



Schuyler Community Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, April 9, 2012 6:00 PM
Schuyler Central High School Music Room
401 Adam Street
Schuyler, NE 68661-2400

I. Tour of Construction House

II. Call Meeting to Order

Discussion: Others present at the meeting were Principals Pavlik, Grammer, Comley, and Vrba, Assistant Principals Cunningham and Cline, Curriculum Director Gibbons, Facilities Director Mundil, Activity Administrator Egr, and Superintendent Stevens. Also present were Student Council representatives, Rudy Pineda and Cesar Gonzalez.

II.A. Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion: All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II.B. Declaration of Open Meeting

Discussion: President Jedlicka declared it to be an open meeting.

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

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III.D. Financial

III.E. 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. Social Studies public relations presentation

Discussion: Jon Knutson, representing the Social Studies department at SCHS, gave a presentation of what the four teachers in this area have been teaching. Other Social Studies teachers are Matt Turner, Larry McGowan, and Jeff Duranski. He said that their main goal is to get students to become informed, concerned, and active in social studies. Areas of study in Social Studies are: Government, History, World Studies, Psychology, Economics, Multicultural Studies and ESL Social Studies.

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

IV.C. Student Representative's Report

Discussion: Rudy Pineda, Student Council Representative reported on FFA, FCCLA, Dance Team and Cheerleader tryouts for 2012-2013, Science & Math Club, Prom, and National Honor Society.

V. Board Requests/Reports/Action Items

V.A. Americanism

V.B. Motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel

V.C. Budget

V.C.1. Motion to exit executive session to discuss personnel.

V.C.2. Discuss, consider and take action on not providing an educational opportunity for 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade students at 504R/Rogers school for the 2012-2013 school year.

V.C.3. Discuss, consider and take action on closing 504R/Rogers for the 2013-2014 school year.

V.C.4. Discuss, consider and take action on food service meals for the 2012-2013 school year

V.C.5. Liability insurance

Discussion: The district liability insurance policy will be reviewed by Misek, Parr, and Jedlicka before the May meeting.

V.D. Building and Grounds

V.D.1. Modular Update

Discussion: Superintendent Stevens has received a verbal bid for two of the modular classrooms for \$25,000 each. He has placed a newspaper ad listing them for an asking price of \$30,000 each. Each modular classroom is over 2000 sq. feet. In addition, there was discussion about using the District 504R school for the preschool location. The Department of Education will send representatives to SCS on 4/10/12 to determine if any other sites would be in compliance for a preschool site.

V.D.2. SES addition update

V.E. Curriculum

V.F. Negotiations

V.F.1. Thursday April 26th meeting @ 5:00 P.M.

Discussion: The negotiating committee will meet with members of the SEA to negotiate a contract for 2012-2013 on April 26th at 5:00 PM.

V.G. Planning

Discussion: Mr. Gibbons explained the 2012-2013 school calendar. 185 days are needed with 1080 contact hours necessary for SCHS and 1032 for SMS and SES. The school days are aligned to be the same among all buildings. Days are built in for collaborative time for teachers and the length of the year and length of the school day will increase at SCHS.

V.G.1. Discuss, consider and take action on the 2012-2013 school calendar

V.H. Policy

V.H.1. Discuss, consider and take action on the Children Internet Protection Policy - second/final reading

V.I. Public Relations

V.I.1. Discuss, consider and take action on implementing a summer food service program for the summer of 2012 and ongoing

Discussion: This summer food service program will be offering lunch at the SMS for any child ages two to 18 everyday during the summer. The cost, according to the Department of Education, will be totally reimbursed - paid for by the U.S. Government but administered by the State of Nebraska. The rationale behind this program is that 70% of our students already qualify for free or reduced meals. The philosophy is not to make money on the program but to break even. The program will begin by preparing 300 meals to gauge the number of children who will take advantage of it.

V.I.2. Distribution of NeighborWorks Newsletter

V.J. Foundation

Discussion: The SCS Foundation will offer scholarships for graduates of the class of 2012 and will be involved in the selection of recipients. They will also contribute \$250 each toward the recipient of the Teacher and Paraeducator of the Year.

V.J.1. Foundation update

VI. Action Items

VII. Administrative and Other Reports

VII.A. Rural/Satellite Schools Report

VII.B. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

Discussion: A new curriculum template for 2012-2013 has been created which contains the following four challenges: 1. What do we need to have all students learn? 2. How will we know when each student has learned? 3. How will we respond to initial difficulty with a student? 4. How will we extend and enrich the learning for students who are already proficient?

VII.C. Activities Administrator Report

Discussion: Two male pole vaulters have graduated to 13 ft. poles. Because of this, Schuyler Community Schools will become a helmet required school for pole-vaulters. All pole-vaulters (7-12) will have a school issued helmets. SCHS Gym: The new railings have been placed on the end of the bleachers. During the inspection of the gym, a frayed cable was found that was rubbing on the knee brace of the backboard along with the fire sprinklers. Posilocks will be placed on these backboards.

VII.D. Director of Facilities/Transportation Report

Discussion: The radon testing that was done on 3/29/12 at District 504R was completed; all radon levels are below 4.0. Light poles that broke off at SES will be replaced under warranty but SCS is responsible for labor costs.

VII.E. Schuyler Elementary School Report

Discussion: April 12th and 13th Parent Teacher Conferences will be held by invitation only! Reading NeSA test dates are April 18th and 19th and the Math NeSA test date is April 25th.

VII.F. Schuyler Middle School Report

Discussion: The Schuyler Community Resource Center has been offering classes in finance, diabetes control, parenting, foods, domestic abuse, and GED. Twelve students are registered in the GED program with one recently graduating.

VII.G. Schuyler Central High School Report

Discussion: Mr. David Cunningham was named as the recipient of the Nebraska Council of School Administrators / Nebraska State Association of Secondary School Principals – Region III, Assistant Principal Recognition Award at the Region III meetings in Norfolk on March 14th. SCS administration has been taking part in the NCSA School Law Webinar Series. The webinars are given by the Perry Law firm

VII.H. Superintendent's Report

VII.H.1. Resignations

Discussion: Resignations have been received from Jan Vrbicky, 2nd Grade; Kayla Biernbaum, 6th Grade; Rebecca Sanders, Kindergarten.

VII.H.2. Transfers and Options

VII.H.3. Prom Invitation

VII.H.4. Title I changes

Discussion: Our relationship with ESU7 for Title I services will be severed and the Title I responsibilities will be taken over by Dave Gibbons, Administration; Marlene Hartman, Financial; and a part-time administrative assistant. The projected costs to remain in the relationship was \$33,000. The projected cost for SCS to assume duties is \$23,000-all to come out of the Title I funds The \$10,000 savings will still be part of the Title I funds, but it will go to the students who are in need of reading and math help.

VII.H.5. Food Service Coordinator

VIII. Correspondence Items

IX. Executive Session

Discussion: Motion by Misek and second by Jedlicka to enter into executive session at 9:15 to discuss personnel and student matters - all vote aye. Motion by Misek and second by Jedlicka to exit executive session at 9:38 - all voted aye.

IX.A. Personnel

X. Adjournment

Discussion: Meeting adjourned at 9:39 PM.