

**October 22, 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, October 22, 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 Watkins, to approve the agenda. The motion was approved 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. Ruffing, High School Principal, reported:

1. After qualifying at the district soil judging competition in Council Bluffs on October 4<sup>th</sup>, the Brokaw FFA team of Levi Sunderman, Kody Sump, Shadoe Steeve, and Ethan Woldruff finished 2<sup>nd</sup> at the state competition in Ames. The 2<sup>nd</sup> place state finish qualifies them to compete in the national competition in May of 2008.
2. Eight high school instrumental music students auditioned on October 20<sup>th</sup> for All-State. Four students, Katie Aldrich, Kory Aldrich, Erin DeBolt, and Ryan Linke qualified. Erin has qualified each of her four years of high school.
3. Second round district volleyball has CHS vs. Shenandoah Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.
4. Cardinal Theatre will present its fall production, "Leading Ladies," November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the high school auditorium.
5. High school and middle school science teachers are currently working toward making our science curriculum parallel to the state's Model Core Curriculum.
6. Mr. Seela and Mr. Price have completed a process, "Seamless Curriculum," that involves high schools, community colleges, and four year colleges working together to identify key concepts students should be competent in prior to attendance in a post-secondary institution.

Superintendent Honnold reported:

1. The district web site continues to have information added. Suzi Stanton, Julie Fast, Angie Dow, and Jennifer Graham are working to keep the site updated.
2. The annual convention of the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) will be held in Des Moines November 14<sup>th</sup> –16<sup>th</sup>. Please consider attending and let us know so we can register.
3. Lawn World plans to sod the north bank at the middle school and install an additional line for the sprinkler at the football field as soon as the weather cooperates.
4. The engineer hired to assist us with the high school boiler project will be in the district on Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> to meet with Mr. Hill and myself concerning the dates for the open hearing and notice of bid letting.
5. The Community School Improvement Advisory Committee will meet Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup> in the boardroom.
6. New Market district residents will vote November 20<sup>th</sup> on the Dissolution Proposal prepared by the Dissolution Committee and approved by the New Market Board of Directors on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business**

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

**New Business****Presentation from High School Aerobics Class**

One section of aerobics was added at the high school this fall as an alternative to traditional physical education. Instructor for the first trimester is Simat Whipp. Mrs. Whipp, along with three students, Jenny Geer, Cassie McNees, and Stephanie Reiter, were at the meeting to provide insight into how the class encourages fitness, health, and wellness. The course will be offered the second trimester with Mr. Porter as the instructor.

**Approve Special Education Contracts**

A motion was made by Scherf, seconded by Turner, to approve the contracts with Albia, Davenport, Des Moines Independent, College, Fairfield, Griswold, Harmony, and Northwood Kensett Community School Districts for special education students being served at the Clarinda Academy. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Fulk, to approve the contracts with Riverside, Shenandoah, and Creston Community School Districts for educational services provided to Clarinda resident special education students. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

**Approve Early Retirement Option for 2007-2008**

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Scherf, to approve offering the early retirement option for qualified certified, classified, and administrative staff for the 2007-2008 school year. 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Participation in the Iowa Drug and Alcohol Testing Program for 2008**

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Turner, to approve participation in the Iowa Drug and Alcohol testing program for 2008. The school district is required by federal law to participate in an approved drug and alcohol testing program each calendar year. The Iowa Drug and Alcohol Testing Program is sponsored by the Iowa Association of School Boards. The program was created in an effort to help schools reduce their cost of complying with the federal mandate. The cost to the district is \$45 per bus driver each year and an additional \$50 administrative fee annually. Following discussion of the district's participation in the program, the motion passed on a 5-0 vote of the board.

**Correspondence From Board Members**

Board members had no correspondence to report.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Fulk, to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. The motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Cindy L. VanFosson  
Board Secretary