



Schuyler Community Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, November 14, 2011 6:30 PM
Schuyler Central High School Music Room
401 Adam Street
Schuyler, NE 68661-2400

I. Picture of Board Members by the Yearbook staff

II. Call Meeting to Order

Discussion: The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM by President Jedlicka. Others present were Superintendent Stevens, Principals Pavlik, Grammer, Vrba, and Comley, Assistant Principal Cunningham, Director of Facilities Mundil, Activity Administrator Egr, Curriculum Administrator Gibbons, and Student Council representative Rudy Pineda.

II.A. Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion: All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II.B. Declaration of Open Meeting

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

III. Approval of Consent Agenda

III.A. Agenda

III.B. Minutes

III.C. Acceptance of Claims

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

III.D. Other Listed Reports

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

IV.A. Recognition of visitors and guests

IV.A.1. Headstart Presentation

Discussion: Central Nebraska Community Services Early Childhood Programs was represented by Sue Obermiller, the programs department director, along with Cindy Stewart, Kim Putney, and Christy Hruza, employees at the Schuyler facility. Ms. Obermiller shared that their programs currently serve 778 students in ten Nebraska counties with the Schuyler facility currently serving 120 students from prenatal to five years of age. Head Start has been serving the area since 1998. She invited everyone to visit their new facility in Schuyler.

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

IV.C. Student Representative's Report

V. Board Requests/Reports/Action Items

V.A. Americanism

V.B. Budget

V.B.1. Presentation of 2010-2011 Audit

Discussion: Adam Elm and Fernando Alarcon, representing Pekny and Associates were present to explain and answer questions on the 2010-2011 SCS audit. In their opinion, they found a "clean audit." They detailed items of recommended changes in procedure, new regulations and items of compliance.

V.C. Building and Grounds

V.D. Curriculum

V.E. Negotiations

V.E.1. Health Insurance - Self Funding discussion

Discussion: Todd Dropel and Steve Bailey from Folda and Company have inquired about the possibility of self insuring the SCS health insurance program. Mr. Stevens will collect additional information to present to the School Board on this topic.

V.F. Planning

V.F.1. 6th, 7th and 8th grade students transition to SMS - follow-up discussion

Discussion: Community members were in attendance to hear discussion and comment about the possibility of moving 6th, 7th, and 8th graders from the three rural attendance centers to SMS. Advantages listed included natural alignment of the district curriculum, cost saving of transporting students to SMS for athletics and music, availability of extra curriculum, lack of special services in the rural centers and a water problem and a selenium problem at two of the attendance centers. Advantages to keeping students at rural sites listed were smaller teacher to student ratio, individualized student instruction, and older students able to tutor/mentor younger students. This issue will be discussed again at the December meeting.

V.G. Policy

V.G.1. Certificated Staff Observation/Evaluation

V.H. Public Relations

V.H.1. Channell 99 contract - update

Discussion: This item was tabled to the December meeting. The contract between the City of Schuyler and SCS concerning channel 99 did not include a renewal date. The school board members recommended a yearly renewal date.

V.I. Foundation

V.I.1. Chamber Action - Need to set meeting time/date

Discussion: The Schuyler Area Chamber of Commerce has been in discussion with the SCS Foundation regarding use of the Chamber of Commerce office as a "clearing house of information" for Schuyler Alumni. This would offer a single source of complete alumni information for both local and out-of-town alumni. Final details are to be determined.

VI. Action Items

VII. Administrative and Other Reports

VII.A. Operating Council Report(s)

VII.B. High School Principal Report

Discussion: Jayne Hlavac received the NEMA Sound Off for Media Award at the Nebraska Educational Media Association (NEMA) Annual Meeting. She was honored for her work with the students especially during Teen Read Week. Thirty-six students are using their FOCUS time to prepare for the December ACT test. The test preparation program is designed by the ACT corporation.

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

Discussion: On Monday November 7th, members of Student Council attended the State Student Council Convention. Student Council will be hosting a "Spirit Week" the week of November 28th.

VII.D. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

VII.E. Activities Administrator Report

Discussion: On November 4th, 2011, SCHS hosted the Twin River vs. Yutan C2-2 District volleyball final game.

VII.F. Director of Facilities/Transportation Report

Discussion: A bid from Environmental Service Inc. to install a radon mitigation system at District 504R for an estimated cost of \$1800. At this time one piping location will be addressed, although another location might need to be added after the radon level is retested. The exhaust hood system and Verilon strip curtains in the SCHS welding area are complete.

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

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Discussion: 2nd grade science night was held November 10th. SCS Preschool is currently at 85 children. The Chicago Street completion has aided in a smoother traffic flow at dismissal time at SES.

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

Discussion: This is the second year the middle school English classes participated in the Hispanic Heritage Month State Commemoration Essay Contest sponsored by The Latin-American Commission. Over 210 essays were sent to the Latin-American Commission in the Middle School division from across the state. From these essays across the state of Nebraska, Schuyler Middle School again had three students win First, Second and Third in the Essay Writing Contest. Irvin Olivas won First Place, Judit Estrada took Second Place, and Preston Hall's essay took third place. Students were honored at a reception on Friday, October 14th at the State Capitol in Lincoln, NE.

VII.J. Grade 4-8 Assistant Principal Report

VII.K. Superintendent's Report

VII.K.1. Emergency Medical Leave Bank Request - Support Staff

Discussion: A request from a support staff member was received for twelve days from the Emergency Medical Leave Bank for classified staff.

VII.K.2. Request for Curriculum Development/Program Improvement funds

Discussion: Kari Kracl has requested \$252 of Curriculum Development/Program Improvement funds for work she has done to improve student NeSA test scores.

VII.K.3. Option Enrollment Update

VII.K.4. NASB/NCSA State Convention - Update

VII.K.5. Superintendent's Evaluation Preparation

Discussion: The evaluation of job performance for the SCS Superintendent will take place in November. Evaluation forms will be mailed out to School Board members and results will be compiled and available at the December School Board meeting.

VII.K.6. Meeting time for December 12th changed to 7:00 p.m.

Discussion: The regularly scheduled SCS Board Meeting will begin at 7:00 PM in December.

VIII. Correspondence Items

IX. Executive Session

X. Adjournment

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