

**April 27, 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, April 27, 2009, 7:00 p.m., at the Board Room located in the McKinley Building, 423 East Nodaway, Clarinda, IA 51632.

**Call to Order**

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

**Roll Call**

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

**Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by Fulk, to approve the revised agenda, adding item 7D, Approve Resignation(s). The motion was approved 3-0.

**Audience to Visitors**

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

**Administrative Reports**

Mrs. Nordland, Middle School Principal, reported:

1. Page County State Bank personnel visited 7<sup>th</sup> grade math classes last Tuesday, working with students on calculating interest due on long-term loans. It gave the students a chance to see how much extra they pay when they borrow money to make purchases.
2. The Middle School All-School Party was held Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> after school.
3. CMS students will attend a "Think Again" Assembly on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The program highlights careful driving practices, particularly wearing a seatbelt.
4. Middle School spring concerts will be held May 4<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup>.
5. Fifth grade students will participate in "Marsville" on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Schieffer, Activities Director, reported:

1. Cardinal and Lady Cardinal Relays were a success thanks to the tremendous help we receive from our volunteers.
2. The High School spring concert and art show are being held this evening.
3. Prom will be held this Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Superintendent Honnold reported:

1. We are looking at options for drainage from one of the roof drains during the replacement of the front sidewalk at the high school.
2. We are starting to receive instructions on the use of the Federal Stimulus dollars. The money will not be used to replace the 1.5% state aid we had reduced earlier this year.
3. The Legislature adjourned early Sunday morning. One of the decisions made during the last days was to not fund Phase I dollars in 2009-2010. The goal of Phase I funding has been to incorporate sufficient annual compensation to attract quality teachers to Iowa's public school system. Beginning in 1998, Phase I funding was calculated as the difference between the minimum annual salary of \$23,000 (at that time) and the wage of the beginning teacher in each school district. School districts have received this funding since 1999.

**Old Business**

The Board had no old business to consider.

## **New Business**

### **Receive Technology Committee Report**

#### **Approve Technology Purchases for 2009**

Mr. Schieffer, administrator in charge of technology, and Mr. DeGroot, the district's technology coordinator, presented a progress report on technology goals for 2008-2009 and also provided information on technology goals and action plans for 2009-2010. Goals, established by a technology committee, are divided into five areas: Community, Policy, Technology Resources, 21<sup>st</sup> Century School, and Curriculum. One of the major goals during 2008-2009 has been to continue moving toward the 21<sup>st</sup> Century School concept. In a 21st-century learning environment, all students are able to learn. Project-based learning allows students to acquire 21st-century skills in the context of real-world scenarios, and the integration of video and other media to support instruction links students with outside resources and enables teachers to address many learning styles at once. In fact, the 21st-century learning environment doesn't just wait for teachable moments; it literally creates them at will. Following presentation of the goals of the technology committee, Mr. DeGroot summarized the equipment purchases put before the Board for their approval. Among items being requested are hardware to allow wireless access in all district buildings, a server and 2 switches, 5 Smartboards, 8 projectors, 19 desktop and/or laptop computers for teacher use, 2 document cameras, 34 laptops for student use, 20 Audio books, 2 printers, 5 digital cameras, and 2 scanners. Approximate cost of all purchases is \$99,805. Five thousand dollars of the total will be funded from the Hy-Vee "Smiles for Education" award the District received last fall. The technology committee for 2009 included:

Mr. Schieffer	Trulla Pullen	Larry Price	Susan Anderson
Dan DeGroot	Chris Campbell	Jayne Davidson	Pat Davison
Suzi Stanton	Kim Williams	Ruth Falk	
Alisha Jobe	James Hash	Jennifer McCall	

Discussion was held on security issues when allowing wireless access and the capabilities of our current copper wire connection between buildings. Following discussion, a motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Fine to approve the technology purchases as presented. The motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

### **Report of Hawkeye 10 Conference Discussions**

Mr. Schieffer, Activities Director, updated Board members on the conversations of the Hawkeye 10 Athletic Directors in regards to size disparity, level of competition, travel, possible future consolidations, and financial concerns. The Athletic Directors continue to discuss possible solutions and create action plans.

### **Approve Student Handbooks**

The Board of Directors reviewed the middle school and high school student handbooks for 2009-2010. One change was made in the middle school handbook from the current year. "Guidelines for Student Success" has been added to the front of the handbook, identifying student expectations. The high school handbook has three updates: 1) The "Early Out" schedule used for professional development will change from a 1:40 dismissal to a 1:20 dismissal to align with the district calendar. 2) Academic Eligibility explanation has been amended to align with revisions in the state standard. 3) The Affirmative Action Coordinator is now listed as "High School Principal". In previous handbooks, the principal's name was listed. Following review of the 2009-2010 handbooks, a motion was made by Fine, seconded by Fulk, to approve the middle school and high school handbooks as presented. The motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

### **Approve Resignation(s)**

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Fine, to approve the resignation of Adam Plummer as high school math teacher effective the end of the current school year. The motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

### **Correspondence From Board Members**

Turner: I accompanied 22 students and Mr. Johnson to the State FFA Convention earlier this month. Our students did an outstanding job in the competitions. They are a super great group of kids and Mr. Johnson has done a wonderful job working with them.

**Closed Session**

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Fine, to enter closed session at 8:00 p.m., citing Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i): to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation.

President Watkins arrived during closed session at 8:12 p.m.

President Watkins declared the Board out of closed session at 9:34 p.m.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Turner, to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. The motion was approved on a 4-0 vote.

Cindy L. VanFosson  
Board Secretary