

Minutes of Regular Meeting

January 14, 2026

The Board of Directors

Clarinda Community School District

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Clarinda Community School District was held Wednesday, January 14, 2026, beginning at 5:00 PM in the McKinley Boardroom.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call

The following Board members were present: President Butt, Vice President Hayes, Boysen, Sunderman and Wyman.

4. Audience to Visitors

President Butt welcomed all visitors to the meeting.

5. Approval of Agenda

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

6. Consider Consent Agenda Items

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

6.1 Approve Minutes of the December 10, 2025 Regular Meeting

6.2 Approve Bills

6.3 Approve Open Enrollment Requests for the 2025-2026 School Year

Open Enrollment into the district: 20 – Ames, seventh grade (Jakson Connor); Fort Madison, first grade (Pearce Helling), second grade (Neil Helling); Indianola, kindergarten (Tristan Rosengren), third grade (Ruby Rosengren); Johnston, sixth grade (Annalee Kos), sixth grade (Juliet Kos); Mediapolis, second grade (Gotham Cline), seventh grade (William Cline); Mid Prairie, kindergarten (Catherine Raymond), third grade (Joselyn Raymond); Panorama, fifth grade (Micah King); Perry, fourth grade (Daniel Heinz), seventh grade (Charlie Heinz); Van Meter, fifth grade (Liam Schafer), eighth grade (Eli Schafer); West Central Valley, kindergarten (Olivia Dawson), fourth grade (Amalia Dawson), sixth grade (Evelyn Dawson), eighth grade (Sydney Dawson)

Open Enrollment out of the district: 1 – Shenandoah, twelfth grade (Ayden Rickman)

6.4 Approve Hires, Transfers, and Resignations

Hires: Emma Mundorf, Special Education Teacher, effective the 2026-2027 school year

Transfers: none

Resignations: Richard Iske, Transportation Director, effective June 30, 2026

Mike Anderson, 9th Grade Softball Coach, effective December 18, 2025

7. Recognition and Reports

7.1 Administrator Report

Mr. Bales reported FFA has Sub-district contests in February. FCCLA helped Southwest Iowa Families with their soup supper, volunteered at the Spirit on the Square, assisted Grandma's House Daycare with their vendor craft fair, and hosted its annual Christmas wrapping event. They are currently selling strawberries and collecting donations for the Ronald McDonald House Charities. February 4 they are hosting the Green Hills South District meeting and competition. National Honor Society hosted a bake sale and inducted new members. FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) meet monthly and is preparing for its Night to Shine event. Band is preparing for jazz competitions. An Activities Council has started and is helping take tickets and greet officials. The Cheer Team had four make the All-American team and travel to Rome and Hawaii, and three make the Western Shrine Bowl. Basketball, wrestling, and bowling teams are in full-swing. Clarinda will host the girls' regional Bowling. The baseball team is selling tickets for its upcoming June game against Atlantic at Busch Stadium in St. Louis.

7.2 Maintenance Report

Mr. Ridnour reported the door access cloud-hosted system project is complete. Elevate Roofing completed minor roof repairs during its annual inspection. During Christmas break the Jr/Sr High floors were refinished. The Radon testing is complete. He is installing LED lights at Garfield and is talking with KCL Engineering on electrical upgrades for Garfield's oldest section. Upcoming projects include internet at the Academy gym and sprinkler head protective cages at Garfield.

7.3 Finance Report

Mrs. McKinnon and Mr. Privia had the first FY27 budget meeting in Red Oak. Governor Reynolds is recommending 2% SSA (Supplemental State Aid).

7.4 Superintendent Report

Steve Wright discussed the new Alumni FFA Organization. Their goal is to support Brokaw FFA advisors and students. Mr. Privia and Mr. Ridnour continue to get HVAC bids.

7.5 Board Correspondence

none

8. New Business

8.1 Discuss and Consider Approving Modified Allowable Growth Funds for the At-Risk Program for the 2026-2027 School Year

A motion was made by Wyman, seconded by Boysen, to approve the application for Modified Allowable Growth funds for the At-Risk program for the 2026-27 school year at the maximum amount of \$183,444. Motion carried 5-0.

8.2 Consider Approving the At-Risk/Drop Out Prevention Plan

A motion was made by Boysen, seconded by Hayes, to approve the At-Risk/Dropout Prevention Plan. Motion carried 5-0.

8.3 Discuss and Consider Approving the First Reading of Early Retirement Policies

A motion was made by Wyman, seconded by Hayes, to approve the first reading of early retirement policies, 303.10, 407.6, and 413.6; waive the second and final reading; and approve early retirement for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

8.4 Discuss and Consider Setting a Public Hearing for the Child Internet Protection Act

A motion was made by Hayes, seconded by Wyman, to approve the public hearing date for the Child Internet Protection Act on January 28, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the McKinley Boardroom. Motion carried 5-0.

8.5 Discuss and Consider Approving the Securly Software Purchase

A motion was made by Wyman, seconded by Hayes, to approve purchasing the Securly software for \$31,211.00 for a three-year agreement. Motion carried 5-0.

8.6 Discuss and Consider Approving the 7/8 Student Council Fundraisers

A motion was made by Boysen, seconded by Wyman, to approve the 7/8 Student Council bake sales, a student dance, and Rada Cutlery fundraisers. Motion carried 5-0.

8.7 Discuss and Consider Approving a Nutrition Donation

A motion was made by Hayes, seconded by Boysen, to approve the \$1,000 donation for student meal accounts. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Meeting Announcements

- 9.1 A regular meeting will be on Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. at McKinley.
- 9.2 A regular meeting will be on Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. at McKinley.

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Wyman, seconded by Boysen to adjourn the meeting at 5:33 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 McKinnon
Board Secretary