

**May 11, 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, May 11, 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 Fulk, seconded by McComb, to approve the agenda. The motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

**Open Hearing on Sale of New Market School Property to City of New Market**

President Watkins declared the start of the open hearing to approve the sale of the New Market School property to the City of New Market at 7:01 p.m. With no verbal or written objections to, or statements in favor of the proposed sale presented, President Watkins declared the hearing closed at 7:02 p.m.

**Audience to Visitors**

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

**Administrative Reports**

Superintendent Honnold reported:

1. Graduation is this Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m.
2. AEA #13 and AEA #14 are merging this summer.
3. The architect believes he will have specifications for the high school auditorium and gym wall project by our June meeting.
4. Craig is investigating solutions for the Middle School dock area where truck drivers have left the concrete and created a muddy area.

**Consent Items**

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

- A. Minutes of the April 13, 2009 and April 27, 2009 meetings.
- B. Bills in the amounts of:

General Fund	\$257,999.28
Activity Fund	\$28,712.85
Capital Projects Fund	\$730,116.69
Debt Service Fund	\$458,514.56
Nutrition Fund	\$22,000.66
Trust & Agency	\$28.00
New Market Trust	\$4,404.18
- C. April 30, 2009, Financial Statements, Activity Fund report, Hot Lunch report, and open enrollment application(s).

Board member Turner informed she had audited the bills and found them in order for payment. The motion to approve the consent items was approved on a 5-0 vote.

**Old Business**

Board members had no old business to consider at this time.

## **New Business**

### **Receive FFA Program Report**

Nevada Turner and Amanda McNeese were at the meeting with their advisor, Mr. Andy Johnson, to deliver the presentation they used for the Program of Activities contest. The students advanced from the sub-district and district levels to state competition during the Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference in April where they received a gold rating and 2<sup>nd</sup> place. The presentation described the many opportunities members of the FFA Chapter are given to improve or expand their leadership skills and served as an overview of the year.

### **Approve Sale of New Market School Property to City of New Market**

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Fine, to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to notice published as required by law, the Board of Directors of the Clarinda Community School District on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009, held a hearing on the proposal to sell the New Market School Building Property legally described in this Resolution, and the extent of objections received from residents or property owners as to said proposed sale of property to the City of New Market has been fully considered; and, accordingly, the following action is now considered to be in the best interests of the School District and residents thereof:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Clarinda Community School District:

Section 1. That the real estate described as follows shall be sold by the Clarinda Community School District to the City of New Market for One Dollar (\$1.00) and Other Good and Valuable Consideration, Conveyance, shall be by deed without warranty.

Section 2. The Superintendent and officers of the School District are authorized to take all actions necessary to complete the sale of said real estate including the preparation of all transfer documents, deeds, etc.

Section 3. The site to be sold is legally described as follows:

Lots One (1); Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), and (6) in Block Three (3) of First Addition to the Town of New Market, Taylor County, Iowa and Parcel "C" of Lot Eight (8) of Litter's Addition to the Town of New Market, Taylor County, Iowa as shown by the Survey recorded in Survey Record 3 at Page 391.

Passed and approved this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2009.

By BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CLARINDA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Seth Watkins, President

Cindy L. VanFosson, Secretary of the Board of Directors

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

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by Turner, to approve the resignation of William Lawrence as high school teacher effective the end of the school year. Mr. Lawrence began his teaching duties in Clarinda in August 1964 and has taught English/Literature and Government throughout his tenure. Board members expressed their gratitude to Mr. Lawrence for his many years of service and wished him well. Following the short discussion, the motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

### **Update on Federal Stimulus Funds**

Superintendent Honnold explained to board members the primary goal of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for schools is to create and maintain jobs. Districts will receive allocations in five payments, with the first payment scheduled to arrive this month, and the remaining payments October 2009, April and October 2010, and April 2011. One category of funding can be used to provide additional early childhood education, or other similar programs that enhance learning opportunities. Another category is to be used for special education and at risk populations. Half of those funds may be used in general areas if the district has been compliant with its current special education funding. The final category of funding was designated by the State to be used to make up the shortfall of state aid monies for the 2009-2010 school year. The legislature approved a 4% allowable growth from last year's per pupil allotment, but chose to fund only 2%. The federal funds will be used to restore the levels of state support to the fiscal year 2009 post-1.5% across the board cut level.

### **Approve Junior Kindergarten Program**

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by McComb, to approve implementing a junior kindergarten program for 2009-2010. Funding for the program will come from the federal stimulus funds in the area of early childhood education. The goal of the JK Program is to provide instruction to students who are of school age, but are not quite ready for kindergarten. Students would spend one year in the program and would be evaluated at the end of the year.

to determine if they move into regular kindergarten or first grade. Preliminary plans are to limit the class to 15 students. The program will be funded the second year and beyond with state aid dollars generated when the students are added to our official certified student count in the fall. Following discussion of the necessity of having a student count high enough each year to fund the costs of the classroom, the motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

