

**December 10, 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, December 10, 2007, 5:00 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 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The following Board members were present: President McComb, Fulk, and Scherf.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Scherf, to approve the agenda. The motion was approved 3-0.

Board member Watkins arrived at 5:12 p.m.

Clarinda Education Association Initial Contract Proposal for 2008-2009

The Clarinda Education Association presented their initial proposal in negotiating the 2008-2009 master contract. Chris Campbell, Chief Negotiator, Sharon McAlpin, CEA President, Maria Jacobus, Ann Meyer, and Sherri Sheil represented the Association. The proposal shows a 10.14% package increase (salary and benefits), in addition to several contract language changes that would impact total salary cost for the district. Drew Bracken, Chief Negotiator for the Board of Directors, thanked Mr. Campbell for presenting the proposal.

Clarinda School Board Initial Contract Proposal for Certified Staff

The Board's attorney and chief negotiator, Drew Bracken, from Ahlers Law Firm in Des Moines, presented the Board's initial proposal in negotiating the 2008-2009 master contract with the Clarinda Education Association at 6:15 p.m. The Board's initial proposal called for a 2.92% package increase, increasing the base salary by \$496. Mr. Bracken expressed the Board's desire to work with the Association to reach an equitable settlement. Future negotiations meetings were scheduled for January 7, 2008, and January 23, 2008, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the boardroom at McKinley.

Regular Meeting

Audience to Visitors

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

Administrative Reports

Superintendent Honnold reported:

1. We will be reviewing equipment needs for the special education program and making purchases prior to other equipment purchases in the district.
2. Implementation of the new superintendent and administrator evaluation process is begin July 1, 2008. In preparation for implementation, we will be using a few minutes at future board meetings to study the standards to be considered.

Consent Items

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

- A. Minutes of the November 12, 2007, and November 26, 2007, meetings.
- B. Bills in the amounts of:

General Fund	\$96,976.23
Activity Fund	\$12,759.15
Capital Projects	\$129,402.50
Nutrition Fund	\$24,774.23
Trust & Agency Fund	\$1,272.00

Management Fund \$72.00

- C. November 30, 2007, Financial Statements, Activity Fund report, Hot Lunch report, and open enrollment application(s).

President McComb stated he had audited the bills and found them in order for payment. The motion to approve the consent items was approved on a 4-0 vote.

Old Business

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

New Business

Approve Senior Trip

Bethany Honkomp, President of the Senior Class, and Caitlin Phillips, Vice President, along with class sponsors Leann Huckins and Jon Cole, were present at the meeting to request permission for an overnight senior trip in May. Ms. Honkomp and Ms. Phillips gave a power point presentation outlining such things as a time schedule, an itinerary, cost estimates, and anticipated revenue from fund raising events. Plans call for leaving Clarinda at 4:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 13th, and traveling to Alhonna Resort in Lake Ozark, MO. The plan calls for a return to Clarinda the following day, May 14th, at 10:00 p.m. Following the presentation, a motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Scherf, to approve the overnight senior trip as presented. Motion carried on 4-0 vote.

Adopt Resolution for Sharing Agreement

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Watkins, to adopt the resolution to enter into a sharing agreement between South Page and Clarinda Community School Districts to provide an opportunity for South Page students to participate in the Clarinda Middle School and High School wrestling programs for the 2007-2008 school year. South Page does not have a wrestling program, but has at least two students who are interested in participating. If both the Clarinda Board of Directors and the South Page Board of Directors agree to share this program, paperwork will be submitted to the Iowa High School Athletic Association for final determination. Following discussion that South Page's enrollment will not impact our 2A classification for wrestling, the motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

Approve First Trimester Graduation List

A motion was made by Scherf, seconded by Fulk, to approve the first trimester early graduation list. The early graduation option is required by law, provided the students have successfully completed the graduation requirements established by the district. Early graduates for the first trimester are Jamie Zeman, Jessica Smith, and BreeAnne Snow. The motion to approve the first trimester early graduation list carried on a 4-0 vote.

Approve Special Education Contracts

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Scherf, to approve the contracts with Atlantic, Central Decatur, Fort Dodge, Sidney, Fort Madison, and Galva Holstein Community School Districts for special education students being served at the Clarinda Academy. The motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

Approve Second Semester College Classes

A motion was made by Fulk, seconded by Watkins, to approve the second semester Post Secondary Enrollment and College Academy classes. Post Secondary courses are part of the regular course offerings through IWCC. CHS junior or senior students have enrolled in sixteen Post Secondary courses for the spring semester. Those classes include Welding II, Composition II, Tech Math, Criminal Justice, Micro Biology, and Career Strategies. The District pays \$250 per course for student tuition. College Academy classes cost the district the regular tuition rate charged by IWCC, but attendance by our students in those classes enables us to generate some funding from the state to help defray the cost. Generally the weighted funding generates about one half the regular IWCC tuition cost. The biggest advantage of the college academy program is district's ability to determine what courses the college will provide our students. Examples of the college academy courses being taken by CHS students during the spring semester include Biology, English Comp I, American Lit., Western Civilization, American History, Intro to Sociology, and Developmental Psychology. In addition, eight students are enrolled in a Career Academy class, PC Support II. CHS students have enrolled in forty-nine spring classes through the College and Career Academy program. Following discussion of the value of these programs to our students in relationship to the cost to the district, the board voted 4-0 to approve the motion.

Board Correspondence

The board had no correspondence to report at this time.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Scherf, to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. The motion was approved on a 4-0 vote of the Board.

Cindy L. VanFosson
Board Secretary