



Schuyler Community Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, February 21, 2011 6:30 PM
Schuyler Central High School Music Room
401 Adam Street
Schuyler, NE 68661-2400

I. Call Meeting to Order

Discussion: President Jedlicka called the meeting to order. Others present were Superintendent Stevens, Principals Baumert, Vrba, and Comley, Assistant Principals Cunningham and Cline, Curriculum and SIP Administrator Gibbons, Director of Facilities Mundil and Student Council representative Cesar Gonzalez.

I.A. Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion: All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I.B. Declaration of Open Meeting

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

II. Approval of Consent Agenda

II.A. Agenda

II.B. Minutes

II.C. Acceptance of Claims

II.C.1. Discuss, consider and take action on bills of \$5,000 and above

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

Discussion: Dave Legband, representing Magnum Builders was in attendance.

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

III.C. Student Representative's Report

Discussion: Student Council representative Gonzalez updated the members of the school board on new members of National Honor Society, the State wrestling tournament, the upcoming dodge-ball tournament and a Student Council sponsored dance at SMS on March 10.

IV. Board Requests/Reports/Action Items

IV.A. Americanism

IV.B. Budget

IV.C. Building and Grounds

Discussion: Board members Vavricek and Jedlicka inspected the roof at SMS along with maintenance personnel prior to awarding a contract for the reroofing of the building. In particular, the Board had questions about the roof-top heating and cooling units, sky-lights and catwalks.

IV.C.1. Discuss, consider and take action on Change orders for the SMS roof - walk-way, roof top units and skylights

IV.C.2. Discuss, consider and take action on raising the SMS roof top units

IV.C.2.1. Discuss, consider and take action on cost reduction to not extend overhangs on the perimeter of the SMS roof

IV.C.2.2. Discuss, consider and take action on Skylight reduction at SMS

IV.C.3. Discuss, consider and take action on the repair of part of the SCHS roof

Discussion: The board discussed the needed repair of the roof at SCHS above the music room and part of the east side including the present superintendent's office.

IV.C.4. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action on the remodeling of windows and screens at SCHS

IV.C.5. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action related to the addition of fascia at SCHS

IV.D. Curriculum

IV.E. Negotiations

Discussion: A letter was presented from SEA representative Jayne Hlavac to recognize the SEA as the official bargaining unit for certified staff and other identified positions.

IV.E.1. Board request to the SEA to begin negotiations immediately for the 2011-2012 school year

Discussion: The Board indicated their desire that the SEA negotiators start the negotiations process without further delay.

IV.E.2. Board request to the SEA to begin negotiatin immediatley for the 2011-2012 school year.

IV.F. Planning

IV.F.1. Discuss, consider and take action on a contract with Hewgley and Associates for the design and building of a \$4,585,000 addition to SES

Discussion: Discussion of the proposed addition to the SES included terms of the contract with Hewgley and Associates. Questions were raised of the necessity for a construction manager hired from an outside source. A point was made that Board members, the director of facilities and the SCS Superintendent should make regular visits to the construction site, in addition to the regular monthly meetings involving the architect and sub-contractor representatives.

IV.F.2. Calendar comments

Discussion: Mr. Gibbons met with SCS calendar committee representatives to begin planning the 2011-2012 calendar. They will meet again on March 11, 2011 and hope to present a draft copy for inspection by board members the March board meeting.

IV.F.3. The PLAN - update

Discussion: A copy of a long-range facilities plan for all SCS buildings was distributed to board members. This plan includes projected needs/wants to the 2014-2015 school year.

IV.F.4. Set date for board/administration work session

Discussion: Superintendent Stevens requested a date be set for a school board/administrator work session.

IV.G. Policy

IV.G.1. Need to set a meeting date to discuss social networking and the school district

Discussion: The board is invited to a discussion to help examine or develop a policy on social networking sites and the potential to include this policy in the SCS Student-Parent Handbook and the SCS Staff Handbook for the upcoming school year.

IV.H. Public Relations

IV.I. Foundation

V. Action Items

V.A. Discuss, consider and take action on Greg Pavlik - recommended High School Principal

Discussion: The board members that attended the interview of Greg Pavlik, who interviewed for the position of principal at SCHS, were invited to give their comments.

