

**February 9, 2009
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, February 9, 2009, 7:00 p.m., at the Board Room located in the McKinley Building, 423 East Nodaway, Clarinda, IA 51632.

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

The following board members were present: President Watkins, Vice President Turner, Fine, Fulk, and McComb.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Fulk, to approve the agenda. The motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

Audience to Visitors

President Watkins welcomed all visitors to the meeting. Kim Watson was at the meeting and shared progress on the demolition of the New Market building. He had several pictures showing various stages of the demolition. At this time he anticipates finishing the project on schedule.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Honnold, Superintendent, reported:

1. We will be asking parents to complete an online survey in the near future to gain their perspective on several areas of our school. Categories include curriculum, school environment, teachers, school leadership, and homework.
2. We have begun advertising for our high school principal position for 2009-2010.

Mr. Schieffer, Activities Director, reported:

1. Seven wrestlers qualified at the sectional tournament last Saturday to compete in the district contest this Saturday, February 14th in Atlantic.
2. We will host the girls' regional basketball tournament this Saturday, competing against Red Oak.
3. The boys' basketball team will begin post season play on Monday, February 16th.
4. Four groups participated at the Large Group Speech Contest in Des Moines last Saturday. All received I ratings and three of the four were named outstanding performances. The One Act Play was selected to perform at the All-State Large Group Festival in Ames on February 21st.

Mr. Ruffing, High School Principal, reported:

1. National Honor Society new member induction will be held February 26, 2009.
2. Matt Hansen has been notified he is a finalist for the National Merit Scholarship. The Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. High school students enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test ([PSAT/NMSQT[®]](#))—a test that serves as an initial screen of approximately 1.5 million entrants each year—and by meeting published program entry/participation requirements.

Consent Items

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Turner, to approve the following consent items:

- A. Minutes of the January 19, 2009, meeting.
- B. Bills in the amounts of:

General Fund	\$227,281.35
Activity Fund	\$9,690.93
Nutrition Fund	\$29,816.95
New Market Trust	\$82,614.55
- C. January 31, 2009, Financial Statements, Activity Fund report, Hot Lunch report, and open enrollment application(s).

McComb informed he had audited the bills and found them in order for payment. The motion to approve the consent items was unanimously approved by the Board.

Old Business

There was no old business for the board to discuss at this time.

New Business

Update on District Professional Development Program

Ken Balster, high school instructor, provided a power point presentation updating board members on the teachers' professional development program. Mr. Balster explained four questions are used to evaluate what is being taught in our classrooms and how well our students are learning.

1. What is it we want students to learn?
2. How do we know if each student has learned it?
3. How do we enrich and extend learning?
4. How do we respond when some students do not learn?

Small groups of teachers called Professional Learning Communities are used to maintain dialogue and improve instruction. They meet periodically to build upon their shared knowledge with a commitment to learning for each student. They continually assess student achievement and search for better ways to enhance learning.

Discussion on 2009-2010 Early Start Calendar

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Fulk, to set Monday, February 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the McKinley Board Room as the date, time, and place for the open public hearing on the early start calendar. By Iowa law, school districts cannot start prior to the Monday in which September 1st falls without a request for an early start waiver. For 2009-2010 that means school could not start prior to August 31st without the waiver. Following discussion on the proposed calendar for next school year, the motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Approve Second Trimester Early Graduates

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by McComb, to approve the second trimester early graduation list pending successful completion of the graduation requirements as set forth by the Clarinda Community School District Board of Education. Students who qualify as early graduates provided they pass all their classes this trimester are:

Danielle Bammer	Amber Glick	Jordon Kirsch	Blake Poore
Cassie Clark	Rachel Hoyt	Dustin Morrison	Caleb Sunderman
Taylor Dow	Seth Hudson	Taylor Mulkins	Dustin Woodsmall

Following discussion, the motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Approve Sunday Practice Request

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Turner, to approve the Sunday voluntary practice request prior to the district basketball tournament. The boys' basketball team has their first round basketball tournament game on Monday, February 16, 2009. The request is for a voluntary practice on Sunday, February 15, 2009. The motion passed on a 3-2 vote. Ayes: Fine, McComb, Turner. Nays: Fulk, Watkins

Approve 28E Agreement with the Clarinda Youth Corporation

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by McComb, to approve the 28E Agreement with the Clarinda Youth Corporation. The contract extends the agreement for the Clarinda Community School District to provide educational supervision for students attending the Clarinda Academy to June 30, 2012. The Clarinda Youth Corporation Board of Directors will review the agreement and vote on the extension at their next scheduled meeting. A copy of the entire agreement is available in the Superintendent's Office for review. Following a short discussion of the rights and responsibilities of the Clarinda School District under the agreement, the motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Approve Special Education Contracts

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Turner, to approve the special education contracts with Council Bluffs Community School District for special education students being served in the Clarinda District. The motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by McComb, to approve the contracts with Atlantic and Red Oak Community School Districts for special education students being served at the Clarinda Academy. The motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

Correspondence from Board Members

Board members had no correspondence to report at this time.

Adjournment

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Fine, to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. The motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Cindy L. VanFosson
Board Secretary