#### **Approve Administrative Position and Alignment**

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Fine, to approve administrative changes and additions for 2009-2010. Increased federal and state mandates continue to increase the accountability of schools in many areas. Two of the newest requirements have been the State Special Education Plan and the Iowa Core Curriculum. In addition, the Clarinda District has implemented a professional development model using Professional Learning Communities, which has added to the responsibilities of the administrators. Mrs. Boysen was originally hired as Special Programs Director in 1999 to monitor special education, the Clarinda Academy, and the At Risk Program. She also served as district school improvement coordinator. When Mr. Crilly left the district, Mrs. Boysen assumed the elementary principal duties as well. The general education dollars allowed under the special education and at risk category will fund, or partially fund an additional administrator to help reduce the load placed on our administrators the past few years. The Superintendent's recommendation is to move Mrs. Boysen back to her original duties as Special Education Director, move Mrs. Nordland to K-8 Principal with primary duties in the K-4 building and hire either a middle school administrator or Dean of Students to oversee grades 5-8. Board members discussed the sustainability of the additional position. Funding for the position following the last ARRA payment is being considered and options are being weighed. Following discussion of the duties of a Dean of Students, the motion to approve administrative changes and additions for 2009-2010 carried on a 5-0 vote.

#### **Approve Vehicle Replacement Bids**

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Turner, to approve the purchase of a 2009 Chevrolet Impala program car for a net trade-in cost of \$13,700 from Shore Motor Company. The new vehicle would replace the 1999 white Ford Taurus. The motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by Fulk, to approve the purchase of a new Dodge Grand Caravan at a net trade-in cost of \$18,370. This would replace the white Plymouth Voyager van currently used. Board members voted 5-0 to approve the motion.

#### **Approve 2008 Fiscal Year Audit**

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Fulk, to approve the 2008 fiscal year audit. The audit of the financial records of the district as of June 30, 2008, was completed and statements prepared for filing with the state by Bruce Frink, CPA, of Clarion, Iowa. A copy of the audit report is available for review in the office of the Auditor of the State and the district secretary's office. Following review of the statements included in the report, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the motion.

#### **Approve Iowa Western Community College 28E Agreement**

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Fine, to approve contracts with IWCC to provide Secondary Programs Dual Enrollment courses for 2009-2010. This is a sharing agreement between Clarinda Schools and IWCC which allows students to participate in dual enrolled courses. The courses allow students the opportunity to gain college credits for courses not available in our regular high school curriculum. Some classes are taught on the IWCC campus, while others are taught at CHS. Following a short discussion on the number of college credits a student could obtain while still in high school, the motion carried on a 5-0 vote of the Board.

#### **Approve Special Education Contracts**

A motion was made by Fine, seconded by Turner, to approve the contracts with Atlantic, Cedar Rapids, Council Bluffs, Des Moines Independent, Marshalltown, and Seymour Community School Districts for special education students being served at the Clarinda Academy. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

#### **Approve Graduation Lists for Spring 2009**

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Fulk, to approve the list of students from the Clarinda Academy and the Clarinda High School for graduation, pending successful completion of the graduation requirements as established by the Clarinda Board of Education. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

**Clarinda Community High School  
Third Trimester 2009 Graduates**

Kenton Alexander  
Austin Ascherl  
Cynthia Aucker  
Kyle Auffert  
Laura Beaver  
Michael Bedsworth  
Joshua Bedsworth  
Katie Carper  
Daniel Carroll  
Calli Churchill  
Shala Davidson  
Andrew Dean  
Tyler Dirksen  
Bryce Eberly  
Lucas Farmer  
Cody Fisher  
Steffen Frey  
Alan Gardner  
Amanda Garner  
David Gaunt  
Karla Gibson  
Amy Grebert  
Matthew Hansen

Kam Hartstack  
Robert Hess  
Jenna Holt  
Ryan Honkomp  
Aaron Hoskins  
Kristi Hoskins  
Tyler Hough  
Bryant Hummel  
Abby Hutchinson  
Daniel James  
Chantel King  
Stephanie Kinman  
Mikey Lam  
Ryan Linke  
Silver Love  
Jackie Manley  
Michael Marckmann  
Jill McCall  
Luke McClarnon  
Blake McKinnon  
Amanda McNees  
Jennifer Mier  
Jared Moss

Paul Mowery  
Clay Rope  
Andrew Schaner  
Lucas Searl  
Courtney Seward  
John St. Denny  
Dustin Sump  
Fletcher Sunderman  
Jeremiah Sunderman  
Nevada Turner  
Cody Wesbrook  
Jared Wiebesiek  
Jasmine Wilcoxson  
Lindsay Wilham  
Cy Williams  
Jeff Williams  
Katherine Williams (Cade)  
Jacqueline Worl  
Jamie Zeman

**Clarinda Academy  
2009 Graduates**

Deng Michael Akuar  
Michael Dean Bindel  
Grant Matthew Catus  
Alyssa Lynn Krause

Ronald Lee Mefford  
Thurgood Dennis Morris III  
Sydney Lynn Paul  
Robert Reyes

Terrell Ramon Ridgley Jr.  
Manuel Louie Torres

**Board Correspondence**

Board members had no correspondence to report at this time.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by McComb, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Cindy L. VanFosson  
Board Secretary