

**August 11, 2008  
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, August 11, 2008, 7:00 p.m., at the Board Room located in the McKinley Building, 423 East Nodaway, Clarinda, IA 51632.

**Call to Order**

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

**Roll Call**

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

**Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Scherf, seconded by Turner, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 3-0.

**Audience to Visitors**

President McComb welcomed all visitors to the meeting. No visitors chose to address the Board at this time.

Fulk arrived at 7:04 p.m.

**Administrative Reports**

Mr. Honnold, Superintendent, reported:

1. Registration for the 2008-2009 school year is being held today, August 11<sup>th</sup> and tomorrow, August 12<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30 to 7:30 p.m.
2. New teachers will report to the Central Office this Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. They will have lunch with the Board of Directors at noon and then work with their Principals in the afternoon.
3. On Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Directors will sponsor lunch for the entire staff. They will also recognize staff members for 5, 10, 20, and 30 years of service to the district.
4. The School Improvement Advisory Committee will be meeting August 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. to discuss school improvement goals. The goals will be brought to the Board of Directors for approval at our next meeting.
5. We have received notice that at least part of our categorical funding items MAY be decreased to meet the needs of this summer's flood victims. We will have definite figures in October.

**Consent Items**

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

- A. Minutes of the July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008, meeting.
- B. Bills in the amounts of:

General Fund	\$66,942.44
Activity Fund	\$8,891.30
Management Fund	\$116.80
New Market Gen Fund	\$21,734.33
New Market Mgmt Fund	\$7,724.00
- C. July 31, 2008, Financial Statements, Activity Fund report, Hot Lunch report, and open enrollment application(s).

Board member McComb informed he had audited the bills and found them in order for payment. Motion carried 4-0.

**Old Business**

There was no old business for the Board to consider at this time.

**New Business**

**Approve Contracts**

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Turner, to approve the contract with Curt Dow to serve as middle school head wrestling coach for the 2008-2009 school year. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

A motion was made by Scherf, seconded by Fulk, to approve the contract with Scott Stickler to serve as middle school assistant wrestling coach for the 2008-2009 school year. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Fulk, to approve the contract with Tyler Hill to serve as middle school assistant football coach for the 2008-2009 school year. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Scherf, to approve the contract with Angie Degase to serve as K-8 food service secretary for the 2008-2009 school year. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

A motion was made by Scherf, seconded by Turner, to approve the contract with Mary Hobson to serve as a special education paraprofessional for the 2008-2009 school year. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

#### **Approve Bus Routes**

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Fulk, to approve the bus routes for the 2008-2009 school year. Maps of miles covered by each of the seven regular routes were reviewed. A tentative list of students riding each route was also distributed. A bus driver meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, and drivers will further clarify the lists. Prior to the first day of school, the drivers will call each family on their list, introducing themselves and letting them know what time the students will be picked up and dropped off. In addition to the rural routes, bus drivers will be responsible for shuttling students to in-town drop-offs. In New Market, students will be picked up at the Community Center. Following a review of the routes, the motion to approve the bus routes for the 2008-2009 school year was approved on a 4-0 vote.

#### **Adopt Resolution to Set Open Public Hearing on New Market School Buildings**

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Scherf, to adopt the resolution setting September 8, 2008, for the public hearing on the sale or demolition of the New Market School Building. During the public hearing the Board of Directors will hear opinions on the options of selling or demolishing the buildings.

Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the Clarinda Community School District (the "District") desires to dispose of the New Market School Building property ("Property"), located at 600 N. Layfayette, New Market, Taylor County Iowa, and legally described as

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.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors has sent a letter to the City of New Market requesting that it submit a proposal to purchase the Property by September 1, 2008, and if a Proposal is not timely received, the Board will proceed with other plans to dispose of the property.

**WHEREAS**, it appears that if the City of New Market does not express a desire to purchase the Property, the best method of disposing of the Property is by demolition.

**WHEREAS**, under Iowa Code Section 297.22, demolition is considered a disposition of school property such that it is both appropriate and necessary to publish Notice of the proposed disposition of the Property by demolition and to hold a public hearing and to receive and consider objections and petitions on same.

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

Section 1. That the Board directs the District's administration to take any and all steps necessary to dispose of the above-listed Property by Sale to the City of New Market.

Section 2. Simultaneously with the action taken in Section 1 above, and in case no sale of the Property is possible with the City of New Market, the Board also directs the administration to begin the procedural process and take all steps necessary to dispose of the above-listed Property by Demolition, including the securing of necessary plan, specifications and bid documents needed to bid the demolition work in accordance with the Iowa Competitive Bid law process.

Section 2. The President of the Board of Directors is authorized to sign any Board approved purchase agreements for the sale of the Property to New Market or any Board approved contracts for any demolition work to be performed.

Section 3. That this Board shall set a public hearing on the sale of the above-listed properties by auction for September 8, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., in the Board Room of the McKinley Central Office, 423 E. Nodaway, Clarinda, Iowa.

Section 4. That the Secretary is authorized and directed to prepare, publish, and distribute the Notice of Hearing. Following a discussion of the timeline to proceed with disposing of the property, the motion to adopt the resolution was approved on a 4-0 vote.

**Approve Termite Monitoring Proposal**

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Fulk, to approve the termite monitoring and treatment plan to include \$1,150 to install monitors around the entire K-8 building and spot treat as needed at a rate of \$7.50 per linear foot. A small area of termite activity has surfaced near the K-8 library door. An inspection of the building was completed and no other activity was found. Monitors will be inspected quarterly by Fine Services and treatment will be considered on an as needed basis. A more expensive option would have been to treat the perimeter of only the middle school using Termidore and install monitors at a cost of \$7,020. Following discussion of the options presented, the Board voted to approve the motion by a 4-0 vote.

**Approve Activity Budget for 2007-2008**

A motion was made by Scherf, seconded by Turner, to approve the activity budget for the 2008-2009 school year. Budgets developed for athletic accounts and a few other student activity accounts allow supervisors to more closely monitor on-going costs versus one-time expenses. The budgets do not include the cost of safety equipment, such as helmets, shoulder pads, and kneepads, or the cost of transportation to out-of-district events, as those items are provided through the general operating fund. The district has been fortunate over the past few years that gate receipts and the sale of activity tickets generate the funds needed to cover these budgets. Following a review of the 2008-2009 budgets for several student activity and athletic accounts, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the motion.

**Tour District Facilities**

Craig Hill, maintenance supervisor, provided a tour of district facilities, allowing Board members the opportunity to view completed summer maintenance projects. The most significant project underway at this time is the installation of new boilers at the high school. Two Rivers Group from Altoona is working to complete the project as soon as possible.

Watkins arrived at 8:25 p.m.

**Board Correspondence**

Turner: Congratulations to our baseball team for advancing to sub-state in post season play before being eliminated by I-35.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Scherf, seconded by Turner, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. The motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

Cindy L. VanFosson  
Board Secretary