

**April 23, 2007  
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, April 23, 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 7:02 p.m.

**Roll Call**

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

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Audience to Visitors**

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

**Administrative Reports**

Mrs. Nordland, Middle School Principal, reported:

1. A Middle School talent show will be held May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
2. Fifth grade students will be involved in "Marsville" on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Boysen, Special Programs Director, reported:

1. The first grade musical, let by vocal instructor, Katy Ridge, was held April 19<sup>th</sup> in the high school auditorium.
2. Kindergarten Round-up will be held April 25, 26, and 27.
3. Jump Start, a program for area children birth to 5, will be held May 9<sup>th</sup>. The preschoolers are screened for hearing, vision, health, developmental progress, speech and language, and receive relevant information from community agencies.
3. A field day will be held May 21st for Garfield students.
4. The School Improvement Staff Advisory Committee has been formulating plans for next school year's professional development activities. Three areas have been identified: reading, affective goals, and technology training.

Mr. Schieffer, Activities Director, reported:

1. Parent-Teacher conferences were held at the high school last Wednesday.
2. The high school spring vocal and instrumental music concert and art show is being held this evening.
3. The Iowa High School Music Association large group festival will be held May 4th.
4. We will host the H-10 Conference track meet on May 7<sup>th</sup>, the H-10 7/8 boys track meet on May 10<sup>th</sup>, and the Boys Sectional Golf meet on May 11<sup>th</sup>,
5. Senior activities in May include Baccalaureate on May 13<sup>th</sup>, Awards Assembly May 14<sup>th</sup>, and Graduation May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Doug Junker, Clarinda Academy Education Director, reported:

1. The weather is finally cooperating and Academy students are participating in spring track and soccer.
2. The Academy has two students who will receive high school diplomas during graduation ceremonies on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Superintendent Honnold reported:

1. The calendar committee is finalizing the proposed 2007-2008 school calendar. The calendar will be brought to the Board for approval.
2. A short reception for our early retirees will be held just prior to our May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

3. The boards on the visitor side bleachers at the football field are being removed to allow for repainting of the frame and installation of new seating.

#### **Old Business**

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

#### **New Business**

##### **Approve Clarinda Foundation Agreement**

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Scherf, to approve the management agreement with the Clarinda Foundation to be the administrator for the Cardinal Funds program. This is a 28E agreement between the Clarinda Foundation and the Clarinda School District to authorize the Clarinda Foundation to serve as the administrative agency for the Clarinda School Foundation "Cardinal Funds." The Clarinda Foundation will manage and invest the funds and assess an annual management fee. Following discussion on selecting an executive committee for the Clarinda Schools "Cardinal Funds" Foundation, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the motion.

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

A motion was made by Scherf, seconded by Fulk, to approve the contract with Adam Plummer to serve as high school math teacher for the 2007-2008 school year. Mr. Plummer has a B.S. in Management Information Systems from ISU and is graduating this spring with a B.S. in Mathematics. The motion was approved on a 4-0 vote of the Board.

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Watkins, to approve the contract with Carleen Perry to serve as high school English teacher for the 2007-2008 school year. Mrs. Perry received her B.A. in English from the College of Saint Mary in Omaha. She lives in Shenandoah. The motion was approved on a 4-0 vote of the Board.

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Scherf, to approve the transfer of Ann Meyer from special education to high school English teaching position pending a suitable replacement can be found. Mrs. Meyer served as an English teacher in the Villisca School District prior to her employment with Clarinda Schools. The motion was approved on a 4-0 vote of the Board.

A motion was made by Scherf, seconded by Fulk, to approve the contract with Kenny Wagoner to serve as bus driver for the 2007-2008 school year. Mr. Wagoner has served as a substitute driver for the district and will assume the position vacated by the retirement of Jerry Joens. The motion was approved on a 4-0 vote of the Board.

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Watkins, to approve the contract with Linda Vanden Bosch to serve as assistant middle school volleyball coach for the 2007-2008 school year. Mrs. Vanden Bosch has served in this position in past years. She will join Sandy Simdorn in the 7/8 volleyball program. The motion was approved on a 4-0 vote of the Board.

