



Schuyler Community Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, October 18, 2010 6:30 PM
Schuyler Central High School Music Room
401 Adam Street
Schuyler, NE 68661-2400

I. Call Meeting to Order

Discussion: Others present were Superintendent Stevens, Principals Grammer, Comley, and Vrba, assistant principals Cunningham and Cline, activities administrator Egr, and director of facilities Mundil.

I.A. Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion: All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I.B. Declaration of Open Meeting

Discussion: President Wennkamp stated the meeting was preceded by advance public notice and declared to be an open session.

II. Approval of Consent Agenda

Discussion: A motion was made by Parr and seconded by Wennkamp to approve the agenda, minutes, acceptance of claims, financial, and other listed reports; motion passed.

II.A. Agenda

II.B. Minutes

II.C. Acceptance of Claims

II.D. Financial

II.E. Other Listed Reports

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

III.A. Recognition of visitors and guests

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

III.C. Student Representative's Report

Discussion: Student representative Cesar Gonzalez reported on Student Council and fall sports. Fifteen students will be attending the State Student Council Convention.

IV. Board Requests/Reports

IV.A. Americanism

IV.B. Budget

IV.C. Building and Grounds

IV.D. Curriculum

Discussion: Jeff Droge, director of technology was present along with two representatives from Prime Communications, Pat Gibbons and Dixon Greenfield, to explain the proposal to upgrade the SCS wireless infrastructure. At SCHS there are over 300 computers in use. Mr. Droge explained that our wireless system was never designed to handle as much as this and we definitely need to make an upgrade. The plan presented would cover our current technology investment in addition to software, hardware for future technology advancements. Mr. Gibbons pointed out that this upgrade should provide support for seven to nine years before upgrades would be needed due to rapid advancement of technology. The wireless access points would have a lifetime warranty. Mr. Stevens will check with other school systems that are using the Aruba System.

IV.D.1. Wireless infrastructure

IV.E. Negotiations

IV.F. Planning

IV.F.1. Procedures and Guidance on use of QSCB

Discussion: Two documents focusing on present and envisioned floor-plans at SMS and SES that were prepared by the facilities committee of the Schuyler Area Administrators were presented by Superintendent Stevens. The plans projected classroom usage from 2011-12 thru 2012-2015.

IV.F.2. November board retreat

IV.F.3. Jerry McCall - long term planning

Discussion: Jerry McCall, a long-term facilities planner met with members of the planning committee. He briefed the committee members on how he could benefit the SCS system.

IV.F.4. Traffic consultant

Discussion: The traffic pattern at SES has improved with a second line of traffic running in back of the school. A new street connecting to the existing Chicago Street cannot be realized until the adjoining property is developed.

IV.G. Policy

IV.H. Public Relations

IV.I. Foundation

V. Action Items

V.A. Discuss, consider and take necessary action on bills of \$5,000 or more

Discussion: Four bills were included in this action item.

V.B. Discuss, consider and take necessary actions to approve board policy updates

V.C. Discuss, consider and take necessary action to approve the sex offender policy

VI. Administrative and Other Reports

VI.A. Operating Council Report(s)

VI.B. High School Principal Report

Discussion: Formal observations are complete on tenured and non-tenured staff. An early release incentive day is planned in November for students who qualified in the attendance portion of ERIP during term one.

VI.C. Grades 9-12 Assistant Principal's Report

VI.D. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

Discussion: Sophomores will be taking the PLAN test on October 27th. This test aligns closely with the ACT test. Students in grades two through eight will take Terra Nova achievement tests the week of October 25.

VI.D.1. Preliminary information assessment results

VI.E. Activities Administrator Report

Discussion: Sales of athletic season passes increased from last year as well as gate receipts at varsity contests. New banners depicting senior students involved in extra-curricular activities have been hung in the west gym.

VI.F. Director of Facilities/Transportation Report

Discussion: Cost proposals are being sought for roof repair at SCHS.

VI.G. Grades k-3 Principal's Report

Discussion: The pre-school teachers are now CPR certified; there are currently sixty-seven students enrolled in pre-school.

VI.H. Grades k-3 Principal's Report

Discussion: The representative from the NIFDI reading program was at SES for five days. She complimented SES on the improvement of teaching Reading Mastery and the levels of mastery that students are reaching.

VI.I. Grades 4-8 Principal's Report

Discussion: SMS English classes participated in the Hispanic Heritage Month State Commemoration Essay Contest sponsored by The Latin-American Commission. Schuyler Middle School had three students win first, second and third place. The students were honored at a reception on Friday, October 8th at the State Capitol in Lincoln, NE.

VI.I.1. Community (Parent) Resource Center

Discussion: Plans continue for the Schuyler Community Resource Center. A job description has been prepared. Funds from Title I and III will be used in part to support this new program.

VI.J. Grades 4-8 Assistant Principal's Report

Discussion: Fall sports ended at SMS on October 12; winter sports practices will begin October 25. A SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) organization has begun at SMS to focus on character building throughout the school.

VI.K. Superintendent's Report

VI.K.1. 4R - drinking water update

Discussion: A letter from DHHS advised SCS that District 504-R is now in compliance with the standards for public drinking water.

VI.K.2. Emergency Medical Leave Bank request

Discussion: A request from Alyce Thege for five days from the Classified Emergency Medical Leave Bank was discussed.

VI.K.3. Lafarge article

VI.K.4. Superintendent's Evaluation

Discussion: In 2009-2010 superintendent evaluations were completed in December. Due to the upcoming election in November, the board will discuss moving this evaluation to November.

VI.K.5. Board felicitations

VI.K.6. President and treasurer sign bank signature cards

Discussion: The board president and treasurer were asked to sign signature cards for the representative banks for SCS.

VI.K.7. NASB/NASA Education Conference - November 17-19

VI.K.8. Audit update

Discussion: A completed audit from Pekny and Associates will be presented at the November board meeting.

VII. Correspondence Items

VIII. Executive Session

Discussion: A motion was made at 8:25 PM to enter into executive session to discuss personnel, motion carried. A motion was made by exit executive session was made at 8:47 PM by Misek and seconded by Mejstrik. Motion carried.

VIII.A. Personnel Matter - Retirement

IX. Motion to accept the resignation and retirement agreement.

Discussion: The SCS Board of Education thanked Mrs. Barry for her years of dedication and service to the district.

X. Adjournment

Prepared by: Sally Jakub, Secretary to the Board