V.B. Discuss, consider and take action on the services plan and estimated cost presented by ESU 7

V.C. Discuss, consider and take action on estimated costs for special education services provided via ESU 7 for the 2011-2012 school year

V.D. Discuss, consider and take action on the contract offer to Janette Diaz for the position of Director of the Schuyler Community Resource Center - SCRC - for the remainder of 2010-2011 school year and all of 2011-2012 school year.

VI. Administrative and Other Reports

VI.A. Operating Council Report(s)

VI.B. High School Principal Report

Discussion: The graduation rate information for the 2009 and 2010 school year has been released in the State of the Schools Report. The report states that for 2009-2010 State of Nebraska the graduation rate was 90.03% and for 2009-2010 SCHS the graduation rate was 91.67%. The annual Eighth Grade Visitation program will be held on March 9, 2010. The reading and math testing will take place on February 23 and the keyboarding testing will take place on March 2 at each site.

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

VI.D. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

Discussion: The Accountability Grant was turned in by the deadline of February 1st. Once the state approves the plan, they will release the \$35,000 grant to the ESU. The ESU will then work as our fiscal agent regarding this grant.

VI.E. Activities Administrator Report

Discussion: Activities administrator Egr and yearbook sponsor, Mrs. Kluthe have signed a three-year deal with Jostens. This new contract will save approximately \$3000 per year for three years on the production of the annual SCHS yearbook.

VI.F. Director of Facilities/Transportation Report

Discussion: Concerning the SCHS front entrance renovation - exterior studs and sheathing nearing completion; roof drain lines installed; framing of interior stud walls underway; branch lines for fire sprinkler are underway; ductwork installation has begun and the EPDM roofing are underway.

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

Discussion: Parent-Teacher Conferences were very well attended with 95.4% of parents and/or guardians taking the opportunity to visit about his/her child's academic progress. All of our staff shared with parents his/her child's reading level, language level, and math progress level. Parents were made aware of the fact that if his/her child is not working at grade-level and/or has poor attendance most likely their child will be repeating that grade.

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

Discussion: The issue of parents repeatedly picking up their children from school fifteen minutes and up to one to two hours late has been firmly addressed.

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

Discussion: The Schuyler Community Resource Center Committee continues to meet at least twice a month. Planning is an ongoing process. The modular classroom is ready to begin organizing and planning for the new office. We hope to have a Director for the Center hired by the end of this month and ready to open on Monday, April 4th.

VI.J. Grade 4-8 Assistant Principal Report

Discussion: This year the middle school will have five coaches for the upcoming track season. As of right now there are 92 students signed up to participate. Practices will start on March 21.

VI.K. Superintendent's Report

VI.K.1. ACI Award

Discussion: The ACI Nebraska Chapter announced that SCS (in particular, Schuyler Elementary School) has been selected to receive the 2010 Award of Excellence - Outstanding Achievement for Noteworthy Use of Concrete in the State of Nebraska. The presentation was made at the annual awards banquet being held this year in Omaha, NE on February 12, 2011.

VI.K.2. Superintendent request to be a member of the Nebraska Liquids Assets Fund board of directors

Discussion: Superintendent Stevens has volunteered and been approved to be on the board of the Nebraska Schools Liquid Assets Fund.

VI.K.3. Errors and Omissions/Hold Harmless - follow-up

Discussion: After checking the coverage on the SCS liability insurance policy, it was reported that school board members are covered under the error and omissions and hold harmless provisions.

VI.K.4. Liability and Worker Compensation Insurance update

Discussion: Costs will be presented for the 2011-2012 liability and workers compensation insurance during the March board meeting.

VI.K.5. Board member Directory and Committee Assignments

Discussion: Board committee assignments were filled and copies distributed to board members.

VI.K.6. Resignations

Discussion: Jon Knutson has put in his resignation as volleyball coach at SCHS effective at the end of the 2010-2011.

VI.K.7. Option and Transfer Update

VII. Correspondence Items

VIII. Executive Session

IX. Adjournment

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