##### **Approve Technology Plan for 2007**

Mr. Schieffer, administrator in charge of technology, and Mr. DeGroot, the district's technology coordinator, presented a progress report on technology goals for 2006-2007 and also provided information on technology goals and action plans for 2007-2008. Goals, established by a technology committee, are divided into four areas: communication, curriculum, hardware, and staff training. One of the major goals met during 2006-2007 was the implementation of parent access for middle school parents via the school web site to student attendance, grades, and lunch account information. Parent access for K-4 parents is in progress. During the 2007-2008 school year a goal of the technology department is to update the technology curriculum. With over 350 computers being utilized in the district, technology personnel are kept busy rotating hardware to keep the best and latest equipment available and updating various software programs used in classroom curriculum. Following presentation of the goals of the technology committee, Mr. DeGroot summarized the equipment purchases put before the board for their approval. Among items being requested were fifty computers for student use, fourteen computers for staff use, three printers, three laptops, four digital cameras, and multi-media projectors for a total of approximately \$126,573. A portion of these purchases will be reimbursed by an Iowa West Foundation grant, as the equipment will be used in Career Vision Academy classes. The technology committee for 2007 included:

Mr. Schieffer  
Dan DeGroot  
Suzi Stanton  
Alisha Jobe  
Trulla Pullen

Chris Campbell  
Kim Williams  
Dallas Sweet  
Larry Price  
Jayne Davidson

Ruth Falk  
Jennifer McCall  
Susan Anderson  
Pat Davison  
Greg Jones

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Fulk, to approve the technology plan for 2007. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote of the Board.

#### **Approve Resignation(s)**

A motion was made by Scherf, seconded by Fulk, to approve the resignation of Chad Willeford as middle school art, head high school cross country, and head girls track coach effective the end of the 2007-2008 school year. Mr. Willeford has taught in Clarinda Schools for ten years. We appreciate his years of service to the students and the District. The motion to approve the resignation of Chad Willeford as middle school art teacher, cross country and girls track coach, was approved on a 4-0 vote of the Board.

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Watkins, to approve the resignation from Karly Glidden as high school custodian. The motion was approved on a 4-0 vote of the Board.

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Scherf, to approve the resignation of Mike Smith as head high school girls' basketball coach pending a suitable replacement can be found. The motion was approved on a 4-0 vote of the Board.

#### **Approve Contribution to City Park Restroom Project**

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Watkins, to approve the contribution of \$1,000 to be applied to the City Park Restroom Project. The Clarinda Parks Department, headed by Randy Pullen, and the Chamber of Commerce are working together to raise funds to construct new restrooms just north of the A's concession stand at the city ballpark. The high school baseball and softball teams utilize the city ballpark and younger students in the district participate in city sponsored baseball and softball at the facility. Board members agreed there is a need for new restroom facilities at the ballpark. The donation will be made from gate receipts generated at home athletic and activity events. Following discussion, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the motion.

#### **Consider Changing May 28 Board Meeting Date**

A motion was made by Scherf, seconded by Fulk, to cancel the May 28, 2007, regular Board meeting. The meeting date lands on the Memorial Day holiday. Board members agreed if a meeting were needed to approve teacher contracts for positions yet to be filled, a special meeting would be called. Following this discussion, the motion was approved on a 4-0 vote of the Board.

#### **Correspondence From Board Members**

Fulk: 1) Appreciated the tour by Mr. Johnson of the greenhouse at the high school. It appears Mr. Johnson is continuing to look for ways to utilize it as a student learning opportunity. 2) Would like to thank the members of the technology committee for their efforts in establishing goals and formulating action plans to move the district toward student technology needs in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

#### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Fulk, to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. The motion was approved on a 4-0 vote of the Board.

#### **Closed Session**

The Board of Directors entered closed session at 8:25 p.m. to evaluate the professional performance of the Superintendent and Board Secretary. Board member Turner arrived at 8:35 p.m. At 9:27 p.m., President McComb declared the Board out of closed session.

Cindy L. VanFosson  
Board Secretary