

**March 28, 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, March 28, 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, McComb, Rarick, and Watkins.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Rarick, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Audience to Visitors

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

Administrative Reports

Mr. McNeal, Middle School Principal, reported:

1. Austin Smith and Jared DeVoe will be advancing to the State of Iowa Competition of the National History Day Program.
2. Middle School students are taking Iowa Tests of Basic Skills this week.

Mrs. Nordland, Elementary Principal, reported:

1. Garfield Elementary will be completing Iowa Tests of Basic Skills the next several days.
2. During the last McTeacher Night at McDonald's on March 8th, Garfield teachers earned \$295 from the local McDonald's.

Superintendent Honnold reported:

1. The 2011 Iowa Legislative Session is moving slowly, with Legislators already late in determining the allowable growth for 2011-2012. No budget bills have been passed by both chambers so far, and the Democrat-led Senate and Republican-led House are still in sharp disagreement over numerous other issues.

Old Business

Board members had no old business to consider.

New Business

Approve Textbook Purchases for 2011-2012

Julie Karns, Dawn Sunderman, and Linda Vanden Bosch were at the meeting to give board members a summary of the social studies textbooks selected for K-8 and why they were chosen. High school textbooks will be reviewed and approved at a future meeting. District textbook purchases follow a six-year cycle, coinciding with the curriculum writing process. Following presentations by the teachers, a motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Fine, to approve the K-8 social studies textbooks as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Resignation(s)

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Fine, to approve the resignation from Scott Stickler as middle school assistant wrestling coach for the 2011-2012 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by McComb, to approve the resignation from Kathy Knoll as elementary paraprofessional effective the end of the current school year. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Rarick, seconded by McComb, to approve the resignation from Melinda Norton as high school guidance counselor effective the end of the current school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Open Enrollment Request

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by McComb, to approve the open enrollment request for a South Page special education student. Communication with the AEA Special Education Administrator confirms the belief that the student would be better served in a program specifically designed to help address educational needs of the student. Following discussion, the motion was denied on a 0-5 vote.

Set Public Hearing for 2012 Fiscal Year Budget

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by McComb, to set April 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the McKinley Central Office board room as the date, time, and place for the public hearing on the proposed 2012 fiscal year budget. The proposed budget will be published in the March 31st edition of the Clarinda Herald Journal. The proposed property tax levy is \$13.20, a decrease of \$.85 from the current year, for a total of \$3,164,217 in property tax and utility replacement. The budget must be filed with the county auditor and the Department of Management by April 15, 2011. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Continuation of Athletic Sharing Agreement

A motion was made by Rarick, seconded by McComb, to approve the sharing agreements with Villisca and South Page Community School Districts to participate in our wrestling program for the 2011-2012 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Review 2010 Fiscal Year Audit

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Watkins, to approve the 2010 fiscal year audit. The audit of the financial records of the district as of June 30, 2010, was completed and statements prepared for filing with the state by Bruce Frink, CPA, of Clarion, Iowa. A copy of the audit report is available for review in the office of the Auditor of the State and the district secretary's office. Following review of the statements included in the report, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the motion.

Approve Classified and Administrative Salaries for 2011-2012

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by McComb, to approve a raise of 1.7% for all administrators and supervisors. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Rarick, to approve a \$.25 an hour raise and \$25 a month increase in insurance allotment for all hourly staff. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Fine, to adjust the technology assistant position to commensurate with Step Five on the certified salary schedule. Motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence From Board Members

Board members had no correspondence to report.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by Rarick, to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Cindy L. VanFosson
Board Secretary