

**July 9, 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, July 9, 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 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.

**Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Watkins, 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. Boysen, Special Programs Director, reported:

1. Four teachers will be traveling with me July 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> to receive further training on the Question, Answer, Relationship (QAR) reading approach we began using district-wide last year.

Mr. Honnold, Superintendent, reported:

1. Summer facility projects are progressing. The visitor side bleachers at the football field have been sandblasted and painted. New footboards and seats will be installed next week. The security camera system in the K-8 building is complete.
2. Board members are invited to attend a luncheon with the new teachers the week before school starts and will sponsor lunch for the entire staff on Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. During the all staff luncheon, we will be recognizing several staff members for years of service.
3. The district web site, [www.clarinda.k12.ia.us](http://www.clarinda.k12.ia.us), now has links to registration materials parents can print off, fill in, and bring with them on registration day.
4. Due to new legislation dealing with the Teacher Compensation funds, the administrators, several teachers, and I will be attending a meeting in Council Bluffs during August to learn about additional requirements and reports.

**Consent Items**

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

- A. Minutes of the June 11, 2007 meeting.
- B. Bills in the amounts of:

General Fund	\$218,217.44
Activity Fund	\$5,774.85
Nutrition Fund	\$2,802.47
Trust & Agency Fund	\$222.75
- C. June 30, 2007, Financial Statements, Activity Fund report, Hot Lunch report, and open enrollment application(s).

The motion to approve the consent items was unanimously approved by the Board.

**Old Business**

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

## **New Business**

### **2006-2007 Lunch Program Report**

Joyce Johansen, Food Service Director, was at the meeting to give an overview of the lunch program for 2006-2007. Overall, 80.47% of our students participated in our district lunch program. 19.53% of the students participated in the breakfast program. In May, Mrs. Johansen received notification the K-8 building is one of 25 schools in Iowa awarded a federal grant to operate a fresh fruit and vegetable pilot program for 2007-2008. The program is designed to acquaint students with a variety of fresh foods they may not have tried or may not have access to. We will receive approximately \$45,000 - \$50,000 for the 2007-2008 school year.

### **Approve Bread Bid**

	<u>Wonder Bread</u>	<u>Sara Lee</u>
Sandwich Bread, whole grain	\$1.00	\$1.20
Hot dog buns (dozen)	\$1.10	\$1.05
Hamburger buns (dozen)	\$1.10	\$1.30
Whole grain burger buns (dozen)	\$1.10	\$1.80
Dinner rolls	\$1.10	\$1.25

A motion was made by Scherf, seconded by Fulk, to approve the bread bid from Interstate Brands (Wonder Bread) to provide bread products for the 2007-2008 school year. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote of the Board.

### **Approve Milk Bid**

	<u>A/E</u>	<u>Roberts</u>
White milk, 2%	\$.1950	\$.2253
White milk, skim	\$.1820	\$.2130
Chocolate milk, skim	\$.1930	\$.2230
Juice, 4 oz. Carton	\$.1450	\$.1350

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Scherf, to approve the milk bid from Anderson Erickson Dairies to provide dairy products for the 2007-2008 school year. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote of the Board.

### **Approve Iowa Educators Consortium Contract**

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Watkins, to approve participation in the Iowa Educators Consortium Food Purchasing group for the 2007-2008 school year. The program has been beneficial in allowing the district to purchase some food items at a reduced cost because of group buying discounts. The agreement will be in effect until July 31, 2008. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote of the Board.

### **Approve Bid to Replace High School Cooler Compressor Unit**

A motion was made by Scherf, seconded by Watkins, to approve the bid from Eickemeyer Refrigeration and Boone Brothers Roofing of \$10,216.34 to replace the compressors for the high school kitchen freezer as recommended. The new compressors will be relocated to the roof the building, allowing extra room in the kitchen, eliminating the heat generated by the current compressors, and allowing for easier maintenance and repair. Eickemeyer Refrigeration will install the compressors and Boone Brothers will seal the area where the compressor connections feed through the roof. Payment for this project will come from the nutrition fund. Following explanation and discussion, the motion passed on a 4-0 vote of the Board.

### **Approve Food Service Prices for 2007-2008**

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Fulk, to approve the lunch and breakfast price increases of five cents per meal for 2007-2008. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote of the Board.

### **Discussion on PaySchools Administrative Fees**

PaySchools™ is an online payment processing system that provides the district with an easy and efficient method to collect fees and receive electronic payments for school lunches, registration fees, and activity tickets. Parents access PaySchools through a link on the school district's Web site, [www.clarinda.k12.ia.us](http://www.clarinda.k12.ia.us). They select the items they want to purchase and then pay for them using credit cards or electronic checks. Payments are automatically processed and the money is transferred to the school's bank account(s). PaySchools was created by the Iowa Association of School Boards. The Clarinda District began offering the PaySchools payment system to parents in August 2006. During

the 2006-2007 school year, payments made through PaySchools totaled \$31,163.45, while payments to the lunch program accounted for \$30,213.45 of that amount. With a 3.5% administrative fee charged by PaySchools for use of the system, the district paid a total of \$1,093.13 during that same period, not passing any of those fees on to the parents who are using it. Board members discussed the convenience of the on-line payment system and the reduced amount of cash and checks that must come to school with students. It was the consensus of Board members that we continue to monitor the sales and administrative fees for another year, not passing any of the fees on to the parents.

