, our winter sports teams, and our cheerleaders have qualified for academic achievement awards from the Iowa Boys Athletic Association and the Girls Athletic Union.

Mr. Ruffing, High School Principal, reported:

1. High School students completed the second trimester on Monday, March 5th, and have now started classes for the third trimester.
2. The National Honor Society annual induction ceremony was held Thursday, March 8th. Twenty-seven students were inducted.
3. CHS is hosting a career fair on March 20th at IWCC for all Southwest Iowa schools.

Consent Items

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

- A. Minutes of the February 12, 2007, and February 26, 2007 meetings.
- B. Bills in the amounts of:

General Fund	\$171,659.26
Activity Fund	\$10,435.94
Management Fund	\$150.00
Nutrition Fund	\$20,627.69
Trust & Agency	\$81.00
- C. February 28, 2007, Financial Statements, Activity Fund report, Hot Lunch report, and open enrollment application(s).

Board member Fulk 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

Approve Maintenance Project Bids

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Fulk, to approve the bid from Concrete Expressions, LLC for \$4,985 to replace the sidewalk on the north side of the bus lot. The motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Scherf, to approve the bid from Stickler Tree Service of \$9,500 to put drain inlets and tiling on the north side of Garfield. The motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

A motion was made by Scherf, seconded by Watkins, to authorize the contacting of a mechanical engineer to develop plans, specifications, and bid documents for replacement of the high school boilers. The engineer would review the current boiler system and develop plans for removal and installation of a new system during the summer of 2008. We estimate the total cost of this project to be in the \$250,000 range. Following discussion of the cost and timeline of this project, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the motion.

New Business

Presentation on Asset Building Program

Tasha Cole, Director of Southwest Iowa Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Project, was at the meeting to discuss an Attitudes & Behaviors Survey being proposed for use with our freshman class next year. The survey would aid the high school administration and staff in determining what types of programs or services we could provide our students to reduce risk-taking behaviors and promote life-enhancing attitudes. The goal of the survey, resulting discussions and possible programs is to add as many of the 40 Developmental Assets to each young person's life as possible. The 40 Developmental Assets are specific items that promote positive development.

Approve Staff Reductions for 2007-2008

At the last regular meeting on February 26th, the Board of Directors asked for a recommendation from the superintendent for reducing at least one teaching position. The recommendation brought to the board was to reduce one elementary staff position next fall. Board members discussed how the elimination of the position would affect class size. This year the third grade has four sections. Eliminating a position would mean the class moving into fourth grade would have only three sections, with approximately 23 students per section. Following discussion, a motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Scherf, to approve the reduction of one elementary staff position for the 2007-2008 school year. The motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

Approve Additional Track Coaching Position

With the number of athletes participating in boys and girls track at 72, the current coaching staff asked for the addition of one more track coach to be shared by the girls' and boys' programs. Board member Fulk stated he could not support the hiring of an additional coach when we just reduced a teaching position. Turner said she tended to agree with Fulk, but wondered if there was a safety issue. Scherf pointed out that with field events taking place on top of the hill, the athletes are very spread out. Also, the boys' and the girls' teams seldom travel to the same location for track meets; there aren't always four coaches in one spot. Watkins pointed out that when a budget gets tight, we might not get everything we want. Following discussion, a motion was made by Scherf, seconded by Watkins, to approve the additional one year assistant track coaching position for the 2007 season. The motion failed on a 1-4 vote. Aye: Scherf. Nay: Turner, Fulk, Watkins, and McComb.

Approve Driver Education Contracts

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Turner, to approve the contract with Noel Bogdanski to serve as summer driver's education instructor. Mr. Bogdanski will be working with Dean Moore to provide driver's education to approximately 80 students this summer. Following a discussion of the instruction of 20 students during the spring months by Mr. Moore, the motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Budget Presentation

Superintendent Honnold gave a power point presentation on how the 2007-2008 budget will be calculated. The district budget is affected by such variables as state dictated per pupil cost, student enrollment, and property tax valuations. The proposed budget will be printed in the March 28, 2007, edition of the Clarinda Herald Journal. An open hearing will be held on April 9, 2007, to allow district patrons the opportunity to voice objections, or show support of, the proposed budget. Superintendent Honnold explained to board members that much of the budget is a

calculation and they, as a board, control only a very minor part of the overall budget total. Only three percent of the budget is board directed.

Approve Special Education Contracts

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Fulk, to approve the contracts with Sidney, Dubuque, Des Moines Independent, Burlington, and Cedar Rapids Community Schools for special education students being served at the Clarinda Academy. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote of the Board.

Adopt Resolution for Continued Participation in IASB Group Insurance Program

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Fulk, to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Iowa Association of School Boards has developed a comprehensive group property, casualty and workers compensation insurance program that is currently offered through Employers Mutual Casualty Co. (hereinafter "Insurance Carrier") to all school districts in Iowa, and

WHEREAS the insurance program is sponsored by the Iowa Association of School Boards under the auspices of its Insurance Division, and

WHEREAS the District is a current participant or wishes to participate in the programs of the Insurance Division.

NOW THEREFORE the parties, the Insurance Division and the District, agree as follows:

A. The District agrees to participate and/or agrees to continue its participation in the Group Insurance Program of the Insurance Division.

B. The District agrees to abide by the rules and regulations established by the Insurance Division for the administration of the Group Insurance Program.

C. The District directs the Insurance Carrier to pay to the Insurance Division any and all dividends which it may earn under the Group Insurance Programs.

Passed and Approved by the District on the 12th day of March, 2007. Clarinda Community School District

Scott McComb, President, Board of Directors; Cindy L. VanFosson, Board Secretary

The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Approve Resignation(s)

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Watkins, to approve the resignation and early retirement application from Jerry Joens, bus driver, effective the end of the current school year. Board members stated their appreciation for the years of service Mr. Joens provided to the district. The motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Scherf, to approve the resignation of Tom Smith as high school physical education teacher and coach effective the end of the school year. The motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

Approve Intent to Participate in State Spanish Teacher Exchange Program

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Scherf, to approve the application of intent to participate in the 2007-2008 Visiting Teacher From Spain Program. The retirement of Julia Stacy from our foreign language position leaves a teacher vacancy for 2007-2008. With this program, Iowa school districts have the option of recruiting highly qualified Spanish educators for a period of up to 3 years and at the same time provide Iowa students, parents, and communities the opportunity to work with professionals from other countries. Visiting teachers from Spain are certified Spanish language educators with at least 2 years of teaching experience. Following discussion of the program, the motion passed on a 5-0 vote of the Board.

Approve Request for Extended Leave

A motion was made by Scherf, seconded by Fulk, to approve the request from Jon Parrott for an extended leave of absence until August 13, 2007. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Board Correspondence

Watkins: Thank you to the maintenance department and our bus drivers for the extra care they took during the recent snowstorm.

Scherf: Attended the National Honor Society induction ceremony last week. Enjoyed the talk given by Dr. Kirk Marcum.

Fulk: Also attended the NHS ceremony and enjoyed the program.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Watkins, to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote of the board.

Cindy L. VanFosson
Board Secretary