

**April 28, 2014
Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
Clarinda Community School District**

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Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Clarinda Community School District met in regular session on Monday, April 28, 2014, 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 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by McComb, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

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:

1. A group of FFA students are in Ames for the State Leadership Conference.
2. The high school art show is this evening from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. The spring concert for the vocal and instrumental music departments begins at 7:30.
3. Prom is this Saturday evening.

Mr. McNeal, Middle School Principal, reported:

1. Middle school track students are performing well this spring. We have large numbers in both the boys and girls teams.
2. The 8th grade band traveled to Kansas City last Saturday, where they received 3rd place for their performance at Worlds of Fun.
3. Sixth grade students will experience Marsville on Friday.
4. Middle School spring concerts are Monday and Tuesday evenings next week.
5. Two group exhibits will be competing at the State Junior National History Day Competition in Des Moines on May 5th. Riley Holmstrom, Kylie Shackleford, Lauren Tunnicliff, Aya Hamanaka, and Cooper Randolph will represent CMS.
6. Isabel Solivan participated in the regional Woodmen Civic Oration Contest on April 17th.

Ms. Opperman, Elementary Principal, reported:

1. The 1st grade spring program will be tomorrow evening in the high school auditorium.
2. Kindergarten round-up is this Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Superintendent Honnold reported:

1. Miss Nook and I were part of the Department of Education Site Visit team that spent three days at Sidney the week of April 14th. We will have a site visit in our district next year.
2. The auditorium rigging system was inspected and we've received the official report. They recommend we look at replacing the entire system somewhere between 5 and 10 years from now.
3. Camblin Mechanical has begun removing the old boiler at Garfield. The new boiler will be installed immediately following the last day of school.
4. We've begun interviewing candidates for elementary teacher positions.
5. The Needs Assessment Survey results have been emailed to board members. Parents completed the survey during parent-teacher conferences this spring. Comments from parents help us understand what they see as our strengths and weaknesses.

Old Business

Board members had no old business to consider.

New Business

Literacy Curriculum Presentation

Approve Literacy Curriculum Textbooks

Miss Nook began the presentation explaining that a group of K-12 teachers have been studying last year's Iowa Assessment scores and current year assessments created by the team. The Literacy Team based their textbook selection on the elimination of deficiencies and gaps in current curriculum. The proposed textbook for grades 7-12 is Common Core Literature from Pearson. State Education Reform says that beginning May 1, 2017, 100% of our 3rd grade students will be required to score in the proficient range of reading comprehension on the Iowa assessments. Our current Kindergarten will be that 3rd grade class. Mrs. Opperman described how the Literacy Team discussed the strengths and weaknesses of the current reading materials from McGraw-Hill, called Treasures. Teachers feel the Treasures book provides strong instruction, but analysis of assessment scores show the need for additional materials in phonics, writing skills, and reading for meaning. The Literacy Team proposes the purchase of additional materials from Developmental Studies Center to address those weaknesses. Following the presentation of materials, a motion was made by Watkins, seconded by Sunderman, to approve the Literacy curriculum textbooks and support materials as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Approve Resignation(s)

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Sunderman, to approve the resignation from Vicki Fulk as elementary teacher effective the end of the current school year. Mrs. Fulk has served Clarinda School students for 36 years. Board members stated their appreciation for the leadership she's shown in elementary buildings throughout the years. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Sunderman, seconded by Watkins, to approve the resignation from Curt Dow as middle school head wrestling coach for the 2014-2015 season. Curt has been the head coach for the 7-8 wrestling team for over 10 years, served as assistance high school coach under Mike Moreno, and has helped with the little kids wrestling program for many years. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by McComb, to approve the resignation from Rose Johanns as high school secretary, effective the end of the current school year. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Sunderman, to approve the resignation from Angie Degase as food service secretary, effective the end of the current school year. Motion carried 4-0.

Approve Contract(s)

A motion was made by Sunderman, seconded by Watkins, to approve the contract with Ron Grebert to serve as head high school girls' basketball coach for the 2014-2015 season. Mr. Grebert has served as the assistant coach for the last 10 years and currently serves as the girls' golf coach. Motion carried 4-0.

Approve Classified and Administrative Contracts for 2014-2015

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by McComb, to approve the 2.38% average total package raise for administrators and supervisors for the 2014-2015 school year. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Sunderman, seconded by McComb, to approve the 3.4% average total package raise for classified staff for the 2014-2015 school year. Motion carried 4-0.

Correspondence

McComb: Congratulations to the 4X100 relay team of Paige Fast, Klarissa McElroy, Jenny Bair, and Jaedra Moses who qualified for and ran at the Drake Relays last Friday. They ran their best time of the season.

Executive Session

President Fine declared the start of the executive session at 5:39 p.m. to complete the Superintendent's Performance Review. President Fine declared the Board of out executive session at 6:22 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Watkins, seconded by McComb, to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Cindy L. VanFosson
Board Secretary