

**October 28, 2013
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. Presentation on Page County Extension Programs
 - B. Approve First Trimester Early Graduation Lists
 - C. Approve Offering Certified Staff Early Retirement Option
 - D. Approve Offering Classified Staff Early Retirement Option
 - E. Approve Athletic Sharing Agreement
 - F. Approve Special Education Contracts
8. Correspondence from Board Members
9. Adjournment

Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Clarinda Community School District met in regular session on Monday, October 28, 2013, 5:00 p.m., at the Board Room located in the McKinley Building, 423 East Nodaway St., Clarinda, IA 51632.

Call to Order

President Fine called the regular meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Roll Call

The following Board members were present: President Fine, Vice President Sunderman, McComb, Turner, and Watkins.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Sunderman, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Audience to Visitors

President Fine welcomed all visitors to the meeting. No visitors chose to address the board at this time.

Administrative Reports

Miss Nook, High School Principal, reported:

The Hawkeye Ten Board of Control and Hawkeye Ten Athletic Directors have made revisions in the Constitution governing activities. Saint Alberts is now a part of the Hawkeye Ten and bowling has been added to the Constitution for those schools who currently offer the sport. In addition, some sports have new nomination procedures for all-conference.

Mr. McNeal, Middle School Principal, reported:

Middle School teachers are preparing for parent-teacher conferences to be held November 7th and 8th.

Mrs. Opperman, Elementary Principal, reported:

Garfield students will enjoy Halloween parties on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Irvin, Activities Director, reported:

1) Volleyball regionals are tonight at Red Oak.

2) The football team plays Wednesday at State Center versus West Marshall.

Superintendent Honnold reported:

1. We will have a one-hour early out on Wednesday so people can get to the football game and a two-hour late start on Thursday, due to players and spectators arriving home very late after the game. A spectators bus is available by contacting the high school.

2. Seth will represent our Board at the Delegates meeting during the School Board Convention on November 20th.

3. The Cardinal Funds Board is looking for someone from the Board of Directors to be a part of their group. Thank you to Darin Sunderman for volunteering.

4. A few U.S. Cellular customers have contacted us they are having problems with the new notification systems available through our school web site. We are working on a solution.

Old Business

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

New Business

Presentation on Page County Extension Programs

Debbie Swanson, County Youth Coordinator for the ISU Extension in Page County, was at the meeting to highlight the programs and services offered through the Extension. The programs range from stranger awareness to problem solving, building character, and bullying prevention. Mrs. Swanson asked board members to spend time thinking about the bullying issue and consider how the School and the Extension could work together to reach both students and parents with prevention strategies.

Approve First Trimester Early Graduation Lists

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Turner, to approve the early graduation lists pending successful completion of the graduation requirements as set forth by the Clarinda Community School Board. Motion carried 5-0. The lists are as follows:

Clarinda High School

Colton Beery

Cody French

Clarinda Alternative High School

Lisa Blake

Calleen Nelsen

Wyatt Williams

Clarinda Academy

Austin Morrison

Approve Offering Certified Staff Early Retirement Option

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Watkins to approve offering the certified staff the early retirement option for 2013-2014. Each year prior to November 1st, the board must determine whether or not to offer the early retirement option to eligible staff members. Regular full-time staff members who turn 58 during the current fiscal year and who have continuously worked more than ten years at or before reaching 58 years of age must submit an application by January 15th for early retirement at the end of the current fiscal year or next fiscal year. The value of the benefit for certified personnel is \$15,000, with the payment made to the retiree in September following their retirement. Funds are paid from the Management Fund and do not affect the General Operating Fund unless the retiree is over 65 years old. McComb stated he felt the money could be spent in a better way. Watkins agreed maybe the Board could review the policy during the normal policy review cycle. Following discussion of the policy, the motion passed on a 4-1 vote. Ayes: Sunderman, Turner, Watkins, and Fine. Nay: McComb

Approve Offering Classified Staff Early Retirement Option

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Turner to approve offering the classified staff the early retirement option for 2013-2014. The value of the benefit for classified and administrative personnel is 25% times the annual contracted salary received by the retiree during the fiscal year immediately preceding retirement. The motion passed on a 4-1 vote. Ayes: Sunderman, Turner, Watkins, and Fine. Nay: McComb

Approve Athletic Sharing Agreement

A motion was made Sunderman, seconded by McComb, to approve the sharing agreement with South Page School District in football, baseball, and softball for the 2014 season, contingent upon approval by the South Page School Board. Classification for sports for next year is based on this year's enrollment in grades 9-11, so we are not guaranteed their enrollment won't have an impact on our classifications until enrollment numbers are finalized in December. Following discussion, the motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Approve Special Education Contracts

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Sunderman, to approve the contracts with Cedar Rapids, Waterloo, Independence, and Sioux City Community School Districts for special education students being served at the Clarinda Academy. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Turner, to approve the contracts with Villisca and South Page Community School Districts for resident special education students being served in the Clarinda District. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Sunderman, to approve the contract with Shenandoah Community School District to provide the educational program for a Clarinda resident special education student. Motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence from Board Members

Board members collectively wished good luck to the fall sports athletes as they moved thru post-season competitions.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by McComb, to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Teresa Nook
Acting Board Secretary