



Schuyler Community Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, January 11, 2016 6:30 PM
Schuyler Central High School Music Room
401 Adam Street
Schuyler, NE 68661-2400

I. Call Meeting to Order

Discussion: Meeting was called to order by President Brabec. All board members were present. Also present were Principals Grammer, Burton, Reinsch, and Comley; Assistant Principal Kovar, and Curriculum Director Gibbons. The Mission Statement was read. The meeting has been preceded by advance notice and was declared in open session.

I.A. Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion: All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I.B. Declaration of Open Meeting

II. Election of 2016 Offices

II.A. President

Discussion: Nominations were opened for President of the School Board for the 2016 year. Vavricek nominated Rich Brabec, Hild seconded the motion. Misek moved the nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Brabec; Cerny seconded the motion. Motion carried.

II.B. Vice-President

Discussion: Nominations were opened for Vice President of the School Board for the 2016 year. Cerny nominated Brian Vavricek, Brabec seconded the motion. Brabec moved the nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Vavricek; Hild seconded the motion. Motion carried.

II.C. Secretary

Discussion: Nominations were opened for Secretary of the School Board for the 2016 year. Hild nominated Virginia Semerad, Misek seconded the motion. Hild moved the nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Semerad; Cerny seconded the motion. Motion carried.

II.D. Treasurer

Discussion: Nominations were opened for Treasurer of the School Board for the 2016 year. Brabec nominated Chuck Misek, Semerad seconded the motion. Hild moved the nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Misek; Brabec seconded the motion. Motion carried.

II.E. NASB Delegate

Discussion: Nominations were opened for NASB Representative the 2016 year. Misek nominated Rich Brabec, Vavricek seconded the motion. Cerny moved the nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Brabec; Vavricek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

II.F. Appoint Recording Secretary

Discussion: Cathie Marking was appointed as recording secretary for the 2016 year.

III. Board of Education Committee Assignments

Discussion: Board Members were assigned to following committees: Foundation Committee - Vavricek, Semerad Americanism, Curriculum, Assessment, and Instruction - Semerad, Hild, Brabec Board Policy, Handbooks, Support Systems - Hild, Vavricek, Brabec Public Relations, Strategic Planning, Calendar - Hild, Semerad, Brabec Building/Grounds, Transportation - Misek, Cerny, Brabec Budget, Finance, Negotiations - Misek, Vavricek, Brabec

IV. Board Member Potential Conflict of Interest Statement Form

Discussion: All Board members were given a Conflict of Interest form to fill out if the possibility existed a conflict could arise. It was pointed out this form protects the Board member and the District.

V. Board Member Code of Ethics Form

Discussion: A Code of Ethics listing ten characteristics of a School Board members was given to each member. They were asked to prioritize each characteristic and choose two which would help each to be a more effective School Board member. As the year goes on, more of the characteristics will be added for more consistent behaviors.

VI. Approval of Consent Agenda

VI.A. Agenda

VI.B. Minutes

VI.C. Acceptance of Claims

VI.C.1. Bills of \$5,000 or more

VI.D. Financial

VI.E. Other Listed Reports

VII. Public Forum - We ask that all presentation be limited in their length.

VII.A. Recognition of visitors and guests

VII.B. Other topics (limited to 5 minutes - subject to guidelines of the Board Participation Policy)

VII.C. Student Representative's Report

VIII. Action Items

VIII.A. Board Policy, Handbooks, and Support Programs

VIII.A.1. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve request from the Young Adults for Christ (Divine Mercy) to rent facilities for a 3-day retreat.

Discussion: State law says that all groups must be allowed to use the facility or no groups will be allowed to use the facility. The SCS District policy will be reviewed as the new Recreation Center becomes available for use.

VIII.A.2. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve rental of school facilities for Vacation Bible School.

VIII.B. Governance: Public Relations, Technology, and Planning

VIII.B.1. Consider, discuss, and take action to amend the second semester school calendar.
Discussion: February 18 and April 22 will be reclassified as non-contract days and two new contract days, May 23 and 24 will be added to the end of the school year for Certified Staff Development.

VIII.C. Budget, finance, negotiations, and personnel

VIII.C.1. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve staff resignations.

Discussion: The search for a replacement for this position will begin immediately.

VIII.C.2. Consider, discuss, and take action to extend the superintendent's contract as presented.

Discussion: This contract has been posted online for seven days prior to this action.

IX. Discussion Items and Reports

IX.A. Discuss the Strategic Planning Process

Discussion: Results of all of the previous Strategic Planning meetings will be discussed with community leaders at a retreat on February 1 at a location to be determined.

IX.B. Initial discussion on the 2016-2017 school calendar

Discussion: The SEA as well as the School Board have been given a copy of the 2016-2017 calendar. The goal is to finalize the new calendar at the March 2016 meeting.

IX.C. Principals Reports

IX.D. Directors Reports

IX.E. Superintendent's Report

Discussion: The new Recreation Center building is scheduled to be delivered the last week in January. A staff inservice was held Monday, January 11th with presenter Dr. JoAnne Owens-Nauslar. The terms of Virginia Semerad, Chuck Misek, and Eric Cerny will expire in December 2016. The filing deadline for incumbents is February 16th and March 1st for non-incumbents. The NSAA is working on adopting a transgender policy regarding school participation in activities. School districts may choose to form their own policy through legal counsel.

IX.F. Board Member/Committee Reports

Discussion: The SCS Foundation will host the Chamber After Hours on February 4 at the Schuyler Golf Club. They will also have an evening meeting on February 15 to allow more time for discussion.

X. Correspondence Items

Discussion: Correspondence was received from the Hoelsing family for condolences received and a thank you was received from members of the One-Act performers.

XI. Adjournment

Discussion: Motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM.

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