

**November 12, 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, November 12, 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 Fulk, seconded by Watkins, to approve the agenda. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

**Audience to Visitors**

President McComb welcomed all visitors to the meeting. Connie and Dewey French addressed the Board, primarily providing information concerning Dyslexia, its characteristics and affects on student learning. They also expressed concern with teacher recognition of student learning difficulties and their willingness to allow adaptations in the regular classroom that would increase a student's ability to achieve success.

**Administrative Reports**

Mrs. Boysen, Special Programs Director, reported:

1. Parent-Teacher conferences will be held this Thursday 2-7:30 p.m. and this Friday 8-11 a.m.
2. Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, is National Young Readers Day. We will be having guest speakers read to our students throughout the day.
3. Please check the Garfield Elementary page on our district web site. Angie Dow has done a great job keeping the page current.
4. Elementary Christmas concerts will be held in December during the day. The schedule will be posted on the web site.

Mrs. Nordland, Middle School Principal, reported:

1. The Clarinda Foundation provided partial funding for an assembly on November 7<sup>th</sup>. The high school students enjoyed the assembly in the morning and the middle school students were bused to the high school for the assembly in the afternoon. The presentation, Seven Project, focuses on the qualities of good character which are: trustworthiness, citizenship, fairness, responsibility, sportsmanship and caring. The multi media presentation featured video clips, popular music and testimonial.
2. The middle school teachers will be receiving technology training during professional development on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Honnold, Superintendent, reported:

1. Sod has been laid on the north side of the K-8 building where Stickler's did some work on drain tiles.
2. The high school fall play, "Leading Ladies," was performed to a crowd of over 900 people this past weekend at the Iowa Thespian Festival in Davenport.
3. The annual Iowa School Board Convention is being held this Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday in Des Moines.
4. We will be meeting with the CEA prior to our regular December 10th meeting to present opening proposals for negotiations.

**Consent Items**

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

A. Minutes of the October 8, 2007, and October 22, 2007, meetings.

B. Bills in the amounts of:

General Fund	\$194,423.09
Activity Fund	\$23,248.61

Management Fund	\$228.00
Debt Service	\$43,523.13
Phys Plant & Equip	\$9,050.00
Nutrition Fund	\$34,001.03

- C. October 31, 2007, Financial Statements, Activity Fund report, Hot Lunch report, and open enrollment application(s).

Board member Watkins 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.

### **New Business**

#### **Legislative Discussion with Representative Anderson**

State Representative Richard Anderson was present at the meeting to hear and discuss any issues board members felt strongly about prior to the 2008 legislative session. Items discussed included teacher quality funding, four year old preschool, declining enrollment, changing the compulsory age, and the possibility of a statewide one-cent sales tax.

#### **Receive Request for Use of School Facilities for Teen Serve Event**

Jeremy Wulbecker was at the meeting to request use of the high school building for an event, Teen Serve, he would like to bring to Clarinda during the summer of 2009 or 2010. Teen Serve is a Christian Ministries non-profit corporation from Wisconsin that organizes large-scale home repair projects for needy individuals. The home repair program is done through one-week work camps using junior and senior high school students and their adult leaders from around the country. Between 300 and 400 teens, adult leaders and other volunteers would camp at the high school using classrooms for sleeping quarters, locker rooms for shower facilities, the commons for food services, and the gym for a command center. Following Mr. Wulbecker's presentation board members decided to table a decision on his request to allow more time to consider the impact of this project on routine summer maintenance at the high school. A response to Mr. Wulbecker's request will be forthcoming at the next regular meeting.

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

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Scherf, to approve the contract with Des Moines Independent Community School District for a special education student being served at the Clarinda Academy. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote of the Board.

#### **Set Open Hearing Regarding High School Boiler Replacement**

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Fulk, to set November 26, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the McKinley Central Office Board Room as the date, time, and place for the open hearing regarding the High School Boiler Replacement Project. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

#### **Receive Report on Special Education Count**

Superintendent Honnold reviewed results of the official special education count. This complete count of special education students in the district is compiled each year and determines the special education funding to be received for the following school year. Funding from the state is based on the weighted count of resident special education students. The greater the need of each individual student, the higher the weighted count. Based on the special education count just completed, the total weighted count for next year's funding is 82.03, a decrease of 12.58 from last fall. Clarinda resident special education students make up 10% of our student population.

#### **Board Correspondence**

Scherf: 1) Attended the fall play at the high school and really enjoyed it. Mr. Balster has a knack for casting students to the best parts for their skills and personalities. The start time of 7:30 was a positive change. Congratulations to Mr. Balster, Mrs. Wittmer, and the cast and crew for their outstanding performance at the Iowa Thespian Festival.

#### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Watkins, to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. The motion was approved on a 5-0 vote of the Board.

Cindy L. VanFosson  
Board Secretary