

**October 8, 2007
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, October 8, 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 Turner, seconded by Scherf, to approve the agenda. The motion was approved 5-0.

Audience to Visitors

President McComb welcomed all visitors to the meeting. Mrs. Nordland, Middle School Principal, introduced the following students to the Board: Matt Brown, Jourdan Beal, Alyssa Alexander, Lindsey Poore, and Courtanie Lininger. The students were selected during a poetry contest at Creative Communications to have their poetry published in the latest edition of their anthology. Creative Communications is a company who is devoted to the promotion of writing, teaching and appreciation of student writing. The intent of their student writing contests is to motivate creative writers. The top entries are published in an anthology that will record the creative insights of today's young writers. Each of the students presented their published poem to the Board.

Administrative Reports

Mrs. Nordland, Middle School Principal, reported:

1. Hy-Vee donated and delivered a large quantity of school supplies being used as rewards for positive behaviors and academic success.
2. During October the eighth grade will travel to the Science Station in Des Moines and the fifth grade will go to St. Joseph, MO to learn about the Jesse James period.
3. Page County Public Health sponsored an event, Café Coff, to promote a tobacco-free lifestyle.

Mr. Honnold, Superintendent, reported:

1. In addition to the new teacher evaluations and administrator evaluations, the State will be providing a template for superintendent evaluations to be used by local Boards of Education. The Iowa Association of School Boards will be passing along information regarding the new requirements made mandatory in Senate File 277 during the last legislative session.
2. The Iowa Association of School Boards annual convention will be held November 15-16, 2007, in Des Moines.

Consent Items

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

- A. Minutes of the September 10, 2007, and September 24, 2007, meetings.
- B. Bills in the amounts of:

General Fund	\$97,527.03
Management Fund	\$58,451.19
Activity Fund	\$25,596.85
Nutrition Fund	\$30,932.11
Trust & Agency	\$984.25
Enterprise Fund	\$1,086.00
- C. September 30, 2007, Financial Statements, Activity Fund report, Hot Lunch report, and open enrollment application(s).

President McComb informed he had audited the bills and found them in order for payment. The motion to approve the consent items was unanimously approved by the Board.

Old Business

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

New Business

Review of Online Annual Progress Report

Superintendent Honnold demonstrated the process of accessing student achievement data and financial reports from our district web site. At our district site, www.clarinda.k12.ia.us, patrons can scroll over the pushpin located at the top of the "Central Office" picture, providing a drop-down list of items that includes "District Financial Report," and "Student Achievement." A state web site is accessed where all school districts in the state are listed. By narrowing the search, patrons can view student achievement data in a number of ways. When accessing the financial link, information such as property tax levies, federal funds received, enrollment, and certified teachers is available. Residents are urged to call the district administrative office with questions about accessing the information.

Approve Contracts

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Watkins, to approve the contract with Ed Sebeniecher to serve as full time bus driver for the 2007-2008 school year at an hourly rate of \$13.50. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

A motion was made by Scherf, seconded by Turner, to approve the contract with Curt Dow to serve as middle school assistant wrestling coach for the 2007-2008 school year. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Approve Special Education Contracts

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Fulk, to approve the contracts with Northwood-Kensett, Ames, Davenport, and Des Moines Independent Community School Districts for special education students being served at the Clarinda Academy. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Approve Line Item Budget for 2007-2008

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Turner, to approve the line item budget for 2007-2008. Superintendent Honnold presented the line item budget for the general operating fund, highlighting specific areas of anticipated expenditures. The line item budget is used as a guide to predict categories of spending for the current school year. While contracted salaries are known expenses, a majority of the remaining expenses for the year can only be predicted based on historical information of past years. Following discussion of specific budget items and flow-thru funds to the Clarinda Academy, the motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Approve Certified Enrollment Report

A motion was made by Scherf, seconded by Fulk, to approve the 2007-2008 certified enrollment report. Superintendent Honnold reviewed student numbers from official count day, Monday, October 1, 2007. Following an extensive examination of all possible categories of students, the count will be certified by means of a secure web site with the Iowa Department of Education by Monday, October 15th. The official count shows a decrease of approximately 38 students in the district from last year, while the Clarinda Academy is showing a decrease of 4 students. The October 1st student count will be used by the state to calculate funding for the 2008-2009 school year. The significant loss of students means a decrease in the district's budget for next year. Using these preliminary numbers the district will have \$364,232 less for operating expenses next year. Following a discussion of student numbers and the impact of declining enrollment, the Board approved the motion on a 5-0 vote.

Board Correspondence

Scherf: Clarinda Band Day was outstanding. The cooperation of various community groups makes the event something our city can be proud of. The weather cooperated and there were lots of people in town. The middle school band did an excellent job leading the parade.

Turner: Attended the football game at Atlantic Friday night and was impressed with the Atlantic band coming to the visitor side to play our school fight song.

Fulk: The Cardinal Funds Executive Committee met and sub committees are being formed for fundraising and marketing. The next meeting is November 1st.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Watkins, to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m. The motion was approved on a 5-0 vote of the Board.

Cindy L. VanFosson
Board Secretary