

**March 24, 2014
Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
Clarinda Community School District**

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Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Clarinda Community School District met in regular session on Monday, March 24, 2014, 5:00 p.m., at the Board Room located in the McKinley Building, 423 East Nodaway St., Clarinda, IA 51632.

Call to Order

President Fine called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The following board members were present: President Fine, Vice President Sunderman, McComb, and Turner. Watkins arrived at 5:13 pm.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Sunderman, seconded by Turner, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

Audience to Visitors

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

Administrative Reports

Miss Nook, High School Principal, reported:

1. Sophomores are traveling to NWMSU tomorrow for career day.

2. The Spring play, The Three Muskateers, will be presented this Friday and Saturday evenings.
3. Parent-teacher conferences will be held April 9th.
4. High school students will enjoy a “movie night” on April 4th.

Mr. McNeal, Middle School Principal, reported:

1. Eight middle school students travelled to Omaha to attend the Regional History Bee competition. The students qualified for this individual competition by being the top CMS scorers on the intramural competition and then taking an on-line test to qualify for regionals. Three of the students, Cade Solivan, Isabel Solivan, and Storm Howard qualified for the National Competition to be held in conjunction with the National History Bowl in Atlanta, Georgia, June 6-8. Cade reached the maximum points in all three rounds.
2. National History Day was held Saturday, March 22. Two Clarinda Middle School teams advanced to the state competition in DesMoines, to be held on May 5th. Those advancing are: Kylie Shackelford, Riley Holmstrom, Lauren Tunnicliff, Aya Hamanaka and Cooper Randolph.
3. Elementary and middle school students will be completing Iowa Assessments this week.
4. Middle school track practice began today.

Superintendent Honnold reported:

1. The estimate to repair Bus #4, following the March 10th accident, was a little over \$4,600. It was taken to Des Moines last Thursday for repair and could be back in operation within 6 weeks.
2. Bus #10 hit a deer early last Friday, but is drivable.

Open Hearing on 2014-2015 Early Start Calendar

At 5:11 p.m. President Fine declared the start of the open hearing on the 2014-2015 Early Start Calendar. Hearing no verbal and receiving no written objections to the 2014-2015 Early Start Calendar, President Fine closed the hearing at 5:12 p.m.

Old Business

Board members had no old business to consider.

New Business

Presentation on Middle School Art Program

Mr. Roate, middle school art instructor, was at the meeting to explain how the 8th grade students are enjoying project- based learning in his classroom. He shared several examples of digital photography projects.

Approve Early Start Calendar

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by McComb, to approve the 2014-2015 early start calendar. The calendar is similar to the current year, with the first student day scheduled for August 19th. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Technology Purchases

Dan DeGroot, technology coordinator, reviewed the technology purchase plan. Devices to be purchased this spring include 55 computers, 8 projectors, and 120 Chromebooks for student use. The Chromebooks will be placed in the middle school and high school and technology personnel will be moving most of the I pads from those buildings to the elementary. Superintendent Honnold reminded board members most of the technology equipment may be purchased using funds collected from the one cent state-wide sales tax the district receives. Following the presentation and review of the estimated cost of over \$120,000, a motion was made by Sunderman, seconded by McComb, to approve the technology purchases for 2014-2015. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Resignation(s)

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Turner, to approve the resignation from Holly Sunquist as elementary paraprofessional. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by McComb, to approve the resignation from Deb Mellencamp as elementary teacher effective the end of the 2013-2014 school year. Mrs. Mellencamp is completing her 31st year in the Clarinda District and board members wished her well. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Sunderman, seconded by Turner, to approve the resignation from Mindy Prather as middle school girls' basketball and middle school girls' track coach for the 2014-2015 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Sunderman, to approve the resignation from Matt Bird as head girls' basketball coach for the 2014-2015 season, pending a suitable replacement can be found. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by McComb, to approve the resignation from Jeff Wichman as custodian. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Contract(s)

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Watkins, to approve the contract with Jessica Engstrand to serve as elementary secretary. Ms. Engstrand replaces Angie Dow, who resigned for other employment. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Sunderman, to approve the contract with Shala Davidson to serve as assistant softball coach for the summer of 2014. Motion carried 5-0.

Review Proposed 2015 Fiscal Year Budget

Set Open Hearing for 2015 Fiscal Year Budget

Superintendent Honnold provided a PowerPoint presentation on how the 2014-2015 budget will be calculated. The district budget is affected by such variables as state dictated per pupil cost, student enrollment, and property tax valuations. An open hearing will be held to allow residents the opportunity to voice their opinion on the proposed budget. The Legislature set a growth rate of 4% for fiscal year 2015, so the district will be receiving 4% more per pupil next year. The proposed levy rate is \$10.53 per \$1000 assessed valuation. The proposed budget will be published in the April 3rd edition of the Clarinda Herald Journal.

Following discussion on next year's proposed property tax levy and budget, a motion was made by McComb, seconded by Turner, to set April 14, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. in the McKinley Central Office Board Room as the date, time, and place for the open hearing on the 2015 fiscal year budget. Motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence

Fine: 1) The presentation on the middle school art program was very interesting. It's nice to see how our students are using their creative talents. 2) The district is fortunate to have the availability of the state-wide penny to maintain the technology purchases like we have. It is definitely a technology world and I think we work hard to give our students opportunities to use various devices and technologies.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by McComb, to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Cindy L. VanFosson
Board Secretary