

**September 8, 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, September 8, 2008, 7:00 p.m., in the Board Room located in the McKinley Building, 423 E. 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 responded as being present: President McComb, Fulk, Scherf, and Turner.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Scherf, to approve the agenda. The motion passed 4-0. Watkins arrived at 7:02 p.m.

Audience to Visitors

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

Administrative Reports

Mrs. Boysen, Special Programs Director, reported:

1. We will have our first after school program this Wednesday, September 10th, for approximately 110 students needing a safe place to stay following the early out for professional development. Kathy Linke, Home School Interventionist, and several paraprofessionals will be working with the students.
2. We will have a Title I audit on October 28th and 29th.
3. McTeacher Night for the Garfield staff is scheduled for October 7th at the Clarinda McDonalds.

Mr. Ruffing, High School Principal, reported:

1. The State is extracting more information from our JMC student database each year. Next year the certified enrollment will be calculated based on student information in the database.
2. The high school and middle school are receiving additional guidance services thanks to a grant received by Waubonsie Mental Health.

Superintendent Honnold reported:

1. The first School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC) meeting was held last week. We reviewed the Annual Progress Report data and goals for this year.
2. The auditor will be our office next week. He will review Clarinda Schools' financial records on Wednesday and Thursday and will audit the New Market records on Friday.
3. We have begun compiling student numbers for the Certified Count on October 3rd.
4. School board election will be held tomorrow, September 9th, from 12 noon until 8:00 p.m. at the Lied Library. Seth Watkins is running for re-election and Brian Fine is running to fill the seat vacated with the announcement by Larry Scherf that he would not be running. Please take time to vote.

Consent Items

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

- A. Minutes of the August 11, 2008 regular meeting and the August 25th and 29th special meetings.
- B. Bills in the amounts of:

General Fund	\$76,103.12
Activity Fund	\$11,443.62
Management Fund	\$120,223.00
Nutrition	\$23,920.78
Capital Projects Fund	\$48,440.00
Trust & Agency Fund	\$336.09
New Market Trust	\$2,315.05

- C. August 31, 2008, Financial Statements, Activity Fund report, Hot Lunch report, and open enrollment application(s).

Vice President Watkins informed he had audited the bills and found them in order for payment. The motion to approve the consent items carried on a 5-0 vote.

Old Business

The Board had no old business to discuss at this time.

New Business

Annual Progress Report and Approval of Goals

Mrs. Boysen, Special Programs Director, provided a power point presentation of the Annual Progress Report. The report covers student achievement results based on standardized tests and district assessment tests. The State requires reporting of grades third through eighth, and eleventh in the areas of math and reading, and the reporting of science scores for eighth and eleventh grades. Test scores were presented in graph form, first displaying all student scores for the grades, and then breaking the scores into subgroups, such as male/female; socioeconomic; and special needs students. In addition to test scores, information on the dropout rate, attendance, and ACT scores are given for Clarinda High School students. The student achievement data for 2007-2008 will be available via the district newsletter and on the district web site. The State also requires each school district to establish annual learning goals. Annual goals are written in the areas of reading, math, and science. A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Turner, to approve the student achievement goals for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Approve Change in Preschool Tuition Fees

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Fulk, to approve the change in the preschool tuition fee from \$140 per month to \$70 per month for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Approve Teacher Quality Professional Development Budget

A motion was made by Scherf, seconded by Watkins, to approve the teacher quality professional development budget proposal. The professional development allotment for 2008-2009 is composed of two parts. The basic allotment for professional development is \$32,873.85. The district will also receive \$12,894.85 to implement the Iowa Core Curriculum. Approval of the budget by the Clarinda Education Association, the Teacher Quality Committee, and the Board of Directors is required before the funds may be expended.

Extra day added to calendar for teachers: \$18,220.73

Teacher Leadership Team extra time: \$19,442.05

Amount left for additional training in the areas of math and literacy for the Iowa Core implementation: \$8,106.

Following review of the budget numbers, the motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Board members discussed communication from the Department of Education informing school districts that Teacher Quality payments may be decreased to help cover the costs associated with summer flooding in the State. Board members instructed Superintendent Honnold to wait until the October payroll date to begin paying the monthly teacher quality amounts to teachers unless confirmation is received by September 19th that the allotment will not be decreased.