#### **Approve Change in IPERS Participation Qualifications**

It has been a practice of the district to allow non-teaching coaches to immediately begin IPERS participation upon hire. It was brought to our attention by a representative from IPERS that we are not required to qualify these people in a manner different than the regular IPERS qualification process. IPERS guidelines state temporary employees, like non-teaching coaches, qualify for IPERS when wages paid are \$300 or more in two consecutive quarters. Substitute teachers have always qualified for IPERS coverage in this way. Following discussion, a motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Scherf, to approve discontinuing IPERS participation for individuals who fail to earn the minimum amount in two consecutive quarters. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote of the Board.

#### **Review of Annual Progress Report**

Mrs. Boysen, Special Programs Director, provided a power point presentation of the Annual Progress Report. It is a report covering student achievement results based on standardized tests and district assessment tests. The state requires reporting of grades third through eighth, and eleventh in the areas of math and reading, and the reporting of science scores for eighth and eleventh grades. Test scores were presented in graph form, first displaying all student scores for the grades, and then breaking the scores into subgroups, such as male/female; socioeconomic, and special needs students. In addition to test scores, information on the dropout rate, attendance, and ACT scores were given for Clarinda High School students. The student achievement data for 2006-2007 will be available via the district newsletter and on the district web site in the near future.

#### **Approve Coaching Contract Changes for 2007-2008**

A motion was made by Scherf, seconded by Watkins, to approve the resignation from Rodney Eberly as assistant football and assistant boys basketball coach for the 2007-2008 school year. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Watkins, to approve the transfer of Josh Porter from middle school football to high school assistant football coach. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

#### **Set Legislative Priorities for 2007-2008**

Board members spent time discussing the list of proposed legislative priorities provided by the Iowa Association of School Boards. Each district is asked to submit its list of top five legislative priorities in priority order. The IASB delegate assembly will meet in November to establish the IASB legislative priorities, resolutions, and beliefs for the 2008 legislative session. A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Fulk, to approve the legislative priorities for the 2008 legislative session. The Board of Directors' list of legislative priorities is as follows: 1) Supports extending the school infrastructure local option tax to a statewide penny sales tax distributed on a per pupil basis, recalculated annually to adjust the statewide average revenues per student. 2) Supports setting allowable growth at a rate that encourages continuous school improvement and reflects actual cost increases experienced by school districts. The allowable growth rate should be set no lower than 6 percent. 3) Supports full funding of public schools before expansion of support to non-public schools. 4) Supports full state funding to implement quality professional development to improve student learning through each school district's Career Development Plan. Additional days should be funded and required until a minimum of 10 days of quality professional development exists in every school district. The school district is the appropriate authority to determine the content and participation in professional development. 5) Supports funding to ensure that all three and four year olds have access to a high quality public school preschool program to be funded by including preschool students in the enrollment count with revenues that do not divert what would otherwise be K-12 resources. Funding should be allocated for literacy-based programs with well-articulated standards of high quality. Following discussion, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the motion.

#### **Review of New Market Preliminary Dissolution Proposal**

The New Market District has created a Dissolution Commission to work through the process of drafting a preliminary dissolution proposal. During their meeting on July 5, 2007, they finalized the proposal with two documents: 1) a map showing the territory each neighboring district would receive if dissolution occurs, and 2) the

assets and liabilities distribution plan. Per Iowa Code Section 275.53, the Board of Directors of the neighboring districts must react to the preliminary proposal within ten days of receipt and respond in writing to Mr. Hilker, Superintendent of New Market Community School District. The Dissolution Commission will consider any objections received from affected districts and could modify the proposal. After the Dissolution Commission finalizes its proposal, it will file the dissolution plan with the Board of Directors of the New Market Community School District and the matter will be set for public hearing.

Board members reviewed the two documents and discussed the proposed boundary lines and the possible responsibility of selling, transferring, or demolishing the New Market School buildings. Following a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to draft a letter to the Dissolution Commission stating the Clarinda Community School District Board of Directors are in agreement with the preliminary dissolution proposal.

#### **Board Correspondence**

Fulk: The first meeting of the executive committee of the Clarinda Schools Foundation Cardinal Fund was held July 5<sup>th</sup>. John Woolson from the Clarinda Foundation was at the meeting to explain the different types of deposits and disbursements available. The next meeting will be held July 26<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Scherf, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. The Board approved the motion on a 4-0 vote.

Cindy L. VanFosson  
Board Secretary