

**October 25, 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 25, 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, Vice President Fine, McComb, and Watkins. Rarick arrived at 7:12 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by McComb, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 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

Mrs. Nordland, elementary principal, reported:

1. Four elementary teachers completing additional training in math will be receiving document cameras for their classrooms soon.
2. On Friday, October 29th elementary students will parade in their Halloween costumes at 1:30 p.m. prior to their classroom parties.
3. The Clarinda PTA will be sponsoring a book fair November 4-11. Parents will have the opportunity to shop for books while at the building for Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Superintendent Honnold reported:

1. We are considering the addition of a paraprofessional in the kindergarten classrooms a few hours a day.
2. Sticker's are ready to begin tree removal on the land being purchased from Dollar General. We're just waiting on the final paperwork to be completed and filed.

Old Business

Board members had no old business to consider.

New Business

Approve Certified Annual Report

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by McComb, to approve the certified annual report for fiscal year 2010. Board Secretary Cindy VanFosson reviewed the report of the district's financial health as of June 30, 2010. Revenues in the general operating fund for the fiscal year totaled \$9,620,854, while expenditures totaled \$9,812,120. The general operating fund balance (cash balance) dropped \$191,266 from fiscal year 2009. The district was under funded by the state approximately \$478,000 in fiscal year 2010 and will be under funded at least \$301,000 by the state in fiscal year 2011. While the district was fortunate to be in a strong financial position before the economic downturn, monthly payrolls over \$500,000 can erode a cash balance quickly. Board members have been proactive by reducing staff when a resignation creates the opportunity to review current assignments and make changes. The entire staff has helped by looking for ways to reduce spending without compromising the instruction of the students. Following the review, the motion to approve the certified annual report for fiscal year 2010 carried on a 4-0 vote.

Receive Student Enrollment Report

Certified Enrollment is an annual report of enrolled resident students used for the Iowa School Finance Formula calculation. The certified enrollment count is taken on the first day of October every year, or the following Monday if

the first falls on a weekend. Beginning the fall of 2009 certified enrollment is completed via a secure website by uploading the district's student database. Superintendent Honnold reviewed several reports of enrollment with the board. The certified enrollment count, 954.1, includes all Clarinda resident students regardless where they attend school and will be used to calculate state aid for the 2010-2011 school year. The actual number of students in classrooms in the district is 957. That number includes open enrolled in or tuition in students, but does not count Clarinda resident students open enrolled or tuitioned out. Actual enrollment last fall was 953.

Approve Special Education Contracts

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by McComb, to approve the contracts with Villisca, South Tama, Red Oak, MOC/Floyd Valley, Denison, and Atlantic Community School Districts for special education students served at the Clarinda Academy. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Rarick, to approve the contract with Shenandoah Community School District to provide special education services for a Clarinda resident special education student. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Early Retirement Option

A motion was made by Rarick, seconded by Fine, to approve the early retirement option for certified, classified, and administrative staff for the 2010-2011 school year. Each year prior to November 1st, the board must determine whether or not to offer the early retirement option to eligible staff members. 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 15th 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, with the payment made to the retiree in September following their retirement. 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. Funds are paid from the Management Fund and do not affect the General Operating Fund. Board member McComb stated his change in opinion on the early retirement option, saying he does not see the value of the benefit for the district when the majority of retiring staff either moves on to other employment or would have retired even if the benefit weren't offered. Following discussion of the policy, the motion passed 4-1. Nay: McComb.

Correspondence From Board Members

Fine: 1)Congratulations to the volleyball team for their H-10 championship and good luck to them in post-season. 2)The Middle School football teams did a good job this fall. 3)Congratulations to the high school football team for winning the Page County Superbowl.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by McComb, to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Cindy L. VanFosson
Board Secretary