Approve Food Service Contract

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Turner, to approve the contract with Amanda Nablo as food service worker for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Approve Special Education Contracts

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Watkins, to approve the contracts with South Page, Bedford, and Villisca Community School Districts for special education students being served in the Clarinda District. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Scherf, to approve the special education contracts with Ames, Atlantic, Bedford, Burlington, Carlisle, Cedar Falls, Cedar Rapids, Central Decatur, Coon-Rapids/Bayard, Council Bluffs, Davenport, Des Moines Independent, Dubuque, East Union, Fort Dodge, Fort Madison, Fremont-Mills, Glenwood, Graettinger, Griswold, Hamburg, Harmony, Iowa City, Keokuk, Lawton-Bronson, Maple Valley, Marshalltown, Mormon Trail, Muscatine, Nishna Valley, Pella, Red Oak, Sidney, Sioux Central,

Sioux City, South Tama, Southeast Polk, Storm Lake, Waterloo, and West Monona Community School Districts for special education students being served at the Clarinda Academy. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Set Open Hearing on New Market School Building Partial Demolition

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Fulk, to adopt the resolution setting an open hearing for the partial demolition of the New Market School Building. The following resolution was adopted on a 5-0 vote of the Board:

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Clarinda Community School District (the “District”) desires to demolish the existing New Market School Building property, excluding the gymnasium/stage area, (“Property”), located at 600 N. Lafayette, New Market, Iowa, and legally described as

Lots One (1); Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), and Six (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 been in discussion with the City of New Market concerning the future ownership and use of the Property and it appears that it is in the best interest of both the District and City if the Property, excluding the gymnasium/stage area, is disposed of by demolition as soon as possible.

WHEREAS, under Section 297.22 of the Iowa Code, demolition is considered a disposition of school property such that it is both appropriate and necessary to publish a Notice of 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 administration to begin the procedural process and take any and all steps necessary to dispose of the above-listed Property by demolition, including, but not necessarily limited to, the securing of necessary plans, 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 contracts for demolition or demolition-related work to be performed.

Section 3. That this Board shall set a public hearing on the demolition of the above-listed Property for September 22, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., in the Board Room of the McKinley Central Office, Clarinda, Iowa.

Section 4. That the Secretary is authorized and directed to prepare, publish, and distribute the Notice of Hearing.

After setting the open hearing, a motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Scherf, to authorize the Superintendent to begin work with the architectural firm of BCDM to develop plan specifications of the partial demolition of the New Market School Buildings. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Annual Meeting

Approve Treasurer’s Report

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Turner, to approve the treasurer’s report as of June 30, 2008. Board Secretary/Treasurer Cindy VanFosson presented the report, which documents all cash and investments held by the district as of June 30, 2008. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Approve Bank Depositories

A motion was made by Scherf, seconded by Watkins, to adopt the resolution naming Page County State Bank, Bank Iowa, Page County Federal Savings Association, Tier One, Raymond James Financial and Wells Fargo (ISJIT) as our bank depositories for the 2009 fiscal year. The following maximum balances were set:

Page County State Bank	\$2,000,000	Bank Iowa	\$2,000,000
Wells Fargo (ISJIT)	\$10,000,000	Tier One	\$1,000,000
Page County Federal Savings Association	\$1,000,000	Raymond James Financial Services	\$1,000,000

The Board voted 5-0 to approve the motion.

Appoint Local Education Agency Asbestos Officer

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Turner, appoint Tucker Morrison to serve as our Local Asbestos Officer for the 2008-2009 school year. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote of the Board.

Appoint Level I Investigator(s)

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Scherf, to appoint Vicki Prentis and Mike Ruffing to serve as Level I investigators for the 2009 fiscal year. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Designate Official Newspaper

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Scherf, to designate the Clarinda Herald-Journal as the official newspaper for the 2009 fiscal year. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Correspondence from Board Members

McComb: I would like to thank Larry Scherf for his guidance when I came on the Board. I appreciate and value his viewpoints and input.

Scherf: 1) The K-8 open house went very well. It seemed the timing was perfect and everyone participating had an enjoyable time.

2) I would like to thank the current board members and former board members for the time I worked with them over the 9 years I've served. Thank you to Superintendent Honnold and the other administrators for their leadership in our district. Our community expects continuous improvement and I believe our district has seen continuous improvement in our certified and classified staff in the years I've been involved with Clarinda Schools. One of our strong points is the continuity of our Board and our administrators. The continuity has given us a strong educational system. I've witnessed challenges in our district, but I have enjoyed the time I spent working as a team to provide our students with the educational skills to succeed.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Fulk, to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Cindy L. VanFosson
Board Secretary