

**August 13, 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, August 13, 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 Fulk, seconded by Scherf, to approve the agenda, with the addition of item G, Approve Resignation. Motion carried 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

Mr. Honnold, Superintendent, reported:

1. New teachers will report to the Central Office this Thursday, August 16th. They will have lunch with the Board of Directors at noon and then work with their Principals in the afternoon.
2. The first day back to school for the remainder of the teaching staff is Friday, August 17th. On Monday, August 20th, the Board of Directors will sponsor lunch for the entire staff. They will also recognize staff members for 5, 10, 20, and 30 years of service to the district.

Consent Items

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

- A. Minutes of the July 9th, 2007, meeting.
- B. Bills in the amounts of:

General Fund	\$57,173.82
Activity Fund	\$11,492.90
Management Fund	\$115,651.00
Nutrition Fund	\$843.00
Trust & Agency Fund	\$548.20
- C. July 31, 2007, Financial Statements, Activity Fund report, Hot Lunch report, and open enrollment application(s).

Board member Turner informed she 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 consider at this time.

New Business

Review Request for Preschool Transportation

Rita Gilmore, member of the Grandma's House Daycare Board, was at the meeting to ask the Board of Directors to consider providing transportation for preschoolers from Grandma's House Daycare to Noah's Ark Preschool and the Clarinda Community Preschool. Several options were discussed, including using the small bus or using one or two of the district suburbans. The current schedule for the small bus does not allow the time it would take to transport the daycare students to preschool and back. Therefore, the additional time needed would require the district to hire a driver and use an alternate vehicle for that purpose. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that although the district would like to assist Grandma's House in getting daycare children to preschool, we currently do not have the necessary time or driver.

Approve Bus Routes

A motion was made by Scherf, seconded by Watkins, to approve the bus routes for the 2007-2008 school year. Maps of miles covered by each of the six regular routes were reviewed. A tentative list of students riding each route was also distributed. A bus driver meeting will be held on Friday, August 17th, and drivers will further clarify the lists. Prior to the first day of school, the drivers will call each family on their list, introducing themselves and letting them know what time the students will be picked up and dropped off. In addition to the rural routes, each bus driver will be responsible for shuttling students to in-town drop-offs. Following a review of the routes, the motion to approve the bus routes for the 2007-2008 school year was approved on a 5-0 vote.

Approve Band Trip

Shannon Touney, high school instrumental music instructor, attended the meeting to present information on a trip planned for high school band students in March. The band plans a trip once every four years to provide students with the opportunity to perform at a major arena or event. The band parents' organization and the students themselves are responsible for the entire cost of the trip. Music Travel Consultants has provided the itinerary, cost estimate, and will provide liability insurance. Departure would be March 12th at 9:00 p.m., with destinations of Memphis and Nashville, Tennessee. An escort from the company would travel with the group the entire trip. The band is tentatively scheduled to perform on Friday, March 14th at the Grand Ole Opry as guests arrive and again on Saturday, March 15th at RCA Studio B, where they will receive recordings of their performance. Other stops are planned at Graceland, the Rock 'N' Soul Museum, The National Civil Rights Museum, and the Country Music Hall of Fame. Following the presentation by Ms. Touney, a motion was made by Turner, seconded by Fulk, to approve the band trip to Memphis and Nashville, Tennessee. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Approve Textbook Purchase

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Fulk, to approve the English 9 Literature textbook as presented. It has been a regular practice of the district to approve and purchase all textbooks in the spring of the year, however with the retirement of Patsy Martin as 9th grade English instructor, a set of literature textbooks was not considered this past spring. The new instructor, Carleen Perry, used the "Language of Literature" textbook while student teaching and would like to add it to her classroom curriculum. Following discussion of text, the motion carried on a 5-0 vote of the Board.

Approve Contract(s)

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Watkins, to approve the contract with Dianna McClarnon to serve as a special education paraprofessional. Mrs. McClarnon will be working one-on-one with a special education student at the middle school level. The motion to approve the contract carried on a 5-0 vote.

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Scherf, to approve the contract with Pete Stansbury to serve as middle school assistant football coach. The motion to approve the contract carried on a 5-0 vote.

Approve Activity Budget for 2007-2008

A motion was made by Scherf, seconded by Fulk, to approve the activity budget for 2007-2008. Budgets developed for athletic accounts and a few other student activity accounts allow supervisors to more closely monitor on-going costs versus one-time expenses. The budgets do not include the cost of safety equipment, such as helmets, shoulder pads, and kneepads, or the cost of transportation to out-of-district events, as those items are provided through the general operating fund. The district has been fortunate over the past few years that gate receipts and the sale of activity tickets generate the funds needed to cover these budgets. Following a review of the 2007-2008 budgets for several student activity and athletic accounts, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the motion.

Approve Resignation

A motion was made by Scherf, seconded by Turner, to approve the resignation from Jon Parrott as school bus driver. Mr. Parrott began employment with the Clarinda District in October 1972, as a custodian. Most recently, he drove the small bus, transporting special needs students to school and home, and also high school students who participated in the work experience program. Following discussion of the many years Jon gave to the district, the motion passed on a 5-0 vote of the Board.

Board Correspondence

Watkins: During our class reunion this past Saturday, we toured the high school where several teachers and Craig Hill were working to get ready for the new school year. The dedication shown by our staff is a great source of pride for the district.

Scherf: The maintenance crew has our facilities looking great. They work very hard over the summer and their efforts do not go unnoticed.

Fulk: Pam Herzberg has agreed to serve on the Cardinal Funds Committee. We will be meeting in the near future.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Turner, to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. The motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

Cindy L. VanFosson
Board Secretary