

# **Minutes of Regular Meeting**

## **May 26, 2021**

### **The Board of Directors**

#### **Clarinda Community School District**

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Clarinda Community School District was held Wednesday, May 26, 2021, beginning at 4:00 PM in the McKinley Central Office for Board.

#### **1. Call to Order**

President Jones called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

#### **2. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### **3. Roll Call**

The following Board members were present: President Jones, Vice President Pulliam, Bergren, and Meyer. Sunderman absent.

#### **4. Audience to Visitors**

President Jones welcomed all visitors to the meeting. Jared Riddle voiced concerns about staff resignations and Board decisions; he gave prepared resignation sheets to the Board members and Mrs. Bergman. Chari Bix voiced concern about board meeting times and the number of teacher turn overs. Denise Jago shared concerns about lack of communication. Laura Tumak yielded her two minute time to Jared Riddle.

Sunderman entered at 4:04 p.m.

#### **5. Approval of Agenda**

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

#### **6. Public Hearing on the Proposed 2020-2021 Amended Budget**

At 4:11 p.m. President Jones declared the start of the hearing on the proposed 2020-2021 amended budget. Hearing no verbal, and receiving no written objections to the proposed 2020-2021 amended budget, President Jones closed the hearing at 4:12 p.m.

#### **7. Open Hearing on the Proposed 2021-2022 School Calendar**

At 4:13 p.m. President Jones declared the start of the hearing on the proposed 2021-2022 school calendar. Hearing no verbal, and receiving no written objections to the proposed 2021-2022 school calendar, President Jones closed the hearing at 4:14 p.m.

#### **8. Consider Consent Agenda Items**

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

8.1 Approve Minutes of the May 12, 2021 Regular Meeting

8.2 Approve Minutes of the May 17, 2021 Special Meeting

### 8.3 Approve Bills

Director Bergren found the bills in order.

### 8.4 Approve Open Enrollment Requests for 2021-2022 School Year

Open Enrollment into the district 2021-2022: 0

Open Enrollment out of the district 2021-2022: 1- Essex ninth grade (Harmony Sickler)

### 8.5 Approve Recommendation for Resignation

JennaLee Bramble as a paraprofessional, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year

Christi Breach as a paraprofessional, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year

William Nook as Custodian, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year

Daniel Happe as High School teacher, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year

Chris Dyer as High School teacher, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year

Courtney Madison as Elementary Special Education teacher, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year

## 9. Recognition and Reports

### 9.1 Maintenance Report

Mr. Hill shared the cost of the glycol system for the auditorium chiller is higher than expected; the company suggested a yearly service agreement where twice a year they would come to open and close the system. The sidewalk at Clarinda Innovation Learning Center needs repaired. He is getting pricing on showers, exhaust system, partitions and lockers. Irrigation on practice field is in the works. To increase building security, the card readers need to be moved to outside the doors; he will give a recommendation from Walsh Security next meeting. Two sheds at Garfield and High School are not worth repairing; both will be taken down along with replacing fencing at High School. A few trees on district property will need taken down due to Ash borer.

### 9.2 Homeschool Liaison Report

Lexy Davies shared about meeting with homeschool families; she encourages dual enrollment. She would like to see CCSD partner with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach with student programs and is excited about CCSD partnering with IWCC.

### 9.3 FAST Report

Mrs. Eberly and Mrs. Bix shared the FAST results. Throughout the year 111 students were served in Title 1 and 102 students will start with services in the fall. Results show that some students are behind due to COVID but progress is being made.

### 9.4 Cardinal Innovation Learning Center

Facilities committee and Mrs. Bergman will be meeting with a potential partner to discuss partnerships with the community. Being a STEM Best Partner school, CCSD will be highlighted and have a ribbon cutting at High School viewing deck; Strategic America is the media group that will do newspaper, radio and TV recognition as well.

### 9.5 CCSD Committee Reports

Finance - Meyer spoke on ESSER funds and rules to be followed to spend the funds.

