



Schuyler Community Schools  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Monday, July 18, 2011 6:30 PM  
Schuyler Central High School Music Room  
401 Adam Street  
Schuyler, NE 68661-2400

I. Call Meeting to Order

**Discussion:** All board members were present. Others in attendance were Superintendent Stevens, Principals Vrba and Pavlik, and Assistant Principal Cunningham.

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.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.A.1. Introduction of Schuyler Central High School Principal - Greg Pavlik

**Discussion:** Greg Pavlik, new principal at SCHS, was introduced. He will begin his new duties August 1, 2011.

III.A.2. Greetings to Darli Vrba - k-8 administrative representative

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

III.B.1. Presentation by ESU 7

**Discussion:** Beth Kabes and Sue Oppliger, representing the ESU7 were present to apprise the school board of services the ESU does provide and specifically highlighted the Distance Learning, Media Center and Technology Center services. Also present was Eric Stewart, member of the ESU Board of Directors for District 9.

III.B.2. Economic Development - Kem Cavanah

**Discussion:** Kem Cavanah, Schuyler Economic Development Coordinator, distributed

information regarding the special election on November 15, 2011 to renew the Schuuyler Economic Development Plan and renew LB840 funding (1/2 cent local sales tax.) Part of this economic plan helps fund the partnership between NeighborWorks and the construction class at SCHS. He also presented a conceptual drawing of potential development of 42 acres northwest of Schuyler.

#### IV. Board Requests/Reports/Action Items

##### IV.A. Americanism

##### IV.B. Budget

###### IV.B.1. Discussion on the 95 cent levy maximum in the general fund

**Discussion:** Superintendent Stevens asked the budget committee study the 95 cent levy maximum on the general fund and consider if it be increased to \$1.03. The budget committee will meet July 20 at 6:30 PM.

###### IV.B.1.1. Discussion on expenditure decrease and revenue increase document - focus on rural/satellite activity transportation.

**Discussion:** Ideas presented for consideration to decrease expenses were to eliminate transportation to rural/satellite schools for junior high activities, the requirement of rural junior high students in rural/satellite schools to attend SMS, and to retire some vehicles from the fleet of 28 presently owned by SCS or quit paying mileage for selected trips.

###### IV.B.2. Budget workshop - Wednesday the 20th at 6:30 p.m.

##### IV.C. Building and Grounds

IV.C.1. Discuss, consider and take action to remove Van #2 from the fleet and to move Van #1 to SES as a maintenance van.

IV.C.2. Discuss, consider and take action to end Junior High activity routes to rural/satellite schools for the 2011-2012 school year.

IV.C.3. Discuss, consider and take action on the milage payment plan for 2011-2012 school year.

IV.C.4. Discussion on moving the 4R modular to SES for storage of maintenance equipment and storage

**Discussion:** Discussion regarding moving the modular classroom from District 504R to SES to be used for maintenance storage included what the cost would be to move the modular classroom and could a more suitable new building be built for the same amount of money. Superintendent Stevens will advertise the modular classroom for sale; the instructor for the Home and Farm Class at SCHS will be contacted about erecting a maintenance storage building.

IV.C.5. Update on building projects - SCHS entry, special education classroom, west side windows and industrial technology classrooms - SMS roof - emphasis on north side drainage and gym floor - SES addition - emphasis on roof drainage and lawn sprinklers

**Discussion:** Engineers are looking into changing the drainage on the north side of the SMS building as there already exists an underground drain system. The moisture content of the concrete in the SCHS entryway continues to be over the acceptable level so Superintendent Stevens will contact the architect to discuss other options to finish the floor before classes begin in August. Demolition is complete in the Special Education classroom and renovation work

continues. Installation of new windows on the west side of SCHS has been completed. The renovation of the Industrial Technology area is near completion. Footings at the SES addition have been poured.

IV.C.6. Discuss, re-consider and take action on the purchasing of a 20 laptop computer cart.

**Discussion:** This motion was tabled at the June meeting to be acted on at the July meeting. Brandon Thoene, Technology Instructor at SCHS, thanked the School Board for their past support of the technology program, and renewed the department's request for twenty new computers and a computer cart.

IV.C.7. Director of Facilities Report

**Discussion:** A bid was received for a ventilation system in the industrial arts welding area. Action will be taken on this at the August meeting.

IV.D. Curriculum

IV.E. Negotiations

IV.F. Planning

IV.G. Policy

IV.G.1. Reminder to attend the meeting scheduled for Tuesday the 19th of July at 7:00 p.m. - emphasis on ERIP, Handbooks for rural/satellite and SES schools, support and certified staff

**Discussion:** The policy committee will be meeting on July 19, 2011 to discuss ERIP and handbooks for rural/satellite and SES and also for support and certified staff.

IV.G.2. Discuss, consider and take action the student fees policy for the 2011-2012 school year.

**Discussion:** This motion will not be acted on until a hearing is held before the August School Board meeting.

IV.H. Public Relations

IV.H.1. Channel 99 - thanks and review of action by the City Council to table SCS request to have the city pay for Channel 99 services that relate to video taping of City Council meetings

**Discussion:** The issue of cooperation between the City of Schuyler and SCS regarding channel 99 will be addressed after the Schuyler City Council meets on July 19.

IV.I. Foundation

IV.I.1. Reminder of the SCS Foundation meeting set for Thursday - July 28th at 7:00 p.m.

**Discussion:** The SCS Foundation will meet on July 28th at 7:00 PM in the SCHS Media Center. Further information on "Life Track Services" will be shared with foundation members.

IV.I.2. Update on "Life Track Services"

V. Action Items

VI. Administrative and Other Reports

VI.A. Operating Council Report(s)

VI.B. Superintendent's Report

VI.B.1. Discuss, consider and take action on a request by Alcoholic Anonymous to lease a modular at the North Ward site

**Discussion:** Along with the lease agreement, the School Board would like a 30-day cancellation clause added where either party can cancel the lease agreement with a 30-day notice.

VI.B.2. Discuss, consider and take action on joining NRCSA for the 2011-2012 school year.

VI.B.3. Discuss, consider and take action on changing the date and time of regular monthly school board meetings.

VI.B.4. NASB membership meeting scheduled for Wednesday - September 21st, 2011 at 4:45 p.m. at Fremont Middle School

**Discussion:** All School Board members are encouraged to attend the NASB membership meeting to be held on September 21 in Fremont.

VI.B.5. Back to School Extravaganza and Longevity Awards scheduled for 6:00 p.m. at the Oak Ballroom on Saturday - August 6th

**Discussion:** A campus messenger phone message will be sent to all SCS employees advising them of the Back-to- School Extravaganza to be held at the Oak Ballroom on August 6 at 6:00 PM.

VI.B.6. Handout and review the NASB certification of outstanding board points

VI.B.7. Option Student Update

VI.B.8. Curriculum Development Hours requested

**Discussion:** Meghan Reinert and Shelia Hoppe are each requesting approximately \$325 of curriculum development dollars to develop kindergarten math curriculum.

VI.B.9. Discuss, Consider and Take Action on the Resolution of Membership for the Nebraska Association of School Boards Medicaid Consortium (NASBMC for the 2011-2012 school year.

VII. Correspondence Items

VII.A. Thank-you from the family of Linda S. Baumert

**Discussion:** A thank you was received from the family of Linda Baumert for condolences sent by SCS.

VIII. Executive Session

IX. Adjournment

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