

**November 26, 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 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 Turner, to approve the agenda. The motion passed 5-0.

Open Hearing

President McComb declared the start of the open hearing on the plans, specifications, and bid documents for the high school boiler project at 7:01 p.m. With no verbal or written objections to, or statements in favor of the high school boiler project plans, specifications, or bid documents, President McComb declared open hearing closed 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. Elementary Christmas programs will start December 10th and will be held at 12:00 noon. A change this year is we are not allowing parents to take their children to lunch or eat lunch with them at school that day. Parents should check the web site or the school calendar for the date of their child's program.

Superintendent Honnold reported:

1. With a limited number of freshman boys out for basketball, the freshman and sophomores will be playing several games together with the consent of the opponent.
2. Our next regular meeting, December 10, 2007, will start at 5:00 p.m. to allow time for the exchange of initial proposals between the Clarinda Education Association and our Board of Directors in regards to the master contract for 2008-2009.

Old Business

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

New Business

Receive Report on At Risk Program

Kathy Linke, Home-School Interventionist, spoke with Board members about the district's At Risk Program. The At Risk Program focuses on returning dropouts and dropout prevention by raising funds through a local property tax levy to support K-12 programs and services that improve school performance. Our district funds the following positions using At Risk monies: 1) One half of the Special Programs Director's salary, 2) One half of the school nurse's salary, 3) the salary of the home-school interventionist, and 4) the salary of the English Limited Learner instructor. Mrs. Linke presented and discussed the data collected on high absenteeism. A direct correlation can be drawn between high absenteeism and discipline issues, poor grades, and low student achievement. The At Risk Program allows our district to concentrate on providing the staff needed to monitor at-risk students and work toward their success at school. Following Mrs. Linke's presentation, a motion was

made by Scherf, seconded by Fulk, to approve the At-Risk Allowable Growth Budget for the 2008-2009 school year. The motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Approve Plans, Specifications, and Bid Documents for High School Boiler Project

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Watkins, to approve the plans, specifications, and bid documents for the high school boiler project. Bid documents, prepared by Farris Engineering, will be available for bidders by December 13, 2007, with the deadline for submission of bids to the McKinley Administration Building set for January 24, 2008. All interested bidders are welcome to attend the pre-bid meeting at the high school on January 10, 2008. Craig Hill, maintenance supervisor, explained there might be an added expense if asbestos is found in any pipefittings prior to the start of demolition of the old boilers. An asbestos inspection will be performed during the later part of December. Demolition of the current boilers may begin May 15, 2008, with the project substantially completed by August 15th. Following discussion of the possible cost of the project, the motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Approve Facility Use Request

During the previous meeting on November 12, 2007, Jeremy Wulbecker, representing a company called Teen Serve, presented a request to use the high school building for approximately 10 days during either the summer of 2009 or 2010. Use of the building would include classrooms for living quarters for 350-400 people who will be working in the community during the week, as well as the locker rooms for shower facilities, the gymnasium for a command center, and the commons/kitchen area for meal preparation and service. TeenServe is a non-profit corporation from Wisconsin that organizes large-scale home repair projects for needy individuals. The home repair is done with one-week work camps for junior and senior high school students and their adult leaders. The required ratio of adults to teens is 1:5, but is usually 1:4. Board members discussed the impact this activity could have on our community versus the impact to our building and maintenance staff as they work during the summer to prepare the buildings for the start of school each August. Following the discussion, a motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Fulk, to approve the request to use the high school building for a TeenServe event in 2009 or 2010. The motion failed on a unanimous vote of 0-5.

Approve Resignation

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Scherf, to approve the resignation of John Evans as high school custodian. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Approve Custodial Contract

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Turner, to approve the contract with Karen Hackett to serve as high school custodian. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Approve Special Education Contract(s)

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Scherf, to approve the special education contracts for Clarinda resident students being served in the Villisca Community School District. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Correspondence From Board Members

Scherf: Watched the Iowa High School All-State Band/Choir/Orchestra Concert on IPTV. Very impressive. The four band students from Clarinda who qualified and participated should feel proud to have been included.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Scherf, to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Cindy L. VanFosson
Board Secretary