Legislation – Vouchers for charter schools were denied. Currently, there are two applications for charter schools in Des Moines area who are targeted with high-risk students.

### 9.6 Superintendent

Mrs. Bergman met with Elaine Farwell concerning the Craft Carnival using school buildings. Focus has been on supporting students and their behavior; next year principals will be in classrooms to better understand student behavior. She is looking at possibly adding PK-6 and

7-12 Behavior Interventionalist to help support behavior and assisting with 504 plans. Interviews were done for PE and Special Education positions; athletic and activity support for coaches and teachers is next.

#### 9.7 Board Correspondence

Jones – He read a letter from the mayor thanking the construction class for their work at the new city hall. The viewing deck at the high school looks awesome. Upon review of the recording from the last Board open forum, it was revealed that a false, defamatory statement was made. Please let the record reflect this fact: The Clarinda Community School District Return to Learn Plan was submitted on time for state reporting purposes. Vice President Pulliam and he have been in talks with district counsel and Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB); the intent is to have a work session in June to discuss district policies along with roles and responsibilities of the Board, staff, and administration. Staff and community members are welcome to attend but will not be able to participate at this initial meeting. This will be the last Board meeting public comments will be allowed to deviate from active Board policy and posted meeting agenda items. Policy must be followed during open forum and only comments pertaining to the posted agenda will be allowed. He wants to hear public and staff concerns but proper channels must be followed.

Pulliam gave kudos to staff and students who worked on the viewing deck. Graduation was a great day of celebration. Congratulations to the track teams who went to state. She thanked the Board for their time and effort on the voucher resolution.

Meyer complimented Pulliam for her speech at graduation. She congratulated the students who received scholarships and awards; there was over \$60,000 awarded. It has been an exciting spring for athletics and band.

Bergren attended and enjoyed graduation. Congratulations to the graduates; half of the class had 3.0 or higher as a GPA.

### 10. New Business

#### 10.1 Consider Adopting the Proposed 2020-2021 Amended Budget

##### **ACTION**

A motion was made by Bergren, seconded by Meyer, to approve and adopt the proposed 2020-2021 amended budget as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

#### 10.2 Consider Approving the Proposed 2021-2022 School Calendar

A motion was made by Pulliam, seconded by Sunderman, to approve the 2021-2022 school calendar. Motion carried 5-0.

#### 10.3 Consider Approving 2021-2022 Licensed Staff Handbook

A motion was made by Sunderman, seconded by Bergren, to approve the 2021-2022 Licensed Staff Handbook. Motion carried 5-0.

#### 10.4 Consider Approving Bid of High School Track Overlay

A motion was made by Meyer, seconded by Sunderman, to approve the bid from Midwest Tennis and Track for \$129,375 to resurface the high school track. Motion carried 5-0.

#### 10.5 Consider Approving Replacing HVAC Units at High School

A motion was made by Bergren, seconded by Meyer, to approve the bid from Wallin Plumbing and Heating for \$70,844 to replace three roof top units on the High School band and wrestling wing. Motion carried 5-0.

#### 10.6 Consider Approving Adding 1 FTE for a Special Education Position

A motion was made by Sunderman, seconded by Meyer, to approve adding 1 FTE for a

special education position for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

**10.7 Consider Approving Director of Student Service Contract for Four Days**

A motion was made by Pulliam, seconded by Bergren, to approve adding a fourth day to the Director of Student Service contract. Motion carried 5-0.

**10.8 Consider Approving the First Reading of the Employee Complaint Form**

A motion was made by Bergren, seconded by Meyer, to approve the first reading of the general complaint form as 213R2, 307R1, 401.4R1 and 402.5R1. Motion carried 5-0.

**11. Meeting Announcements:**

Please note the schedule of meetings.

- 11.1 Our next regular meeting is on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at McKinley.

**12. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Sunderman, seconded by Bergren, to adjourn the meeting at 5:09 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

**These minutes are as recorded by the board secretary and subject to approval at the next regular board meeting.**

**Nancy Fulk-McKinnon  
Board Secretary**