

November 8, 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, November 8, 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, Rarick, and Watkins.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Rarick, to approve the agenda. The motion was approved 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

Mrs. Nordland, Elementary Principal, reported:

1. Parent-teacher conferences are Friday morning, November 12th and Monday afternoon/evening, November 15th.
2. The PTA will hold the annual book fair this week, continuing to Monday during conferences to give parents the opportunity to stop and shop.
3. We will begin interviews for a part-time paraprofessional for the kindergarten soon. This is will be a 3-hour position.

Superintendent Honnold reported:

1. There will be a send-off for the state bound volleyball team at 8:00 a.m., Thursday, November 11th at the high school. A spectator bus is available for \$20, which includes the gate admission. The Lady Cards will play at 6:00 p.m. at the US Cellular Center in Cedar Rapids.
2. The second trimester will begin Monday, November 15th.

Consent Items

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

- A. Minutes of the October 6, 2010, October 11, 2010, and October 25, 2010, meetings.
- B. Bills in the amounts of:

General Fund	\$176,437.61
Activity Fund	\$16,126.21
Management Fund	\$16,371.00
Nutrition Fund	\$29,246.79
Capital Projects Fund	\$1,717.50

- C. October 31, 2010 Financial Statements, Activity Fund report, Hot Lunch report, and open enrollment application(s).

Board member Rarick informed she 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

Receive At Risk Program Report

Mrs. Boysen, Special Programs Director, Cindy Aldrich, Middle School Counselor, and Jennifer Peters, school nurse, were at the meeting and reviewed the At Risk Program. The purpose of the program is to identify and serve the needs of students identified as potential drop out candidates. The grant application for funding for the 2011-2012 school year will be due in December. We fund full or partial salaries for Mrs. Boysen, the school nurse, the counselors, and the ELL instructor. At Risk issues impact student learning, success at school, and graduation. Issues include such things as attendance, poverty, family structure, and health conditions.

Receive Report on Special Education Student Enrollment

Superintendent Honnold reviewed results of the official special education count. This complete count of special education students in the district is compiled each year. The official count determines the special education funding for the 2011-2012 school year. Special education funding is based on the weighted count of resident special education students. The greater the need of the student, the higher the weighted count. The total weighted count for next year's funding is 95.58. The district has a total of 96 students in our special education program, making up 10.5% of our student population. A historical trend line shows the percentage has remained fairly stable for several years. This year eight of our resident special education students are being served outside the district, meaning we will pay another school district or other facility for providing educational services for those students. Ten special education students from other districts are being served in our classrooms.

Approve Special Education Contracts

A motion was made McComb, seconded by Rarick, to approve contracts Ankeny, Red Oak, and Waterloo Community School Districts for special education students being served at the Clarinda Academy. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by Watkins to approve the contract with Glenwood Community School District for a Clarinda resident special education student who is being served in a residential facility in Glenwood. Motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence From Board Members

Rarick: Congratulations to the cast and crew of the fall production, "Leaving Iowa." It was well done and brought back many memories of family vacations as I was growing up.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by McComb, to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote and the meeting was adjourned.

Cindy L. VanFosson
Board Secretary