



Schuyler Community Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, September 12, 2016 6:30 PM
Schuyler Central High School Music Room
401 Adam Street
Schuyler, NE 68661-2400

I. Budget Hearing

Discussion:

The 2016-2017 budget hearing was opened by President Brabec at 6:30 PM. After the budget workshop held on August 29, the finance committee made the decision to decrease the amount of money budgeted for each of the three bond funds. The point was made that as enrollment increases, increased funding will be necessary to meet the needs of students and facilities. If state aid decreases, that will also affect future budgets. Rural district patrons requested that the lines of communication be kept open when strategic planning is scheduled or budget plans are discussed.

The budget hearing was closed at 6:45 PM.

II. Levy Setting Hearing

Discussion:

The levy setting hearing was opened by President Brabec at 6:46 PM.

The levy for 2016-2017 remains at .95. The proposed property tax request for 2016-2017 is \$12,9167,627.14.

The levy hearing closed at 6:50 PM

III. Call Meeting to Order

Discussion: The regular board meeting was called to order by President Brabec at 6:50 PM. School board members present were: Misek, Vavricek, Cerny, Semerad, and Brabec; Hild was absent. Also present were Principals Burton, Grammer, and Reincsh and Curriculum Director Gibbons. The district mission statement was read. Notice of this meeting was given in advance according to state Law and was declared to be in open session. All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III.A. Pledge of Allegiance

III.B. Declaration of Open Meeting

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda

IV.A. Agenda

IV.B. Minutes

IV.C. Acceptance of Claims

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

IV.D. Financial

IV.E. Other Listed Reports

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

V.A. Recognition of visitors and guests

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

V.C. Student Representative's Report

VI. Action Items

VI.A. Budget, finance, negotiations, and personnel

VI.A.1. Consider, Discuss, and take action to approve the 2016-17 proposed budget as advertised

Discussion: Schuyler Community Schools has one of the lowest budgets in Nebraska - 9th lowest in the state. The budget was frozen in 2015-2016 with a 1.6% increase in 2016-2107.

VI.A.2. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve the 2016-17 property tax resolution as presented.

VI.A.3. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve staff resignations.

VI.A.4. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve administrative new hire recommendations.

Discussion:

New employees hired were as follows: Hilda Ramos, SES Para-educator; Jorge Carrera, SES custodial/maintenance; Giselle Arroyo, SES High Needs SPED Para-educator; Bertha Juarez, SMS High Needs SPED Para-educator; Maria Arroyo, Administrative Assistant at the Homestead Center; and Erin Trotter, Director of the Field House and Green House.

VI.B. Americanism: Curriculum, Assessment, and Instructional Programs

VI.B.1. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve a teacher's request for an overnight trip.

Discussion: This trip is not sponsored by SCS nor will it be paid for by school funds. School employees will serve as chaperones and thus will be covered by SCS insurance.

VI.B.2. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the use of "local Substitutes" for the 2016-17 school year.

VI.C. Board Policy, Handbooks, and Support Programs

VI.C.1. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve second reading on amending board policies: 201.02, 201.06, 606.06, and 1005.03

VI.D. Building, Grounds, and Transportation

VI.D.1. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the bid from Hart Floors on the replacement of the SMS gym floor.

Discussion: Installation should begin approximately mid-October; the job should take two weeks to complete.

VI.E. Governance: Public Relations, Technology, and Planning

VI.E.1. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve amending the 2016-17 school calendar.

Discussion:

September 28-30: SES/Preschool - No school for elementary students.

September 28: SCHS Discovery Education Launch - No school for high school students.
SMS/Rural Schools Learning Goals/Scales Workshop: No school SMS/Rural students.

VII. Discussion Items and Reports

VII.A. Principals Reports

VII.B. Directors Reports

Discussion: Discovery Education has 69 dates reserved to work with the staff at SCHS and 54 dates reserved to work with the staff at SMS. The ACT test will replace the NeSA testing for all Nebraska High School juniors. The Warrior Academy has 173 students registered at SES and 32 registered at SMS.

VII.C. Superintendent's Report

Discussion: The Tech Fair is planned for October 12th and 13th at the SCHS west gymnasium. A Strategic Planning workshop is scheduled for November 23. The cost to refurbish the SCS Preschool was approximately \$35 per square foot.

VII.D. Board Member/Committee Reports

Discussion: The SCS Foundation met on September 12. The ribbon-cutting at the SCS Fieldhouse was held on Labor Day; the fieldhouse donor board has been completed and is on display.

VIII. Correspondence Items

IX. Adjournment

Discussion: Motion to adjourn at 7:51 PM.

X. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the 2017-18 budget as advertised.

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