



Schuyler Community Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, March 20, 2017 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 at 6:30 PM. Board members present were Vavricek, Semerad, Brabec, and Hild. Hernandez arrived at 7:10 PM and Misek was absent. Also present were Principals Comley, Grammer, Burton, Kovar, Zavadil and Directors Vrba and Gibbons.

I.A. Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion: President Brabec read the District Mission Statement and declared the meeting was in open session and was advertised to the public and the Board of Education by advance notice. All those present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I.B. Declaration of Open Meeting

II. Approval of Consent Agenda

II.A. Agenda

II.B. Minutes

II.C. Acceptance of Claims

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

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: Colin Gibbons was present for the meeting as a requirement for his Boy Scout merit badge.

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

III.C. Student Representative's Report

IV. Action Items

IV.A. Americanism: Curriculum, Assessment, and Instructional Programs

IV.A.1. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the 2017 textbook replacement and curriculum updates.

Discussion: Textbooks are replaced yearly according to the Textbook Cycle Curriculum Database. Quotes are still being taken from textbook suppliers for the 17-18 school year.

IV.A.2. Consider, discuss and take action to approve 2017-18 Special Education Services with ESU 7.

Discussion: The contract for 2017-18 also includes a .80 FTE contract for school a psychologist provided by ESU7. The time the psychologist serves the district will be assessed and adjusted, if necessary.

IV.B. Board Policy, Handbooks, and Support Programs

IV.C. Building, Grounds, and Transportation

IV.C.1. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the 2017 vehicle replacement plan

Discussion: The transportation committee agreed to replace the two old route buses with two newer 71-passenger used buses.

IV.C.2. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the purchase of a 71 passenger, 2012 International Bus

IV.C.3. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve 2017 Building and Grounds Summer Maintenance Plan

Discussion: Pricing for planned projects is still under consideration; the school board can still say yes or no to individual projects.

IV.C.4. Consider, discuss and take all necessary action with regard to awarding the general contract for construction of the Schuyler High School Classroom Addition building project.

Discussion: This motion and resolution were prepared by the school's attorney. Bierman Contracting was the low bidder. Value engineering is still in progress; some items are no longer warranted due to the school being a public entity with a Zone A status. The construction timeline allows for the portable classrooms to remain in use during construction.

IV.D. Governance: Public Relations, Technology, and Planning

IV.D.1. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the 2017 Strategic Plan as presented

IV.D.2. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the 2017 technology replacement plan.

Discussion: Two classrooms of iPads are replaced each year. In addition, a rotation of computers, printers, and copiers is on a yearly schedule.

IV.D.3. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the 2017-18 school calendar.

IV.E. Budget, finance, negotiations, and personnel

IV.E.1. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve staff resignations

Discussion: Teachers submitting resignations are as follows: Michaila Ganseboom, Instrumental Music; Rebecca Thumann, 9-12 Language Arts; Amanda Hutton, 9-12 Spanish; Eryn Lemke, 5th grade; McKenzie Goplin, 2nd Grade; Lanette Bathen, Elementary Reading Specialist; and Support Staff members Daicy Estrada, SCHS special education para-educator; Hilda Ramos, SES para-educator; and Adonis Lopez, SES Head Custodian/Maintenance.

IV.E.2. Consider discuss and take action to approve early retirement applications

IV.E.3. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve new hire recommendations

Discussion:

New teachers hired for the 17-18 school so far are Nancy Tellez, Early Childhood Home Provider; Melanie Gustafson, 9-12 Language Arts; Jason Trautman, 9-12 Language Arts; and Belarmino Chavez, 9-12 Spanish.

IV.E.4. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve 2017-18 support program coordinators and directors contracts

V. Discussion Items and Reports

V.A. Principals Reports

Discussion: Kindergarten round-up is going well with many returned applications. Interviews to fill two openings at SES will begin this week. Richland School is interested in promoting STEM education and is discussing offering a preschool program. 8th graders at SMS will be touring Midland University in April.

V.B. Directors Reports

Discussion:

Athletic participation at SCHS is up 10% from the 15-16 school year. According to the NSAA, SCHS is ranked 19th among 48 Nebraska Class-B schools. Track began at SMS with 120 participants. Fall and winter athletic schedules are being finalized for 17-18 and coaches are being interviewed.

A dual-language program is being discussed with implementation projected for the 2018-2019 school year. A first step will be to create a team to inspect the various models available.

V.C. Superintendent's Report

Discussion: The SCS Foundation After-Hours event has been rescheduled for Thursday, March 30th at the Schuyler Golf Club.

V.D. Board Member/Committee Reports

VI. Correspondence Items

VII. Adjournment

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