

**January 17, 2011  
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, January 17, 2011, 7:00 p.m., at the Board Room located in the McKinley Building, 423 East Nodaway, Clarinda, IA 51632.

**Call to Order**

President Turner called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

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

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Audience to Visitors**

President Turner welcomed all visitors to the meeting. Julie McAndrews was present and addressed the Board, thanking them for hiring paraprofessionals to help in the three kindergarten classrooms, due to the large number of students. She also asked them to consider additional help next year if large numbers persist.

**Administrative Reports**

Mrs. Nordland, Elementary Principal, reported:

1. The Smart Board provided by Hy-Vee will be installed in Lori Wiebesiek's kindergarten classroom.

Superintendent Honnold reported:

1. The three new paraprofessionals are: 1) Joy Strait, who will be working in Mrs. Jobe's classroom; 2) Jessica Perina, who will be working in Mrs. Wiebesiek's classroom; and 3) Misty Jago, who will be working in Ms. Blay's classroom.
2. Mrs. Almelien is receiving the Lee Nelson Young Band Director Award at tonight's Southwest Iowa Honor Band concert in Red Oak. The SWI Band Association established the award in 2009 to recognize band instructors in their 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> year of teaching.
3. The after school tutoring program will begin this week using Decat and SINA funding.

**Consent Items**

A motion was made by Rarick, seconded by Fine, to approve the following consent items:

- A. Minutes of the December 13, 2010, meeting.
- B. Bills in the amounts of:

General Fund	\$198,596.00
Activity Fund	\$20,078.15
Nutrition Fund	\$19,854.45
Trust & Agency Fund	\$150.00
- C. December 31, 2010 Financial Statements, Activity Fund report, Hot Lunch report, and open enrollment application(s).

Rarick audited the bills, found them in order, and recommended payment. Motion carried 4-0.

**Old Business**

**Approve Second and Final Reading of Board Policy Updates**

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by Watkins, to approve the second and final reading of board policy updates. The review committee of Scott McComb, Beth Rarick, Superintendent Honnold and Board Secretary VanFosson reviewed Sections 100 School District, 200 Board of Directors, 700 Non Instructional Operations, 800 Buildings and Sites, and 900 School and Community Relations. The recommendations of the review committee were brought to the board on December 13, 2010, for the first reading. The motion was approved on a 4-0 vote.

**Approve Maintenance and Transportation Improvements**

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by Rarick to approve the maintenance projects for the summer of 2011, as presented. The list is as follows:

1) Update fire alarm battery backup at high school, 2) install door holders on several doors, 3) new smoke detectors in various locations and pull station at high school, 4) replace 4 gym doors at high school, 5) create independent heating zone for Garfield gym, 6) replace old water lines at Garfield, 7) replace carpet in K-8 library, 8) sidewalk repair/replacement at high school, 9) repair stage floor, 10) new lights in girls locker room, 11) lighting, sidewalks, and drive for new gravel parking lot, and 12) assist city with baseball field scoreboard repair. Estimated cost for all maintenance projects is \$97,000. Physical Plant and Equipment funds and/or sales tax funds will be utilized to make these repairs and improvements. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Rarick, to approve obtaining bids to replace the lunch van and school bus. Motion carried 4-0.

**New Business****Approve Driver's Education Fee for Summer 2011**

A motion was made by Rarick, seconded by Fine, to approve setting the driver's education fee at \$275 for the 2011 summer program. This will increase the current fee of \$250 by \$25, moving closer to the actual cost of providing the program. Motion carried 4-0.

**Approve Early Retirement Resignation and Application**

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by Watkins, to approve the resignation and early retirement application from Steve Shilhanek effective the end of the current school year. Mr. Shilhanek began teaching in the Clarinda District in 1976, having served 35 years. Board members expressed their gratitude for Mr. Shilhanek's dedication to our district students. Motion carried 4-0.

**Approve Unpaid Leave Request**

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Rarick, to approve the unpaid leave request from Becky Dirksen due to this being a one-time event. Watkins stated he valued having our teachers in the classroom. Turner stated no time away from the job is completely unpaid since benefits do not stop, but she believed all situations are different. Following discussion on this item, a motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Fine, to table the request until next meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

**Approve Special Education Contracts**

A motion was made by Rarick, seconded by Fine, to approve the contract with Red Oak Community School District for a special education student being served in the Clarinda District. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Rarick, to approve contracts with Carroll, New London, and Shenandoah Community School Districts for special education students being served at the Clarinda Academy. Motion carried 4-0.

**Correspondence From Board Members**

Rarick: Congratulations to Shannon Almelien for her award and recognition this evening.

Turner: Thank you to Hy-Vee for administering the Smiles for Education Program. It's nice of a corporation to show their support of local education.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Fine, to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote and the meeting was adjourned.

Cindy L. VanFosson  
Board Secretary