

**October 11, 2010
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 11, 2010, 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, McComb, Rarick, and Watkins. Vice President Fine arrived at 7:12 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

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

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. Mid-term progress reports have been sent to parents.
2. Fall sports are winding down for our 7th-8th grade teams.

Superintendent Honnold reported:

1. Preliminary enrollment figures show a slight increase in the number of students in our classrooms. Certified enrollment, which is used to determine state funding, is being calculated and will be reported to the State of Iowa by October 15th. We will discuss those figures at our next meeting.

Consent Items

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by McComb, to approve the following consent items:

- A. Minutes of the September 13, 2010, and September 27, 2010, meetings.
- B. Bills in the amounts of:

General Fund	\$74,228.81
Activity Fund	\$28,441.15
Management Fund	\$141,876.46
Nutrition Fund	\$32,340.13
Physical Plant & Equip Fund	\$5,000.00
Trust & Agency Fund	\$1,325.99
- C. September 30, 2010 Financial Statements, Activity Fund report, Hot Lunch report, and open enrollment application(s).

Board member Watkins informed he had audited the bills and found them in order for payment. Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business

The board had no old business to consider.

New Business

Presentation on Skills Iowa Program

Anna Anderson, 5th/6th math and Kim Williams, 5th/6th reading, were at the meeting to demonstrate a web based program designed to supplement math, language arts, and reading curriculums. The program, Skills Iowa, was developed to give schools a tool to improve student skills through assessments, tutorials, and a drill and practice process. The Iowa Association of School Boards, in cooperation with the State of Iowa, is providing the program. It gives teachers immediate feedback on what students know and where they are lacking in

understanding. Teachers can use the information gained to guide instruction, as well as evaluate our curriculum to determine if we are meeting instructional standards and the Iowa Core Curriculum. Middle School teachers using this program include Anderson, Williams, Kim McNees, Tammy Norris, Susan Lauritsen, and Sherry Honnold.

Approve 2010-2011 Line Item Budget

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Rarick, to approve the line item budget for the 2010-2011 school year. Superintendent Honnold presented the line item budget for the general operating fund, highlighting specific areas of anticipated expenditures. The line item budget is used as a guide to predict categories of spending for the current school year. While contracted salaries are known expenses, a majority of the remaining expenses for the year can only be predicted based on historical information of past years. Following discussion of specific budget items and flow-thru funds to the Clarinda Academy, the motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Approve First Trimester Graduation List

A motion was made by Rarick, seconded by McComb, to approve the first trimester early graduation list pending successful completion of the graduation requirements as set forth by the Clarinda Board of Education. Iowa Districts must allow early graduation providing students have successfully completed the requirements. Students who plan to have completed all their requirements by the end of the trimester are:

Brandon French	Grace Moss	Tanner Summers	Selena Ribbey
Trent Hayden	Amber Sederburg	Jeffrey Hoyt	

Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Special Education Contracts

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by McComb, to approve contracts for Clarinda resident special education students being served in the Stanton and Bedford Community School Districts. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Rarick, to approve the contracts with Ames, Ballard, Des Moines Independent, and Sidney Community School Districts for special education students being served at the Clarinda Academy. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve K-8 Parking Site Development

Maintenance supervisor Craig Hill reviewed plans to develop the half-acre parcel of land being purchased from Dollar General along Glenn Miller Blvd, west of the Middle School. Stickler's Inc. and Crain Construction Inc. submitted bid proposals to prepare the plot for parking. Both bids included tree removal, grading, drainage pipe, concrete approach, rock, and a sidewalk to the building. Bids were as follows:

Crain Construction Inc:	\$35,150.00
Stickler's Inc:	\$29,285.00

Following discussion, a motion was made by Fine, seconded by McComb, to approve the bid from Stickler's Inc. for the K-8 parking site development for the property purchased from Dollar General at a cost of \$29,285.

Motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence From Board Members

Rarick: I would like to commend Ms. Anderson and Mrs. Williams for their presentation this evening.

Turner: Thank you to Ms. Anderson and Mrs. Williams for showing us the Skills Iowa program. It's great to see our teachers utilizing the free program to benefit both the students and the staff.

Adjournment

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Watkins, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote and the meeting was adjourned.

Cindy L. VanFosson
Board Secretary