

**March 28, 2016
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, March 28, 2016, 5:00 p.m., at the Board Room located in the McKinley Building, 423 East Nodaway, Clarinda, IA 51632.

Call to Order

President Sunderman called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The following board members were present: President Sunderman, Vice President McComb, Bond, and Jones.

Approval of Agenda

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

Open Hearing on the Proposed 2016-2017 School Year Calendar

At 5:01 p.m. President Sunderman declared the start of the open hearing on the proposed 2016-2017 school calendar. Hearing no verbal and receiving no written objections to the proposed calendar, President Sunderman closed the hearing at 5:02 p.m.

Audience to Visitors

President Sunderman welcomed all visitors to the meeting. No visitors chose to address the board.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Porter, Middle School Principal, reported:

1. Seventeen students, grades 4-8, will be traveling to Graceland University on Wednesday for the Regional National History Day Competition. Qualifiers will move on to the State Competition in Des Moines on April 25th.
2. Fourteen students will compete on Thursday in the National History Bee qualifier. Those who qualify will travel to Chicago in early June.
3. Jason Wright will compete in the National Geography Bee at UNI on Friday, April 1st.

Board member Turner arrived at 5:06 p.m.

Old Business

Board members had no old business to consider.

New Business

Receive Report on Food Service Program

Joyce Johansen, Food Service Director, was at the meeting to provide information on the possibility of a summer food program for kids. Federal compliance requirements limit service areas and health codes restrict service sites to those with adequate kitchens and bathroom facilities. Mrs. Johansen has spoken with a local church and may bring a possible plan to the board at a future meeting.

Approve 2016-2017 School Calendar

A motion was made by Jones, seconded by McComb, to approve the 2016-2017 school calendar as presented. The first day of school for the 2016-2017 school year is August 23rd. The last day is May 22nd, pending days lost during the year. The calendar is posted on the district web site for parents and community members. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Resignation

A motion was made by Bond, seconded by Jones, to approve the resignation from Van Gilmore as head high school boys' basketball coach for the 2016-2017 season, pending a suitable replacement can be found. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Teacher Leadership Selections

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Bond, to approve the appointment of Cindy Aldrich as District Instructional Leader and Jon Cole, Mike Smith, Colleen Comer, and Kim McNees as District Lead Teachers for the 2016-2017 school year. The Instructional Leader is full-time position with 30 additional contract days. Mrs. Aldrich will receive a \$15,000 stipend above the salary she receives per the teacher salary schedule. The District Lead Teachers will have 15 additional contract days. They'll spend 80% of their time in their regular classroom and 20% of their time fulfilling lead teacher duties. They'll receive a \$10,000 stipend above their regular teacher pay. The next step is for the Instructional Leader and District Lead Teachers to review applications and choose 12 mentor teachers. Our district was notified our TLC application was accepted earlier this year and we will be part of the Teacher Leadership Compensation System beginning with the 2016-2017 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Presentation on 2017 Fiscal Year Budget

Set Open Hearing on 2017 Fiscal Year Budget

Superintendent Honnold provided a PowerPoint presentation on how the 2016-2017 budget will be calculated. The district budget is affected by such variables as state dictated per pupil cost, student enrollment, and property tax valuations. An open hearing will be held to allow residents the opportunity to voice their opinion on the proposed budget. The Legislature has agreed on a 2.25% growth in K-12 education, with the Governor yet to sign. Because school districts must certify their budget by April 15th, the proposed budget will be published in the March 31st edition of the Clarinda Herald Journal assuming the 2.25% increase. The proposed levy rate is \$10.56971 per \$1000 assessed valuation. The final levy rate for 2015-2016 was \$10.61.

Set Open Public Hearing on 2017 Fiscal Budget

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Jones, to set April 11, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. in the McKinley Central Office Board Room as the date, time, and place for the open hearing on the 2017 fiscal year budget. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Drainage and Parking Area Bid

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Turner, to approve the bid from Crain Construction of \$68,000 to put drainage tube and a concrete surface on the north side of the McKinley building. A bid of \$72,000 was received from 3D Construction. This is a project that has been identified as a need for several years. The roof drains cause ice in the winter and standing water and mud when it rains. Down spouts will empty into a drainage tube buried along the north side of the building and connect to the storm sewer on the east edge of the property. Following discussion of a possible timeline for the project, the motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Approve Natural Gas Provider Agreement

A motion was made by Jones, seconded by McComb, to approve the agreement with Education Energy Group to provide natural gas for the 2016-2017 school year. Craig Hill, maintenance supervisor, met with a representative from Education Energy Group, and was at the meeting to explain the proposed change and answer any questions. Currently the district contracts with a third-party, IJUMP, as provider for natural gas with pool pricing. Education Energy Group is similar, providing pool pricing and in addition, a market pricing alternative. Based on research of the last 14 years, the district would have saved money 13 of those years moving to market priced natural gas instead of paying a pool price decided upon at a certain date. This would be a one year agreement to be evaluated next year for possible renewal. Following Mr. Hill's explanation, the motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Board Correspondence

Bond: Condolences to Steve Shilhanek's family on his passing. He was a long time teacher in the district and many people in the community studied history in his classroom.

Adjournment

A motion was made by McComb, seconded by Bond, to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Exempt Session

Per Iowa Code Section 20.17(3) – strategy session in the collective bargaining process for public employees.

Cindy L. VanFosson
Board Secretary