

**March 26, 2007
Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
Clarinda Community School District**

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Audience to Visitors
5. Administrative Reports
6. Old Business
7. New Business
 - A. Approve Textbooks for 2007-2008
 - B. Receive Report from School Foundation Committee
 - C. Approve Reduction in Staff/Termination
 - D. Approve Resignation(s)
 - E. Approve Teacher Sponsorship Assignments for 2007-2008
 - F. Set Budget Hearing for April 9, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.
 - G. Approve Sunday Overnight Trip Request
8. Board Correspondence
9. Adjournment
10. Executive Session: Strategy session for salary discussions for employees not covered under the bargaining unit.

Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Clarinda Community School District met in regular session on Monday, March 26, 2007, 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, Vice President Watkins, Fulk, Scherf, and Turner.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Fulk, to approve the revised agenda, removing item 7C. The motion was approved 5-0.

Audience to Visitors

President McComb 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. All Destination Imagination teams (4th – 7th grades) qualified for state competition, which will be held in Ankeny on April 14th.
2. Mrs. Wellhausen and Mrs. Bitting accompanied a team of 6th grade students to a Math Bee on March 20th. It was a great experience for them.
3. State Representative Richard Anderson will be visiting the 6th grade social studies classroom on March 30th. The class will be traveling to the State Capitol on April 11th for a visit and tour.
4. Holly Crawford, a 5th grade student at CMS, placed 11th of 89 students at the regional spelling bee in Omaha on March 17th.

Mrs. Boysen, Special Programs Director, reported:

1. The rock-climbing wall, purchased with funds from the Hockenberry Foundation, has been installed in the Garfield gymnasium.
2. Third grade students presented a musical on March 13th in the high school auditorium. They worked hard to prepare and did a great job.
3. A round-up meeting for parents of prospective kindergarteners will be held April 9th.
4. First and third grade students are finishing a swimming unit.
5. The Kiwanis Club will be at Garfield on April 3rd to present bicycle helmets to all third grade students.
6. Ronald McDonald visited Garfield Elementary on March 15th, talking to students about character.
7. Prospective kindergarten students, along with their parents, will visit kindergarten during pre-appointed times from Wednesday, April 25th, to Friday, April 27th.
8. There will be no school on April 18th in order for our teachers to participate in a professional development time. The instructional staff will be working on an affective goal. Each building will be formulating a process or strategy to encourage a particular action or behavior they feel will improve the educational climate in their building.

Mr. Ruffing, High School Principal, reported:

1. The annual FFA banquet was last week. The awards and recognition given demonstrate a high level of leadership skills in several of our students.
2. The drama department is presenting its spring production, "The Rivals," this coming weekend.
3. The high school students will begin registering for next fall's classes soon.

Dennis McClain, Clarinda Academy, reported:

1. Approximately 30 students and staff from the Academy will be traveling to Colorado for a ski trip from April 1st to April 5th. The students represent the winning team from this year's Geography Bowl.
2. The power lifting team has qualified to compete in national competition.

Superintendent Honnold reported:

1. Both cooling towers at the K-8 site are in need of repair. The Waldinger Company from Omaha will be here on Friday to replace both electric motors.
2. We continue to move toward implementing Career Vision Academies. Students will receive college credits for vocational classes to be taught by our staff. Villisca CSD has agreed to partner with us for this program. Their students will have the opportunity to travel to our district to take the classes with our students.
3. We have begun interviews to fill teaching positions for next year.
4. A committee of teachers, two board members, Cindy, and I will meet on Wednesday to discuss the district's health insurance benefit and how we might hold the line on future premium increases.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

Approve Textbooks for 2007-2008

Mrs. Nordland, administrator in charge of curriculum, explained that teachers have been reviewing and revising the reading curriculum for over a year. After the curriculum was set, textbook samples were examined and a series from McGraw-Hill was chosen for use. A reading consultant from the company visited with the curriculum writing staff members and made suggestions on how to best use the books and accessories to instill strong reading skills in our students. The company consultant will return in the fall and again next year to follow-up with suggestions and answers to any questions from our teachers. Teachers presenting the textbooks

to board members were Alisha Jobe, kindergarten; Becky Ascherl, first grade; Melanie Johnson, second grade; Vicki Fulk, third grade; Andrew Almelen, fourth grade; Kim Williams, fifth and sixth grade; Sherry Honnold, seventh and eighth grade; Bill Lawrence, high school literature; Joeline Carper, business; and Dave Carper, drafting. President McComb thanked the teachers for the time they've committed this past year to writing curriculum and choosing textbooks for a subject as important as reading. Following the presentations, a motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Turner, to approve the textbooks as presented. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote of the board.

Receive Report from School Foundation Committee

Mr. Ruffing introduced the committee formed to explore the creation of a school foundation. In addition to Mr. Ruffing, those serving on the committee are Dale Fulk, Bill Lawrence, Rita Gilmore, and Kandace Sump. This group has met several times and presented recommendations for possible by-laws to govern a Clarinda Community School District Foundation. Following the presentation, the Board instructed Superintendent Honnold to share the proposed by-laws with a district attorney to gain legal authorization to proceed with formation of the foundation.

Approve Resignation(s)

A motion was made by Scherf, seconded by Fulk, to approve the resignation from Jennifer Detwiler as high school English teacher effective the end of the current school year. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Turner, to approve the resignation from Heidi Shane as middle school special education teacher effective the end of the current school year. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Watkins, to approve the resignation from Haley Sunderman as elementary teacher and 7/8 assistant volleyball coach effective the end of the current school year. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Approve Teacher Sponsorship Assignments for 2007-2008

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Scherf, to approve the supplemental pay assignments for the 2007-2008 school year. Examples of teacher sponsorship assignments include such positions as student council advisor, senior class advisor, and yearbook advisor. Following discussion, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the motion.

Set Budget Hearing for April 9, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Scherf, to set April 9, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the McKinley Administration Office Board Room as the date, time, and location of the 2008 fiscal year budget hearing. The proposed 2008 fiscal year budget will be published Wednesday, March 28th, in the Clarinda Herald Journal. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote of the Board.

Approve Sunday Overnight Trip Request

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Fulk, to approve the Sunday overnight trip request for the FFA group to attend the State FFA Convention. The advisor and students will leave Clarinda during the afternoon on Sunday, April 15th. They will travel to Ames in order to be prepared for early morning contests at the Convention on Monday. The Board approved the motion 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 Watkins, seconded by Scherf, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

Executive Session

The Board entered executive session to discuss salaries for employees not covered under the bargaining unit.

Cindy L. VanFosson
Board Secretary